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GOALS AND FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Human Rights Monitoring Institute (HRMI) – non-governmental, not-for-profit public advocacy organisation. Since its establishment (2003) HRMI has been advocating for full compliance of national laws and practices with international human rights obligations.

<p>Mission</p> 	<p>We are using law to achieve social change and better protection of fundamental human rights. We believe in the society, respectful of human dignity, freedom from illegal constraints and equality before the law.</p>
<p>Fields of activity 2016</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rights of crime victims - Prohibition of discrimination - Rights of suspects and accused - Protection of privacy and digital rights - Freedom of expression - Human rights and corporate social responsibility
<p>Forms of activity</p> 	<p>The team of HRMI lawyers and public policy experts carries out research, drafts legal and policy briefings, compiles reports to international human rights bodies, undertakes strategic cases in courts, provides expert consultations and legal services, engages in various projects, participate at working groups, delivers conventional and distance trainings to law enforcement officers and other professionals.</p>
<p>Membership at coalitions and networks</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Fundamental Rights Platform - Civil Solidarity Platform - JUSTICIA - European Liberties Platform - Child's rights coalition - Coalition "Mental health 2030"

NGO Programme Lithuania



Since 2012 Human Rights Monitoring Institute, together with its partner the OSFL Projects implements 2009-2014 EEA Financial Mechanisms NGO Programme Lithuania.

Objectives of the NGO Programme Lithuania

- Strengthen civil society's development and enhance contribution to social justice, democracy and sustainable development
- Strengthen bilateral relationship between Lithuania and the Donor States – Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein

NGO Programme Lithuania areas of support

- Democracy and good governance
- Human rights
- Vulnerable groups
- Protection of the environment and climate change

Horizontal concerns of the Programme

- Hate speech, hate crimes and extremism, racism and xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism, Roma discrimination, sexual harassment, violence against women and domestic violence, human trafficking
- Tolerance and multicultural understanding



Projects and donors

Name	Ensuring Sustainable Organizational Development
Period	July 1 2015 – August 1 2018
Goal	The purpose of the project is to support HRMI, a partner of the European Liberties Platform, in order to strengthen its EU-oriented advocacy and communication capacities, as well as develop diversified fundraising avenues.
Results of the project 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trainings and legal drafting for interested parties were provided. 2. Fundraising plan and activity strategy developed. 3. Creation and contribution by editing over 1 000 posts on the multilingual civil liberties news portal Liberties.eu.
Supported by	 OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS

Name	Research on the Implementation of the Directive on the Right to Information in Criminal Proceedings
Period	August 2015 – June 2016
Partners	Lithuania, Austria, Italy, Spain, Poland, Ireland
Goal	The project aims to contribute to successful implementation of the 2012/13/EU Directive on the Right to information in Criminal Proceedings which was adopted by the European Parliament and the Council of Europe on 22 of May. This directive determines minimal standards of delivery on information for suspects and accused in criminal proceedings.
Results of the project 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A research on implementation of the Directive on the right to information in criminal proceedings in Lithuania was conducted. In the framework of the research national legislation was analysed, lawyers, police investigators and prosecutors were interviewed. 2. Coordination of the delivery of the analogous studies in six other Member States.
Supported by	 <p>Co-financed by the Justice Programme of the European Union</p>

Name	T@lk – Online Support for Victims of Crime
Period	1 April 2016 – 31 December 2017
Partners	Lithuania, Portugal, Finland, Malta
Goal	The project aims to examine online support availability for victims of crime in European Union, its provided opportunities, and to create tools for victim support workers, who wishes to implement this model in their job.
Results of the project 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis of Lithuanian online support tools and their effect. 2. Meetings with services, which successfully provide online support for victims of crime in European Union member states. 3. Development of procedures and guidelines for victims support workers. 4. Meetings with key stakeholders to assess possibility of creating online support system for victims in Lithuania. 5. Creating and disseminating a survey about remote assistance for victims to organizations that provide this kind of assistance.
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Name	Using e-learning Tools in NGO Work
Period	1 May 2016 – 30 September 2016
Gaol	The project aims to strengthen HRMI’s financial independence and sustainability by creating a new product – e-learning course on the legal (in)capacity reform in Lithuania.
Results of the project 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online learning course “Legal (in)capacity reform in Lithuania: the change of attitude and legal regulation“ was developed on the e-learning platform www.without-limits.eu. The course consists of six video lessons supplemented with reading materials and self-assessment tests. 2. E-learning course was publicized on social networks through various visual tools. 3. All Lithuania’s city municipalities were introduced to e-learning course and welcomed to join. 4. 60 social workers, lawyers, public servants and other specialists joined E-course. 
Supported by	

Name	Effective Implementation of the right to a Lawyer and Legal Aid Under the Stockholm Programme
Period	1 June 2016 – 1 April 2018
Partners	Lithuania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia
Goal	The project aims to strengthen the procedural rights of suspects and accused in criminal proceedings by increasing layers’ (and other legal professionals’) knowledge and the capacity to apply the Directive 2013/48/ES (“Right of access to a lawyer directive”) and Recommendation C(2013) 8179/2 (“Right to legal aid recommendation”).
Planned activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National study to assess the scope and quality of access to a lawyer and legal aid in Lithuania through case-file research, focus groups and in-depth interviews. 2. Production of handbooks on the implementation of the EU and ECtHR-level standards on the right to a lawyer and right to legal aid.

	3. Roll out of capacity-building workshops for key stakeholders and launch of the e-learning course in platform www.without-limits.eu .
Results of the project 2016	1. Vilnius city district and county courts, Šiauliai, Panevėžys, Kaunas and Klaipėda district courts were visited, where criminal cases were studied. 2. Using criminal cases material, 157 forms were filled in which later were systemized into database. Collected data will be used further in the project.
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Name	Accessible Letter of Rights
Period	1 June 2016 – 1 April 2017
Partners	Lithuania, Belgium, Hungary, Spain
Goal	The project aims to contribute to correct implementation of the 2012/13 EU Directive on the right to information in criminal proceedings by producing alternative Letter of Rights (LoR) and implementing it in national jurisdictions.
Planned activities	1. National research in Lithuania on accessibility of the right to information in criminal proceedings. 2. Development of alternative LoR. 3. Producing comparative report to European Commission.
Results of the project 2016	National research in Lithuania was conducted looking at the legal framework on the right to information in criminal proceedings and its comprehensibility. Study report was prepared.
Supported by	 <p>Co-financed by the Justice Programme of the European Union</p>

Name	Beyond Surrender
Period	1 June 2016 – 1 March 2018
Partners	Lithuania, Belgium, Romania, Spain, Poland
Goal	The project seeks to provide a human insight into the treatment of people following surrender under the European Arrest Warrant (EAW), to evaluate this practice through EU legal standards and to support effective implementation of Decision 2002/584/JHA on the European Arrest Warrant.
Planned activity	1. Monitoring cases on people surrendered under the EAW. 2. Monitored cases' results analysis. 3. Producing three to six human stories who were send to Lithuania

	under EAW.
Results of the project 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Together with Lithuania Bar Association roundtable discussion was held about EAW application in Lithuania and human rights protection in such cases. 2. Court proceedings monitoring was started.
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Name	Developing an EU Training Module for the Victims' Directive	
Period	1 June 2016 – 1 April 2018	
Partners	Lithuania, Ireland, Portugal, Hungary, Slovenia	
Goal	The project aims to organize a training pursuant to Directive 2012/29/ES, which establishes minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime. This directive replaces previous framework decision of Council 2001/220/TVR (Rights of victims of crime Directive) and in this way contributes to rights of victims support in Lithuania.	
Planned activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment of the training needs among different specialist in Lithuania. 2. Development of training programme and training guide. The training will cover: (1) victims' needs; (2) EU Victims Directive; (3) interviewing child victims; (4) interviewing persons with disabilities; (5) interviewing victims with special protection needs. 3. Training sessions for police officers, prosecutors and lawyers in Vilnius organization (60 persons). 4. Development of an e-course based on the training programme using the e-learning environment Be-ribu.lt. 5. International conference in Dublin to discuss the impact of the training on targeted groups in partner states. 	
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Name	EU Data Protection Reform
Period	1 June 2016 – 30 November 2016
Partners	Lithuania, Kingdom of Norway
Goal	<p>The primary objective of the project is to assist in raising awareness on the major changes to the data protection landscape in Lithuania brought about by the General Data Protection Regulation, and to advance the understanding of a right to personal data as a fundamental human right and the civil society's role in its protection.</p>
Results of the project 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Representative survey of Lithuanian residents and 50 Lithuanian companies. 2. Two studies released: „The Privacy Paradox: the Lithuanian Public's Perceptions of Data“ and “The Preparedness of Lithuanian Business to Implement GDPR“. 3. During the “Digital Rights Forum 2016” in Vilnius, findings of the studies were discussed as well as effective implementation of EU data protection reform in Lithuania. Forum was attended by representatives from the European Commission, European Data Protection Supervisor Office, Data Protection Institutions from the Baltic countries as well as lawyers and other experts. <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
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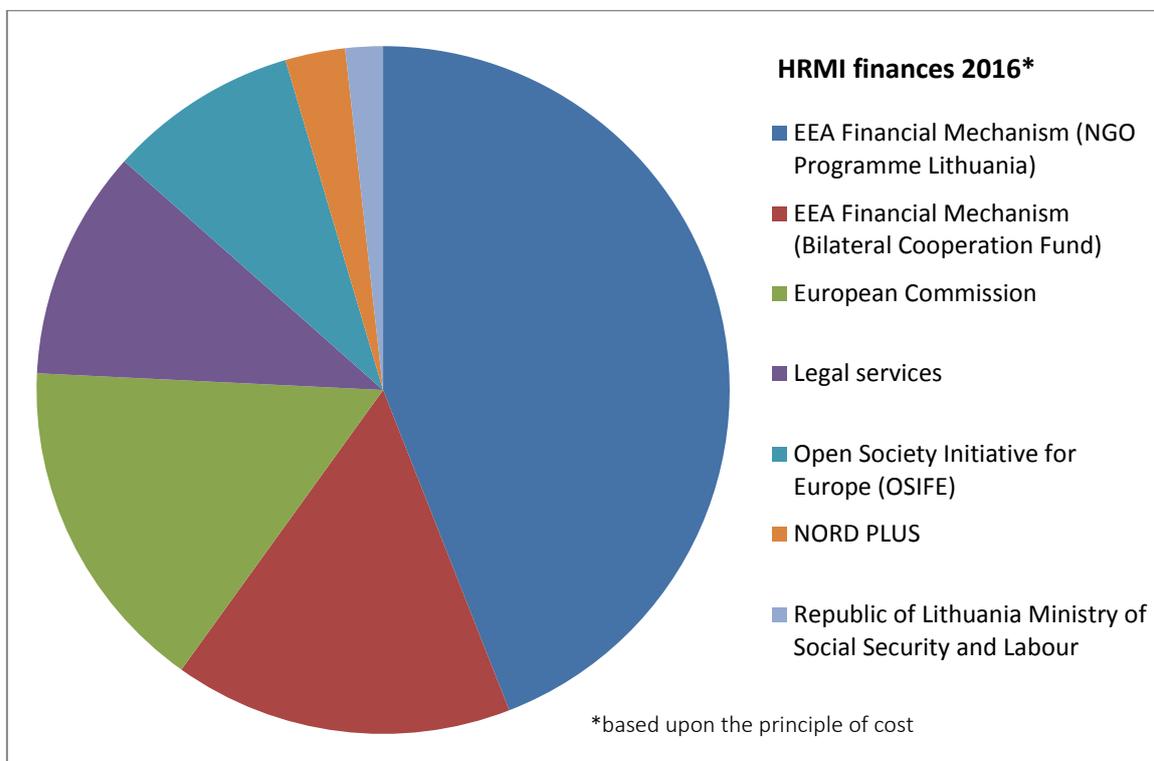
STUDY “THE PRIVACY PARADOX: THE LITHUANIAN PUBLIC’S PERCEPTION OF DATA PROTECTION”

[“The Privacy Paradox: the Lithuanian Public’s Perceptions of Data Protection”](#)

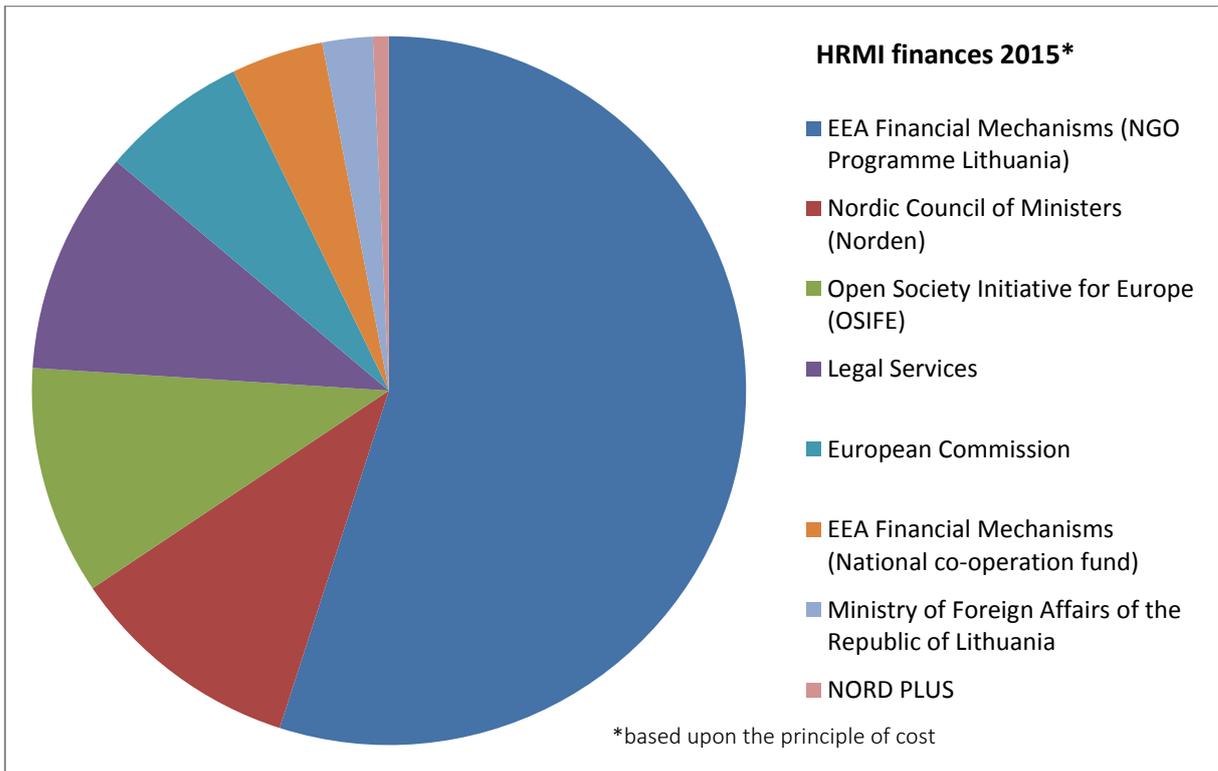
STUDY “THE PREPAREDNESS OF LITHUANIAN BUSINESS TO IMPLEMENT THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION”

[“The Preparedness of Lithuanian Business to Implement The General Data Protection Regulation”](#)

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Source	EUR	%
EEA Financial Mechanisms (NGO Programme Lithuania)	120.625	44,1%
EEA Financial Mechanisms (Bilateral Cooperation Fund)	43.310	15,8%
European Commission	43.486	15,9%
Legal services	29.580	10,8%
Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE)	24.273	8,9%
NORD PLUS	7.663	2,8%
Republic of Lithuania Ministry of Social Security and Labour	4.792	1,8%
Total 2016	273.730	



Source	EUR	%
EEA Financial Mechanisms (NGO Programme Lithuania)	229.483	55,00%
Nordic Council of Ministers (Norden)	44.387	10,60%
Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE)	43.585	10,40%
Legal Services	42.480	10,20%
European Commission	27.788	6,70%
EEA Financial Mechanisms (National co-operation fund)	17.365	4,20%
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania	9.495	2,30%
NORD PLUS	3.021	0,70%
Total 2015	417.604	



NGO Programme Lithuania implementation

On April 2016 last projects financed by NGO Programme Lithuania has come to and end. In the course of the Programme 56 projects including different sizes and themes like democracy promotion, human rights, protection of vulnerable groups, climate change and environmental protection were implemented. More than 4,5 million euros from NGO Programme Lithuania were allocated for these projects.

On September 2016 NGO Programme Lithuania operator team hosted their last event – NGO Programme Lithuania Closing Conference.

During the conference operator team thanked the loyal donors EEA Grants – Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein – for the opportunity to revitalise Lithuanian civil society. NGO Programme’s achievements and success stories were celebrated. Challenges for NGO in Lithuania and Europe were also discussed

See more about the NGO Programme Lithuania <http://nvoprograma.lt/en>

NGO Programme consists of **1/3** all EEA Grants projects



NGO Programme's projects received **1/9** of EEA Grants contribution for Lithuania



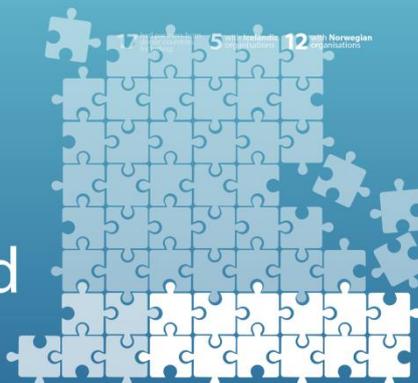
Distributed amount of funds **4.536.816 €**



Completed **100%** of started projects



56 implemented projects



17 had partners from donor countries. Including:

5 with Icelandic organisations

12 with Norwegian organisations

We are grateful to our interns who invested their time and energy to help us promoting an open democratic society through the implementation of human rights and freedoms. Your devotion helps us move forward!

THANK YOU:

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The General Shareholders Meeting



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