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## Goals:

TO CREATE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR REVITALISATION OF TRADITIONAL CRAFTS, TRADES AND FAIRS

TO ENCOURAGE ESTABLISHMENT OF CRAFTSMEN' WORKSHOPS
TO ORGANISE SEASONAL CRAFT FAIRS

TO REVITALISE TYMO QUARTER BY ESTABLISHING THE CRAFTS' "TOWN" (TRAINING AND EXHIBITION CENTRE)



## **Objectives**

## Vilnius City Strategic Plan 2010-2020:

"Implement projects aimed at reviving crafts and small trade in the historical center, start the tradition of seasonal craft fairs"

a) Implement the Programme on Fine Crafts, Ethnographic Businesses, and Fairs;

b) Initiate and design mechanisms promoting restoration of various commercial and other functions to the buildings of the Old

Town.





## **Preconditions**

Decision to implement the programme was approved **in 2001. Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency** was appointed to coordinate the programme.

Targeted sectors - **craftsmen, Vilnius citizens, children, tourists**Applications of craftsmen were discussed in the **Cultural Committee** of the Council.

Economic Department **selected premises suitable** for galleries-workshops.

**Contracts** between craftsmen and the Municipality were made.

**Conditions and obligations** of the craftsmen were defined.











17 workshops-galleries, Fine Crafts Association of Vilnius







**Private individual or small enterprises** owned by small group of owners - craftsmen. Responsible for the maintenance costs, the payment of the rent, organization of craft's demonstration, exhibitions, educational activities, organization and management of the gallery's work. Can hire employees or can work themselves. **Monitoring and evaluation** — Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency







# **Financial support:**

Soft rent of the workshops' area

Grants for small educational projects (State and municipal funds)

Financial support for renovation works in the galleries/workshops

Support for craftsmen with Certificates of traditional heritage (state)





## Responsibilities of craftsmen

Demonstration of crafts

Preparing exibitions and training programmes

Participation in city festivals and fairs





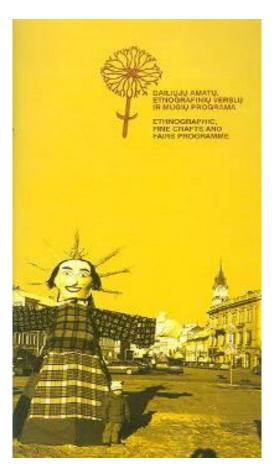
## **Difficulties**

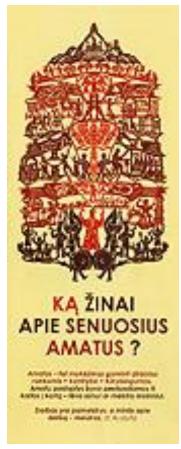
Lack of suitable municipal premises
Significant investment needed for the renovation
Not sufficient financial support from the Municipality
Lack of business support and consulting services



# **Promotion and Educational projects**

booklets with information about the galleries













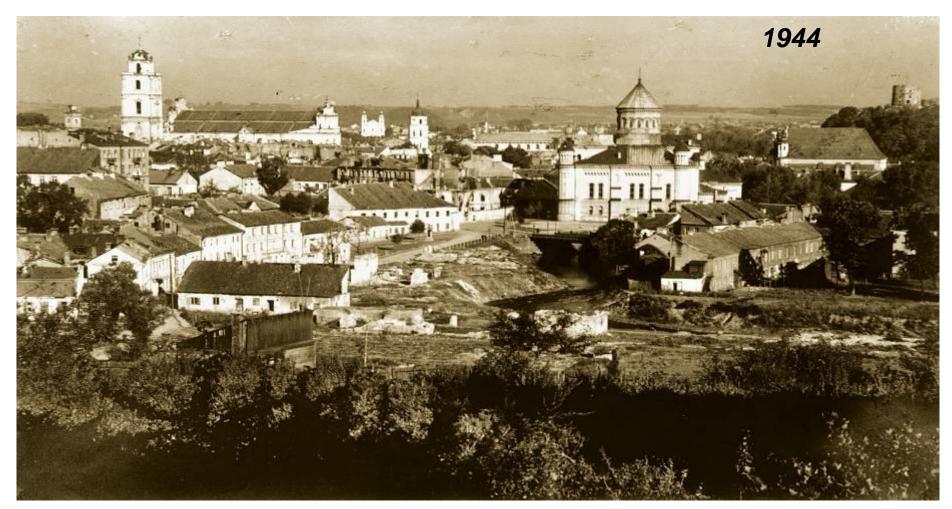


## Results

**Revitalization** of some empty and neglected buildings **Improved image** of the Old Town Implemented projects of **educational activities** Establishment of the **community of Vilnius craftsmen** Establishment of **Fine Crafts Association** of Vilnius



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## **LOCATION OF TYMO QUARTER**





### **WORKS IMPLEMENTED BY VILNIUS CITY MUNICIPALITY 2001 – 2007**



Improved environment
Reconstruted historical street,
pedestrian routes, created a sightseeing
place, underground infrastructure,
wooden kiosks.





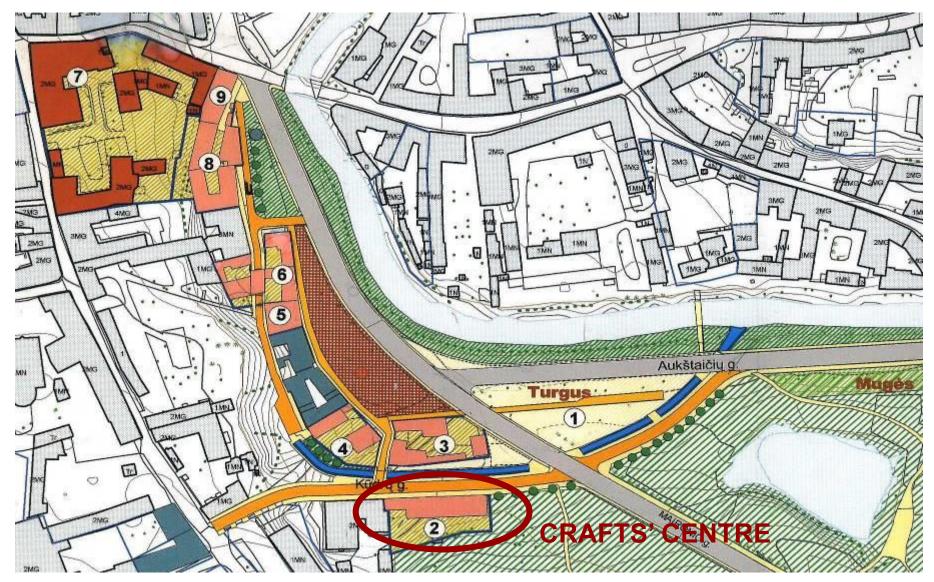




In 2007 the letter of Intent was signed between Vilnius City Mayor and Vilnius Fine Crafts Association



### **PLANNING OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN 2003**





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## **VISUALISATION OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS**





2004 decision of the city council approved the idea of tymo quarter revitalisation

Draft project was prepared





AREA OF THE SITE 1290 SQ. M. AREA OF THE BUILDING APROX. 1075 SQ. M I FLOOR. 4 WORKSHOPS (TANNERS, CERAMICS, SMITHS, GOLDSMITHS, STAINED-GLASS, TEXTILE), EXPOSITION HALL, INFORMATION CENTRE. II FLOOR. TRAINING STUDY, CONFERENCE HALL, ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITNG CRAFTSMEN.

THE YARD SHOULD BE ADAPTED FOR CRAFTS DEMONSTRATION









**EXPECTED SUPPORT OF 2014 - 2020 STRUCTURAL EU FUNDS**