

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.

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Implementation of Memorandum

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

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

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 Guidelines for industry on Child Online Protection 2020







Publication of Guidelines for Industry

RRT shared the guidelines through its communication channels:

- www.rrt.lt, www.svarusinternetas.lt
- Facebook, LinkedIn





 - Key areas of child protection where businesses can take action to assist children in using information and communication technology (ICT) tools safely and positively.
- Online safety guidance for children - how to use ICT tools safely and positively, including responsible promotion of children's digital citizenship.

We encourage service providers and all interested parties to not only become acquainted with these guidelines, but also to put them into action. Let us all work together to ensure that children feel safe and active online while also discovering the benefits of technology.

For guidelines on protecting children online, follow the link in the comments:

#Cyberspace #OnlineChildProtection #OnlineSafety





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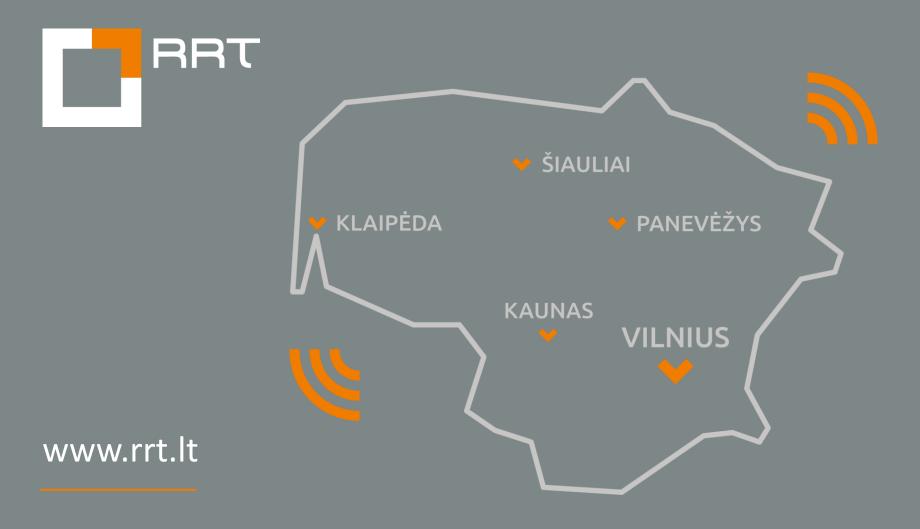
Further actions



Promotion of the Guidelines among the Industry

Annual meeting with HSPs in summer

Providing legal and expert guidance



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