

TARGETED STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION 2023 RULE OF LAW REPORT
UN HUMAN RIGHTS REGIONAL OFFICE FOR EUROPE (OHCHR)

LITHUANIA

I. Justice system

A. Independence

Appointment and selection of judges, prosecutors and court presidents

Under the 3rd cycle of the Universal Periodic Review, Lithuania accepted recommendations to continue strengthening the independence of the judiciary through a transparent system for appointing judges and prosecutors ([A/HRC/50/10/Add.1](#))¹.

B. Quality of justice

Training of justice professionals (including judges, prosecutors, lawyers, court staff)

Under the 3rd cycle of the Universal Periodic Review, Lithuania accepted recommendations to strengthen efforts to combat human trafficking, including by providing gender-sensitive training on all aspects of trafficking in persons, in particular women and girls, for judges, prosecutors, police officers and border guards, and to effectively prosecute and adequately punish perpetrators of acts of trafficking ([A/HRC/50/10/Add.1](#)).

C. Efficiency of the justice system

Other – please specify

Non-discrimination

Under the 3rd cycle of the Universal Periodic Review, Lithuania accepted recommendations to conduct thorough investigations of hate crimes against LGBTQI+ persons, Roma, refugees, Jews and members of other vulnerable communities; to repeal the law on the protection of minors from negative public information, which discriminates against LGBTQI+ persons; and ensure to equal protection of the law and consistent enforcement of anti-discrimination laws for all persons, including persons with disabilities. Lithuania also committed to adopt a comprehensive legislative framework for the protection of the rights of national minorities ([A/HRC/50/10/Add.1](#)).

IV. Other institutional issues related to checks and balances

B. Independent authorities

Independence, resources, capacity and powers of national human rights institutions ('NHRIs'), of ombudsman institutions if different from NHRIs, of equality bodies if different from NHRIs and of supreme audit institutions

¹ [A/HRC/50/10](#); Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

In 2022, under the 3rd cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of Lithuania, the country accepted recommendations to allocate sufficient funding to the office of the Seimas ombudsmen so that it can effectively and independently fulfil its mandate, including in the new areas of competence ([A/HRC/50/10/Add.1](#)).