



ST JAMES WAY - LITHUANIAN WAY

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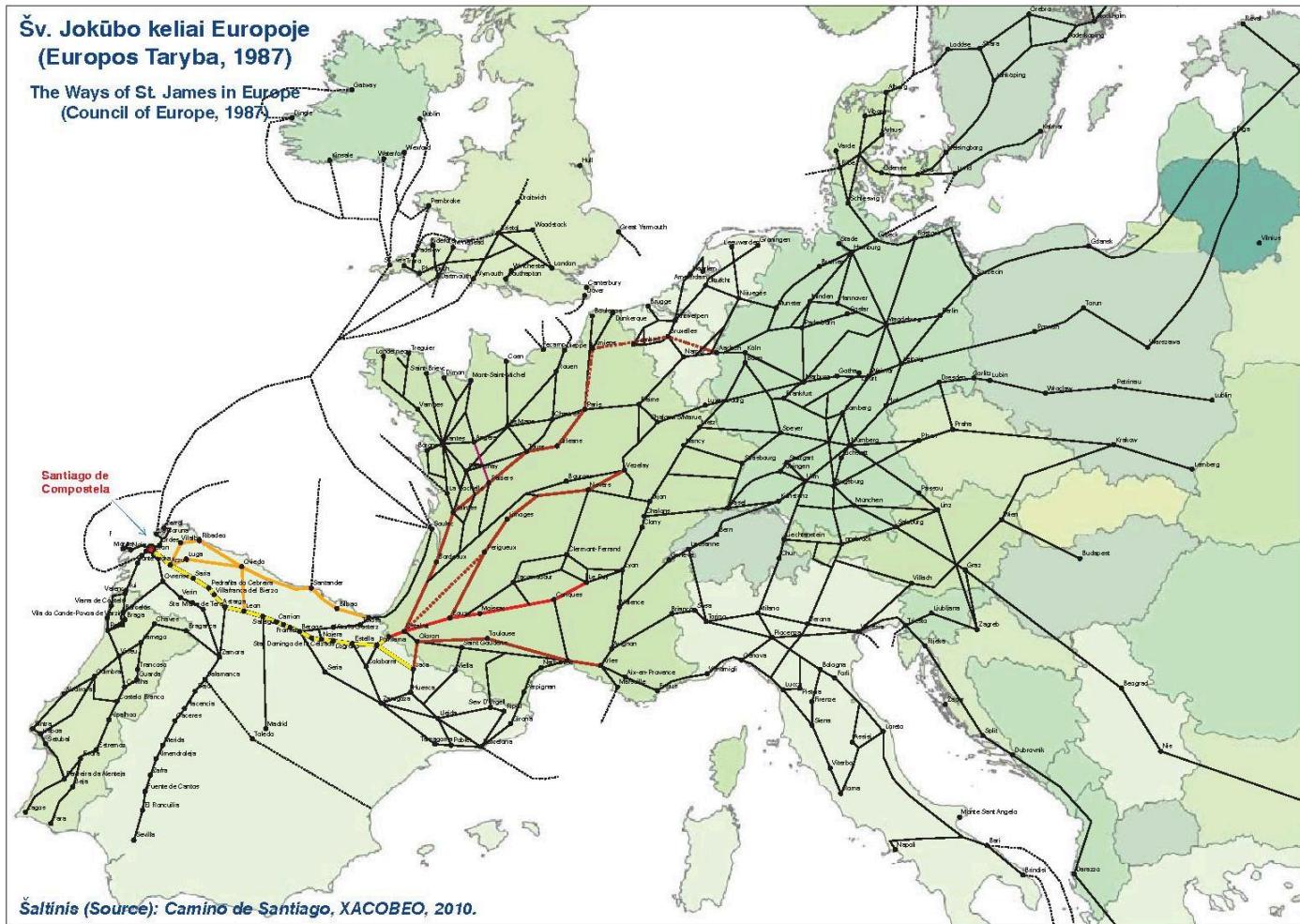
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6th Advisory Forum on “Expanding the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe: challenges and
opportunities”

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DECLARATION OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, COUNCIL OF EUROPE, 1987



“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men”
Matthew 4:19



ST JAMES WAY IN LITHUANIA BECAME POSSIBLE DUE TO THE SYNERGY OF:

- Members of the European Parliament: Laima Andrikienė (EPP, Lithuania), Francisco Jose Millan Mon (EPP, Spain); Former Secretary General of the Council of Europe Marcelino Oreja y Aguirre
- Association of the Friends of St James Ways in Lithuania
- Association of Municipalities of St James Way of Lithuania (est. in 2016), full-fledged member of the European Federation of St James Way (since 2016)
- Government of the Republic of Lithuania, including Department of Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Economy, State Department of Tourism
- Catholic Church in Lithuania, Lithuanian Bishops' Conference

Association of the Friends of St James Ways in Lithuania

- Established in Kaunas in 2013
- Activities: conferences, public discussions, organization of pilgrim hikes in Lithuania (in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016), marking of St James Way pilgrimage routes, dissemination of information about St James Way's Lithuanian pilgrimage routes in Lithuania and abroad
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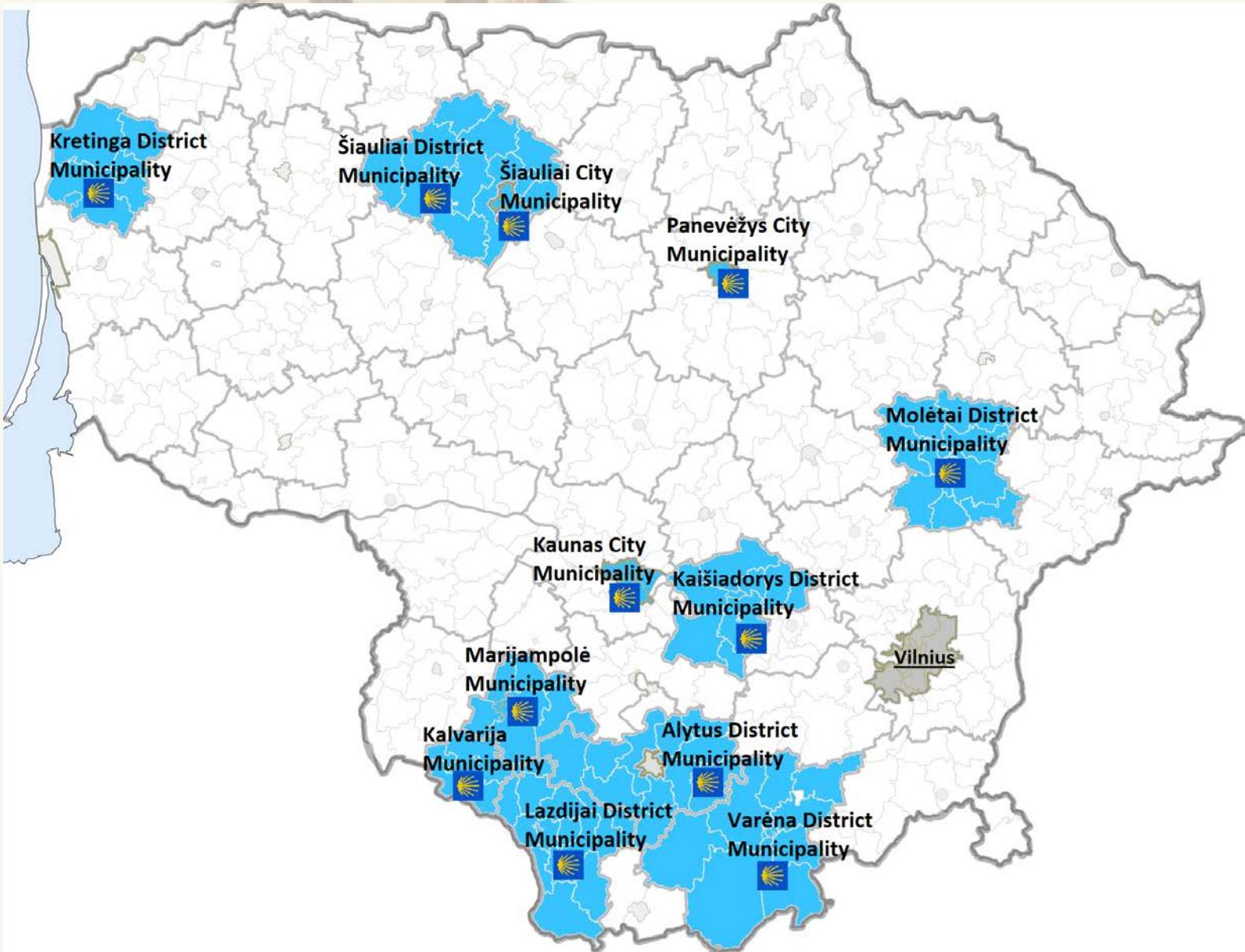
Association of the Friends of St James Ways in Lithuania



International Conference “Values & Politics”. Vilnius, 2013



Municipalities – Members of the Association of Municipalities of St James Way of Lithuania



Resolution No 532 of 1 June 2016, approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION NO 532

ON THE ROUTE OF ST JAMES THROUGH LITHUANIA

1 June 2016
Vilnius

Aiming to implement the Santiago de Compostela Declaration of the Council of Europe of 23 October 1987, which proposes to continue the work of identifying the routes of St James leading to Santiago de Compostela (the Kingdom of Spain) throughout the continent of Europe, to establish a system of signposting for the principal points on the itinerary, using the emblem suggested by the Council of Europe, and in consideration of Article 13.1 and 13.4 of the Agreement between the Republic of Lithuania and the Holy See on Cooperation in Education and Culture,

the Government of the Republic of Lithuania has resolved :

1. to approve the list of points of the Route of St James through Lithuania (as appended).

Prime Minister

Algirdas Butkevičius

Minister of Culture

Šarūnas Birutis



The Patron of St James Way
in Lithuania

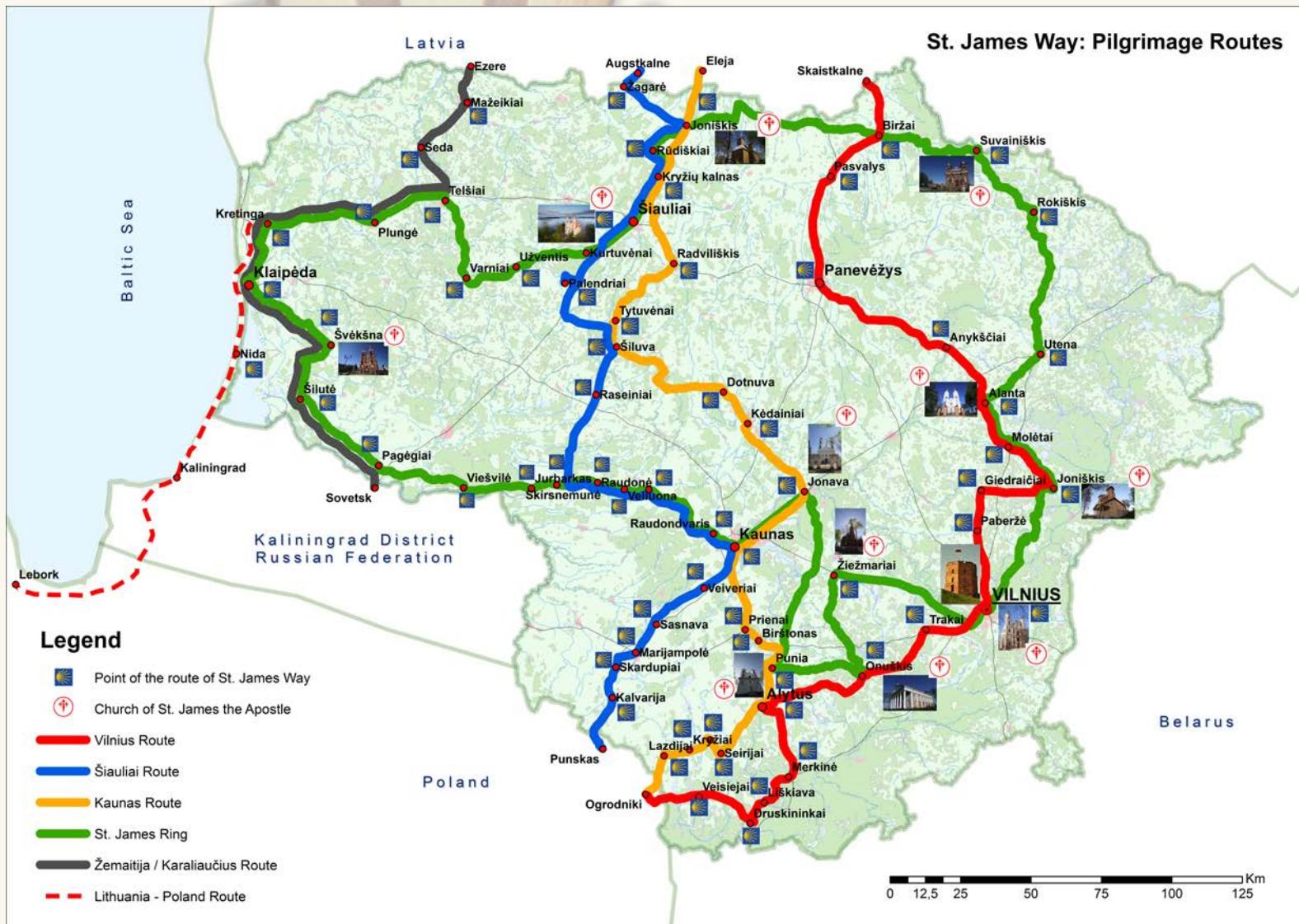
H.E. Gintaras Linas GRUŠAS

Archbishop of Vilnius

President of the Lithuanian
Bishops' Conference

ST JAMES WAY PILGRIMAGE ROUTES IN LITHUANIA

4 INTERNATIONAL & 1 INTERNAL



SAMOGITIAN/KALININGRAD PILGRIMAGE ROUTE 269 KM



KLAIPĖDA



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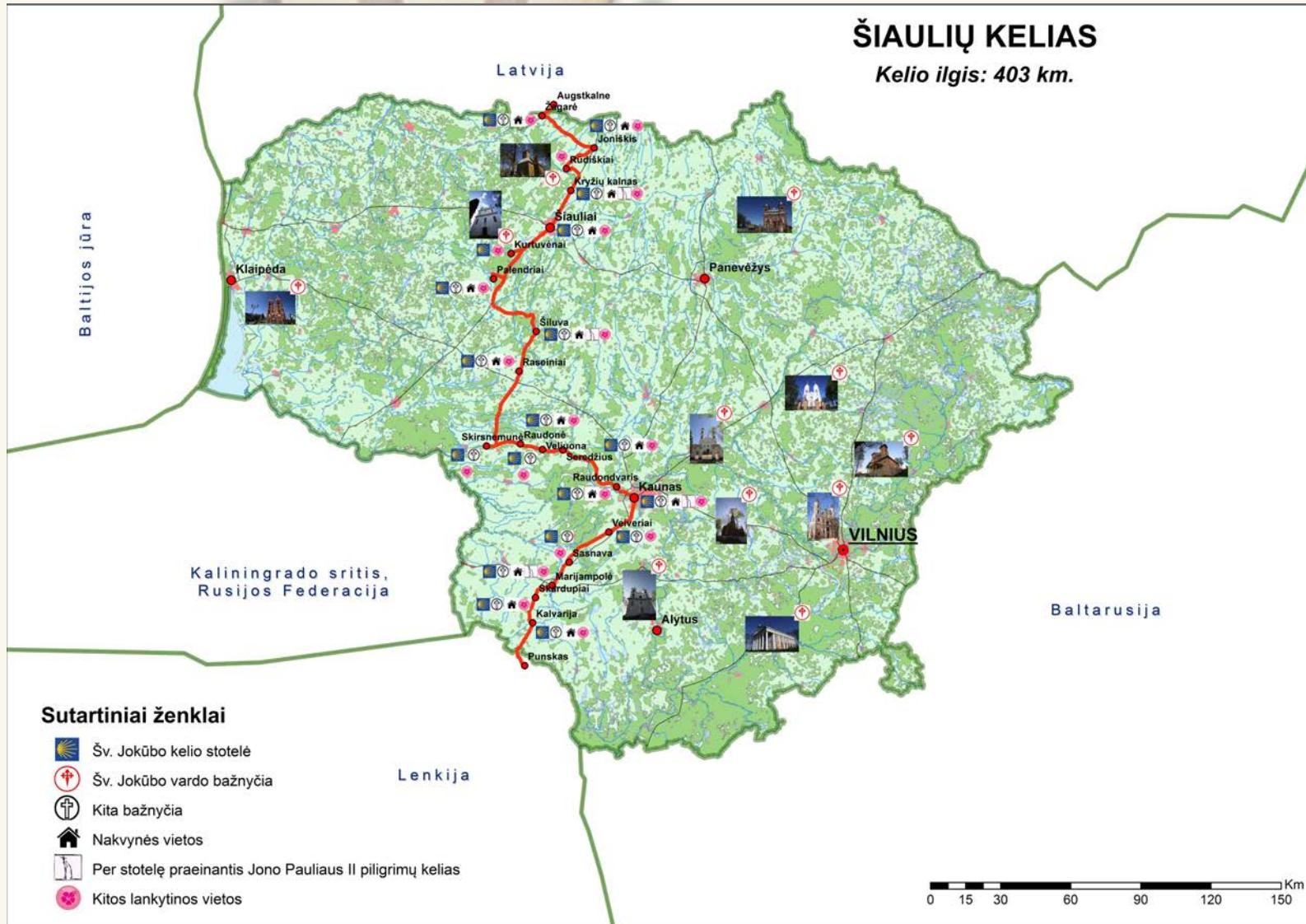
PALANGA



NIDA



ŠIAULIAI PILGRIMAGE ROUTE 403 KM



HILL OF CROSSES



PAŽAISLIS



DRUSKININKAI



KAUNAS PILGRIMAGE ROUTE 410 KM



KAUNAS



ŠVĒKŠNA



ZAPYŠKIS



BIRŠTONAS



VILNIUS PILGRIMAGE ROUTE 493 KM



ANYKŠČIAI



VILNIUS



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DUBINGIAI



TRAKAI



TRAKAI



INTERNAL PILGRIMAGE ROUTE ST JAMES RING 1056 KM



CONCLUSIONS – PART 1

- Participation and synergy of different stakeholders are of crucial importance: the civil society (NGOs, local communities), municipalities, national Government, universities, in the case of St James Way also the Catholic Church;
- Cooperation among different cultural routes and related initiatives in the country is necessary and value-added; in Lithuania, for example, cooperation among St James Way and Lithuanian Route of Jewish Heritage, Cheese and Beer Road, the Wine Road, Via Hansa, Via Regia and others is most welcome;

CONCLUSIONS - PART 2

- EU funding is vital for the development of European cultural routes. In turbulent times of disintegration and growing nationalism in Europe, further development of St James Way and other European cultural routes is the way to unite Europeans, when unity is based on European values of peace, solidarity, tolerance, equality, and human rights;
- EU financial assistance should ONLY be available for the cultural routes certified by the European Institute of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe.



Šv. Jokūbo kelio šviesa
The Light of St. James Way