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Designer Vilius Puronas, the artist behind the idea, told BNS that students of Šiauliai University would start counting the cents next week. "The students will make precise calculations of the money in the room. To tell you the truth, Guinness means a lot of bureaucracy. When we have the facts, we will start the registration process," said the artist.

The room was officially opened two weeks ago. Its walls and ceiling are lined with coins of 1, 2 and 5 Lithuanian cents. One of the walls features a map of Lithuania, with towns marked by coins of 10, 20 and 50 cents, while cities are designated by 1-litas coins. Puronas said the room was a "monument to the Lithuanian currency," as the country joined the eurozone this year.

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"The Award handed to me by Natalie Portman is in my hands, I am going home full of experiences and new friendships in my heart," Diržiūtė, 23, said. "The shiny part of the programme is over and now the real work and representation of Lithuania begins. I feel elevated and honoured, but there is much to do when I get home."

The internationally acclaimed actress presented the ten up-and-coming performers with an individual Shooting Stars award, warmly offering her congratulations on their achievements and wishing success in future endeavours in the European film industry, the Lithuanian Film Centre said.

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"The e-ticket system, which will allow our passengers to buy a ticket from home, will be launched in late February, unless our project contractors fail us," the company's CEO, Stasys Dailydka, said at a news conference on Tuesday. He added that the company was also looking for ways to provide wireless internet access on its trains. "We are also looking for possibilities to roll out Wi-Fi on trains," Dailydka said.

The e-ticket system should be put in operation on 26 February. Vidmantas Gudas, spokesman for the company, told BNS that e-tickets would be sold at a discount of 50 percent in the first week after the system's launch and 5 percent off afterwards. The e-ticket system installation project, worth 1.1 million euros, was implemented by Fima.

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"We are very pleased that yet another Lithuanian food product made it to the list of protected products. This shows that Lithuania can pride itself on its product quality which is appreciated by other countries too," said Lithuanian Agriculture Minister Virginija Baltraitienė. Following an extensive examination, the Lithuanian cheese gained high recognition on the European level and joined the list of other high-quality European dairies such as Italy's Parmigiano Reggiano, Greece's feta and others.

Lithuania's Liliputas is a semi-hard fermented cheese which has been produced in the Belvederio village since 1958. The cheese is handmade and ripened naturally, offering a very mild and milky flavour. Liliputas traditionally covered with smooth wax layer to preserve freshness.

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Liudas Ubarevičius, chairman of the Association of Game Developers, believes the event will stimulate further growth in the games sector. “We hope that LT Game Jam will accelerate the formation of new teams and encourage pupils to pursue a career in the game industry.”

The event’s main sponsor, Game Insight, is one of the world’s largest game developers. Anatolijus Ropotovas, Manager of Game Insight, said they were happy to support LT Game Jam.

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