



Communications Regulatory Authority of the
Republic of Lithuania

Child Online Protection Guidelines –
Roll-out in Europe:

***National update on roll-out of
Guidelines for ISPs in Lithuania***

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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.
- A new application for the implementation of Safer Internet project in Lithuania 2022-2024 „**Safer Internet Centre Lithuania: draugiskasinternetas.lt IV**“ has been submitted to EC.



Legal context. Functions of RRT

The Law on Education

Article 23². *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.

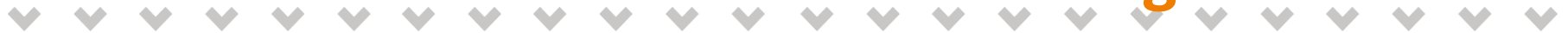


Practical collaboration with HSP

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.



Implementation of Memorandum

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

Currently **10 biggest** hosting service providers have joined the Memorandum.

Visibility and building reputation

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Too much visibility and obligations



Status of ITU COP guidelines

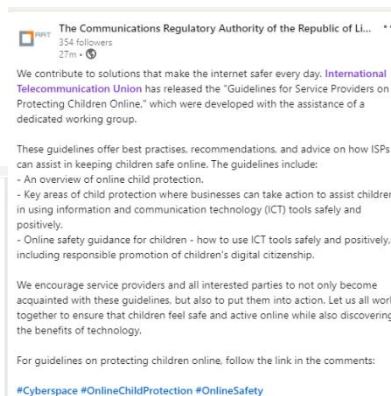
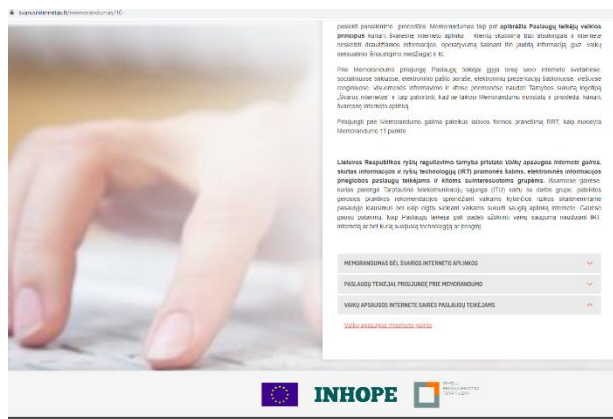
RRT joins the ITU initiative, starting with:

- **Guidelines for industry on Child Online Protection** - translated into Lithuanian



Publication of Guidelines for Industry

- RRT shared the guidelines through its communication channels:
- www.rrt.lt, www.svarusinternetas.lt
- Facebook, LinkedIn



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PASLAUGŲ TEIKĖJAMS**

Further actions

- Promotion of the Guidelines among the Industry
- Annual meeting with HSPs in summer
- Providing legal and expert guidance





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