

## PRESENTATION

# THE FALSE NARRATIVE OF LITHUANIA JOINING USSR IN 1940 AND ITS RECOVERY IN UKRAINIAN CONTEXT

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By heavily distorting both the historical context and the process of the Baltic States' "inclusion" in the USSR, Russian Federation still claims that in 1940, the Baltic states asked to be incorporated into the USSR. This claim advances a recurring pro-Kremlin campaign of historical revisionism aimed at justifying Soviet actions during the Second World War. Similarly, since 2014 or even earlier, Kremlin claims that most of Ukraine will sooner or later return to Russia and become a part of it voluntarily. New so-called "referendums" in occupied Ukrainian regions to join Russia are planned at the moment. Both claims, in 1940 and in the XXI century, are ignoring many aspects of the "incorporation" of foreign territories, including various legal concepts in international and domestic law.



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