

## Press Release

### A Constitution for the Age of Artificial Intelligence

**Munich. The world's first constitution mentioning artificial intelligence will be unveiled in Munich on 18 December 2018. It is the constitution of the Lithuanian artist republic Užupis. Its Minister of Foreign Affairs Thomas Čepaitis will unveil it at Munich's Kreativquartier in order to build bridges between arts and technology.**

Munich is supposed to be the center of the second wave of digitization. Digital technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) will increasingly affect the course of our lives – for the good or the bad. The self-declared artist republic Užupis cares to make this a beneficial development. For this purpose, its Minister of Foreign Affairs Thomas Čepaitis will unveil his good-willed constitution at Munich's Kreativquartier on 18 December. The Kreativquartier was chosen because more and more technology startups are settling in this lively artist area, rendering it a perfect breeding ground for future-shaping ideas.

The Užupian constitution is maybe the funniest but also the most affectionate constitution ever written. It contains articles like “a dog has the right to be a dog” and “everybody has the right to love”. In order to build bridges between the arts and the tech world, Thomas Čepaitis and his ambassador to Munich, Max Haarich, formulated an additional constitutional right for Munich's Kreativquartier: “Any artificial intelligence has the right to believe in a good will of humanity.”

The “Munich right” is a remarkable contribution to the recently growing debate about ethics in AI. The knowledge processing and decision making AI technology raises many questions and concerns about how to control it and how to prevent abuse. The formulation chosen for the Užupian constitution strongly reminds us of our own human responsibility: AI is something we design ourselves. And if we want AI to become a good-willed technology, we just need to be good-willed people ourselves.

Albeit the unquestionable future impact of this technology on our whole society, AI has never before been mentioned within a constitution. Additionally, it is unlikely that any constitution will ever address that topic like done in the Užupian constitution: from the perspective of an AI demanding humanity from us humans. To underline this unique point of view, the humanoid research robot “Roboy” will assist the Foreign Minister with unveiling the constitution plaque at Munich's Kreativquartier. Artists, AI experts, and representatives of the City of Munich will join the unveiling ceremony to make it a truly uniting event.

### About the Republic of Užupis

The self-declared Republic of Užupis is Lithuania's biggest art project and a world-renowned showcase for peaceful and tolerant community life since 1997. It belongs to UNESCO World Cultural Heritage, has a size of less than one square kilometer, and inhabits about 7,000 people. Its constitution has been translated into more than 30 languages so far. Each unveiling ceremony is an event of international importance. Užupis has more than 500 ambassadors and honorary citizens worldwide (i.a. the Dalai Lama). Each ambassador has the duty to build bridges between people in order to unite the world in diversity.

### **About the Embassy of the Republic of Užupis to Munich**

Under the Motto “Explore The Unthinkable” the Munich Embassy builds bridges between arts and technology. The combination of both domains fosters innovations that are more inspired and more human centered. For this purpose, Ambassador Max Haarich cooperates with rebellious artists and leading AI experts. He employs the research humanoid “Roboy” as a consul responsible for naturalizations, and initiated the amendment of the Užupian constitution to mention AI. Both are global novelties.

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