

Communications Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Lithuania

ITU Forum for Europe on Child
Online Protection
National case study: Actions to
undertake with industries at the
national level

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## **Setting the context. HOTLINE**

- Hotline was established in RRT in April of 2007.
- Legal status of the Hotline: agreement with the EC signed on 25 April 2007 to run Safer Internet LT project in Lithuania.
- Hotline became a member of INHOPE in May of 2008.
- New agreement with EC on 24 of January 2019 to run the Safer Internet project in Lithuania "Safer Internet Centre Lithuania: draugiskasinternetas.lt III".



## Legal context. Functions of RRT

### The Law on Education

Article 23<sup>2</sup>. Reporting about cyberbullying and other illegal or restricted information:

- Right of RRT to give mandatory orders to the hosting service providers of Lithuania to take down illegal content hosted on their servers or to disable access to it
- Duty of the hosting service providers to take down illegal content or to disable access to it when the order from RRT was received.



### Practical collaboration with HSP

### **Challenges:**

- Lack of communication from HSP side;
- Do not admit that illegal content is hosted by them;
- False declaration that content was removed;
- Lack of measures to implement orders and requirements;
- No information about provisions in the agreements between HSP and their clients, etc.

Legal obligation to HSP: becomes responsible at the moment it becomes aware of illegal content.



# Memorandum on clean internet environment

The purpose of the Memorandum is to create cleaner internet environment by joint efforts of Hosting Service Providers and the RRT.

#### **HSP** commitments:

- to react promptly to Notice-and-Take-Down notifications received from RRT;
- take down illegal content when noticed on their own platform;
- encourage clients not to publish illegal information;
- regularly announce information about actions taken against illegal content.

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## Implementation of Memorandum

Memorandum was announced on **Safer Internet Day** 11 February 2020.

Currently **9 biggest** hosting service providers have joined the Memorandum.

Too much visibility and obligations





- Strengthening collaboration and trust
- Sharing useful information
- Providing legal and expert guidance

Guidelines for industry on Child Online Protection 2020



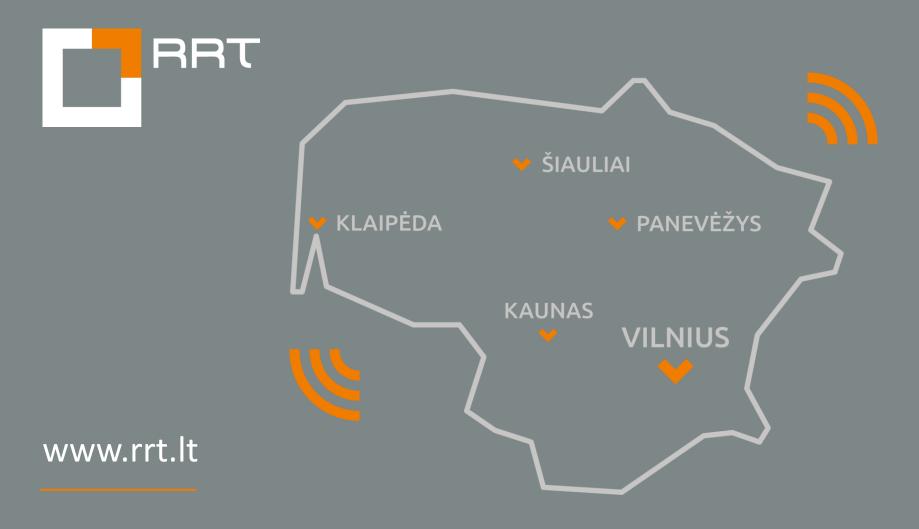




## Status of ITU COP guidelines

RRT joins the ITU initiative, starting with:

- Guidelines for Parents and Materials targeting Children (Storybook, Workbook, Social Media Campaign) – to be used in <u>video lessons</u>, translated and shared via RRT network.
- Guidelines for industry on Child Online
   Protection under translation into Lithuanian



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