

# Mapping Lithuania's Human Rights System

## Analysis of International and National Recommendations

### Summary

The analysis of the international and national recommendations consists of 4 sections:

1

Analysis of the recommendations by the **Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations Human Rights Council** and their change since 2008:

Prevailing topics of the recommendations of the Universal Periodic Review for Lithuania:

- Gaps in ensuring **women's rights**;
- Lack of legal measures to guarantee the principles of **equality and non-discrimination**;
- Challenges in protecting the rights of **LGBTQIA+ persons, national and ethnic groups, migrants** and the need to understand the role of **intersectional discrimination** against these groups.

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2

An overview of the decisions of the **European Court of Human Rights** concerning Lithuania, with particular attention given to the decisions that Lithuania has not (yet) implemented:

Unfulfilled ECHR judgements indicate 4 recurring areas of human rights violations:

- Establishing **appropriate conditions in prisons**;
- Ensuring **equality for LGBTQIA+ persons**;
- Resolution regarding illegal or arbitrary **construction** cases and **property rights** restoration processes;
- Securing **freedom of religion, thought and conscience**.

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3

Lithuania in the reports of human rights monitoring mechanisms of the European Union – **the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency**:

When the conclusions of the monitoring institutions of the EU regarding the human rights situation in the EU are compared with the insights into Lithuania's situation in same categories, the below areas of attention emerge:

- **The role of human rights in digitalized Lithuania**;
- **Empowering civil society**;
- Prevention of **ethnic and racial discrimination** as well as **homophobia** in order to strengthen the integration of **Roma people, migrants** and **LGBTQIA+ persons** into society;
- The need for **effective legal remedies**.

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Analysis of statistics and thematic distribution of complaints received by **national ombuds institutions** regarding human rights violations:

In 2022, ombuds institutions in Lithuania identified the most violations and made recommendations regarding:

- Discrimination based on **gender, disability** and **age**;
- Ensuring the rights of **prisoners** and **convicts**;
- Violations of **children's rights**;
- Infringement of **rights to personal data** and violations of **honor** and **dignity**.

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