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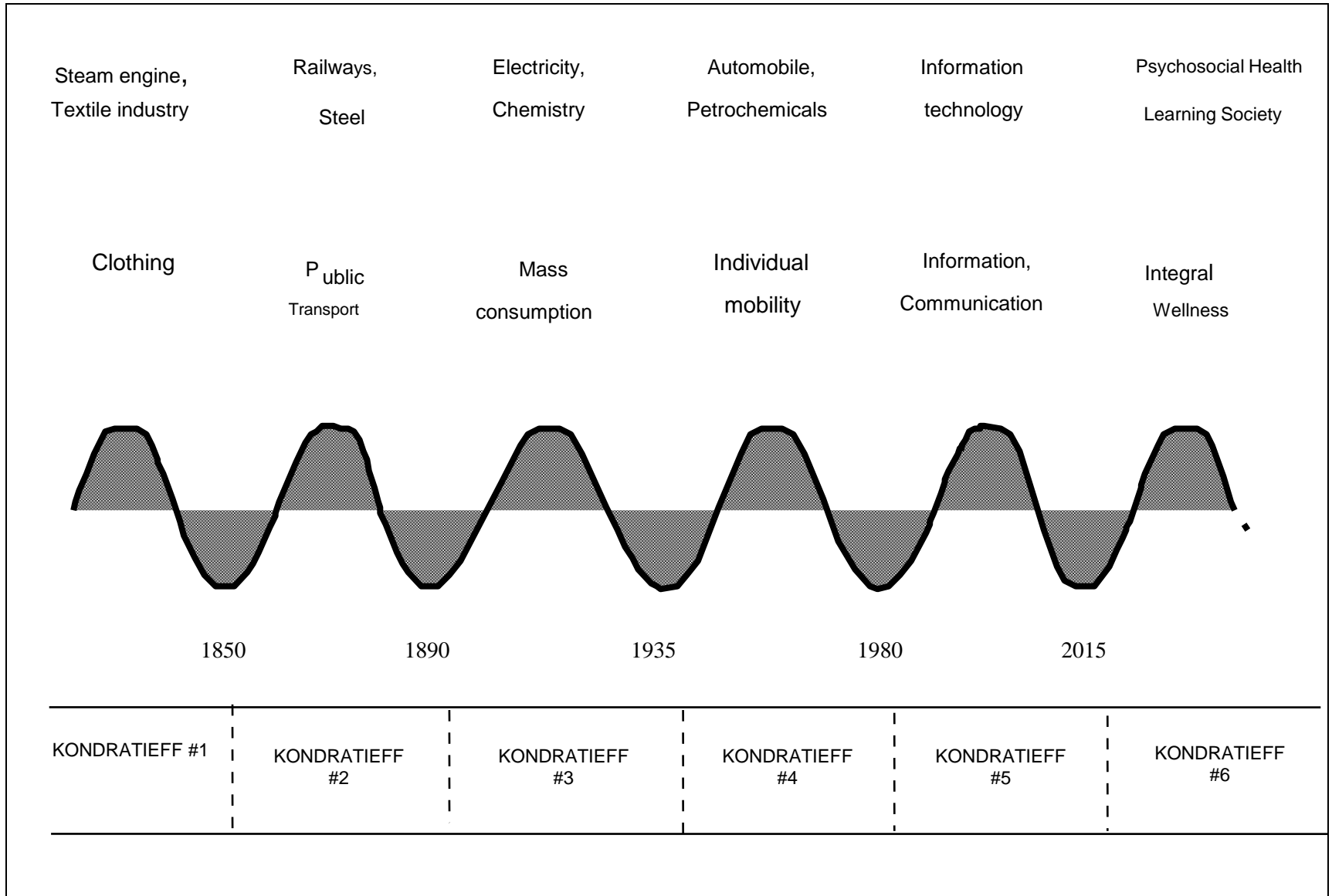
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Bendruomeninės valiutos projektai

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Kondratieff Waves



Advantages of Lithuania as Learning Country

- Highest penetration of fiber broadband in Europe
 - Replaced Sweden in 1st place in 2010
 - 60% of population is Internet user
- Ubiquity of mobile phones
 - With SIM cards more than 100% of population
- Fastest growing organic agriculture (10x since 2005)
- Deep pre-historical and historical awareness
 - Gimbutas' « *Old Europe* »
 - Genetic continuity since neolithic times
 - First university in Eastern Europe (1579)
 - First written European constitution (1791)

Proposed Objectives of Lithuania as Learning Country

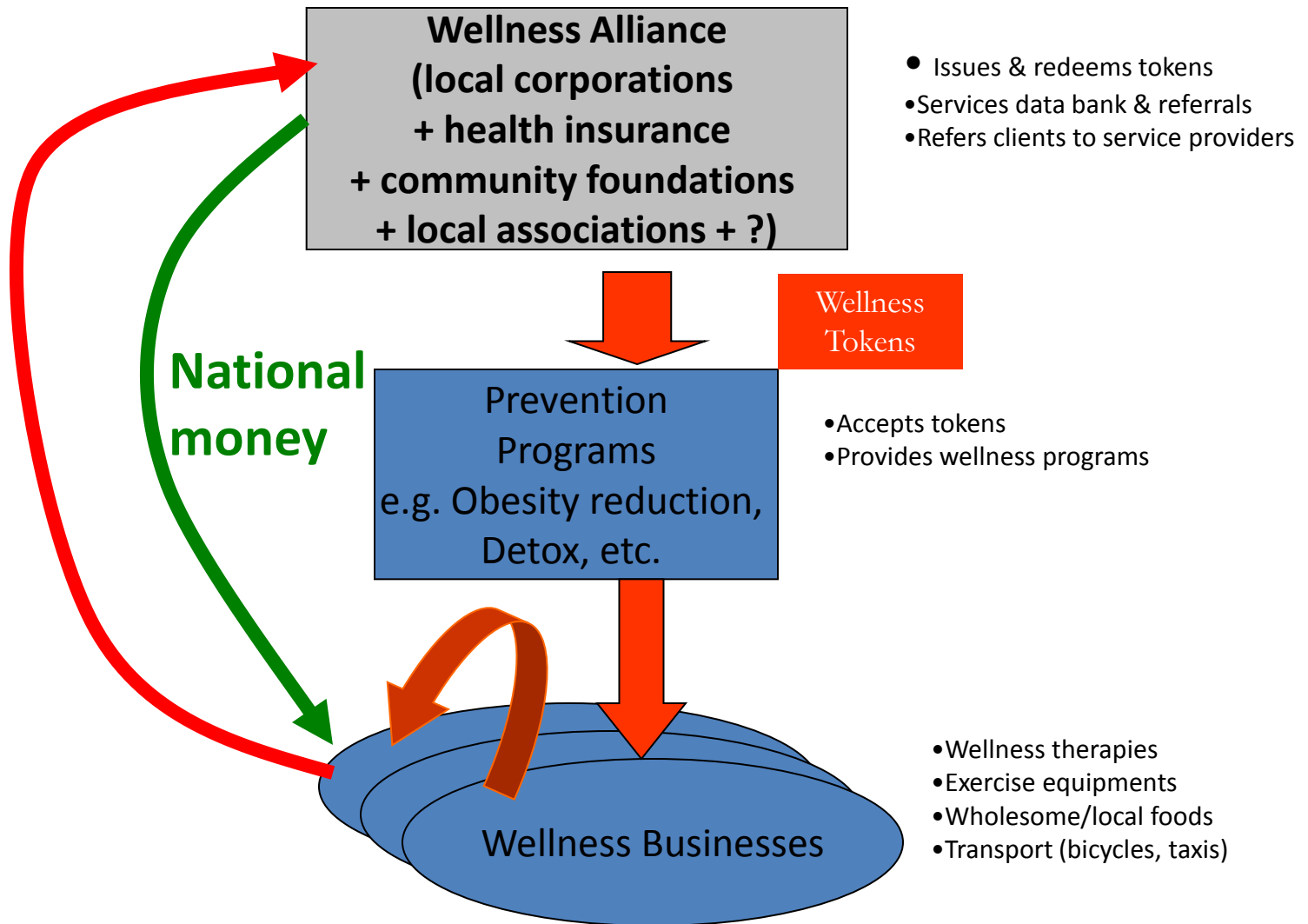
- By 2020 all Lithuanians of less than 40 years old are fluently bilingual, and preferably trilingual.
- All Lithuanians of less than 60 years old are Internet proficient (not just « users »)
- Generalize fun learning in Yin way
- Promote inter-generational contacts
- Prepare adults for healthy aging
- Have foreigners visit Lithuania to learn something

Proposal #1: Exchange of Practical Competences

- Lithuanian businesses and NGOs among themselves want to exchange knowledge and competences
 - E.g. sales people from an IT firm can do an internship in a logistics business to broaden their skills.
- Solution: a simple time credit system where the business that accepts an intern obtains credits for the hours that are spent there.
 - « Ideal behavior » is to go many times through zero balance.
 - Businesses with a lot of « ideal behavior » get priority to send their own staff as interns in other businesses of their choice.
 - Can be started as a pilot by simple agreement among businesses.
 - Start-up manual and open source software available now.
- Question: what is the most desirable reward that businesses can obtain in being generous by accepting interns?

Proposal #2

Wellness Token System



Benefits and impact:

- Broad promotion of „wellness“ in society in general and all participants in particular.
- Pragmatic tool for a „healthy aging“ movement

Proposal #3a: A National Learning Foundation

- Manages the National Learning Currency DORA
 - Should be as much as possible a Yin-type system (bottom up)
- Makes available to all, information age learning tools
- Organizes trips abroad for learning foreign languages, and exchange programs between foreign and Lithuanian youth
 - Requires minimum DORA contributions for participation, and supplies costs in national money or other resources

How to earn Doras?

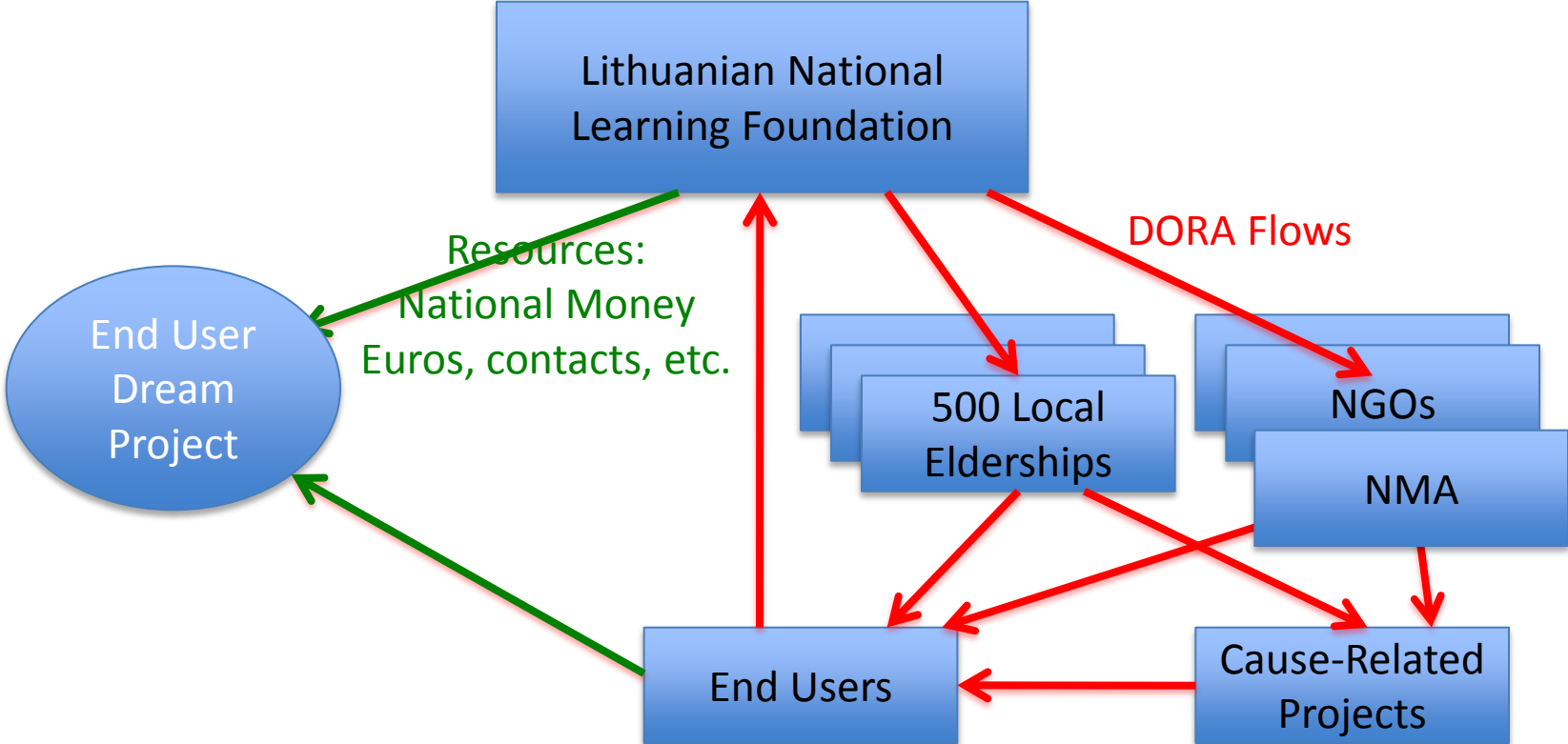
Ex: Intergenerational Learning

- DORA is electronic, mobile phone payment system
 - Software available in open source
- Teenagers train adults in Internet proficiency
 - Both teenagers and adults earn DORA
- Creation of an online National Wisdom Archive
 - Children interview those over 80 with the question: « What have you learned in your life that is useful to the 21st century? »
 - Both children and elderly receive DORA, elderly can donate DORA to someone, or a cause of their choice
 - Multimedia interviews get extra DORA
 - Competition for 10 « best entries » get more extra DORA, etc.

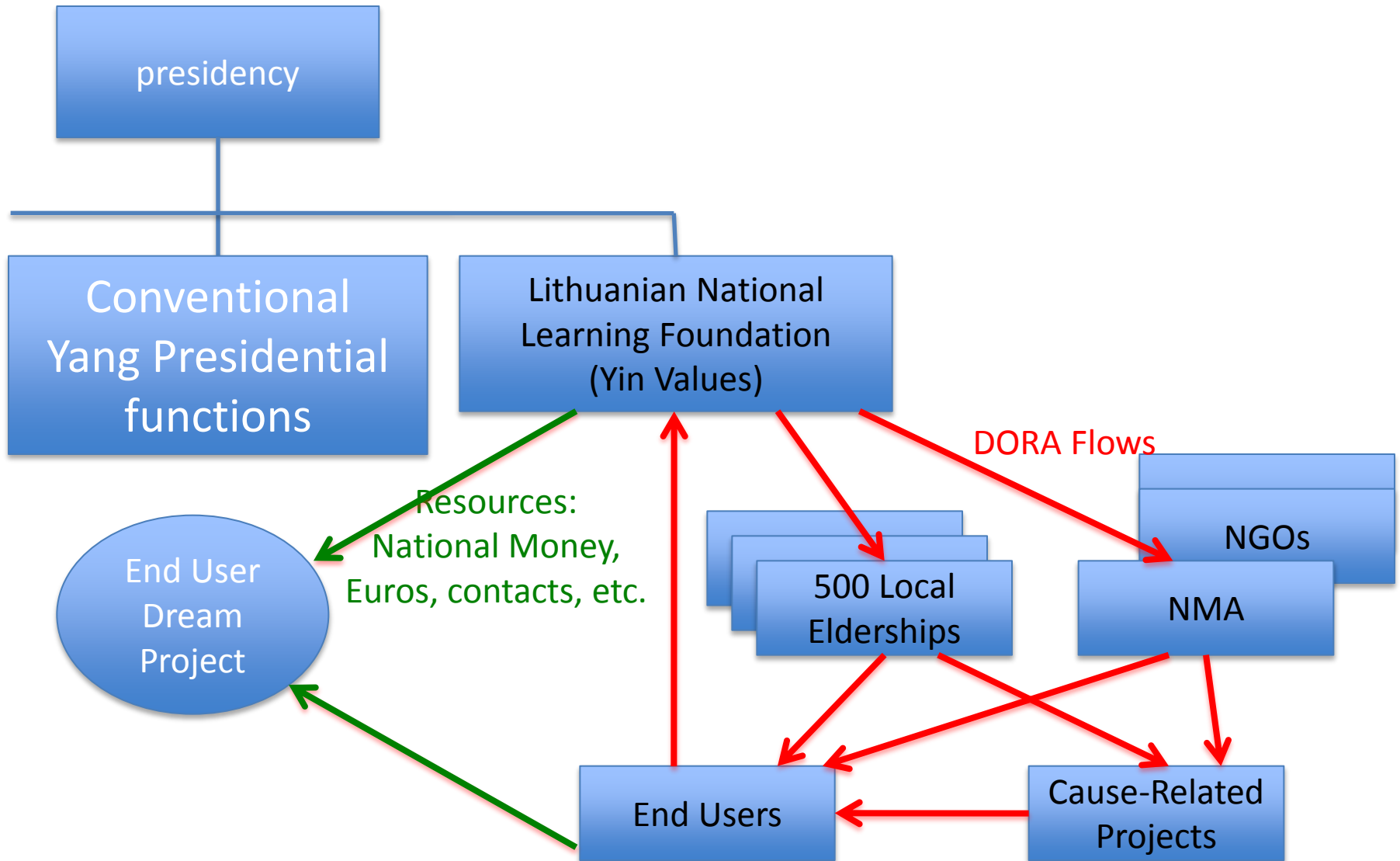
Proposal #2b: National Learning Foundation as a « Dream Contractor »

- Remember the « little gardens » of the *Torekes* project?
- National Learning Foundation makes contracts with end users to realize their dream in exchange of DORAs
 - Question: what is *YOUR* dream?

DORA Economy



DORA Organization Structure



Conclusions

- Lithuania invests towards 6th Kondratieff wave
 - The best way to shorten pain from the on-going „Big Recession“
- Without burdening the government finances!
 - Complementary currencies make a lot more happen with same national currency budget
 - Because they connect unused resources with unmet needs