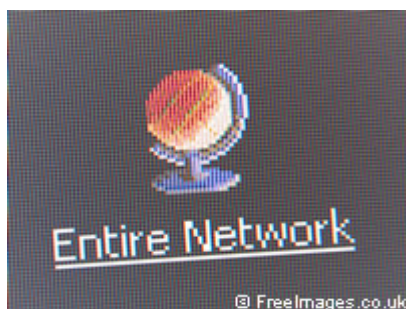


Internet usage climbs rapidly in Lithuania

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using the Internet are also doing so more regularly, according to the survey. The number of people aged between 15 and 74 using the Internet at least once per week has increased, from 11.3 per cent to 16.9 per cent over the same period.

The average Internet usage rate in the EU is 39 per cent.

The number of people using a computer is also on the increase, with 27.4 per cent of Lithuanians now using a computer at least once a week, compared with 19.6 per cent one year ago.

The survey was based on interviews with 1,500 people between December 2002 and February 2003.

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