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Honourable Ambassador,

I have a pleasure to announce that international architectural competition for the National Concert Hall „Tautos namai“ has been successfully launched on 25th of February, 2019. Architects from all over the world are invited to design one of the most important future spaces in the capital city of Lithuania. According to the initial plans, the construction of the National Concert Hall should start in 2021. Vilnius citizens and city guests would be invited to the new hall in 2023 on the occasion of celebration of the 700th anniversary of Vilnius city.

Participants of the architectural competition will be asked to design a building with two halls for music and other artistic performances (Grand Hall featuring natural acoustics and a multifunctional Small Hall), spaces for lounge bars, a spacious lobby with a view of a breath-taking scenery of the city, and premises for other cultural and educational activities. The preliminary cost for the concert hall is estimated and budgeted up to 52 million Eur including VAT (21%). This amount encompasses all the expenses, related with the design, construction, installation and the site's arrangement.

Apart from modern style and highest architectural and acoustics quality, the participating teams should evaluate the panoramic significance of the location and the link to the historic idea to construct there the House of Nation. The idea nourished at the beginning of the 20th century by the creators of the new Lithuanian Statehood. However, with the soviet occupation the idea was cancelled, and a Trade Union House was built on the site instead.

Therefore, we would like to ask You to share this information between the architects in Your country and encourage them to participate.

If you have any questions, please be so kind to contact Advisor to the Mayor Ms Dalia Bardauskienė by e-mail dalia.bardauskiene@vilnius.lt.

The link below provides information on the technical procurement documentation <https://cvpp.eviesiejipirkimai.lt/Notice/Details/2019-635435>. Vilnius City Administration invites foreign architects to comment on this project and to participate at the competition.

Looking forward to the cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Remigijus Šimašius

Mayor of Vilnius

