

Communications Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Lithuania

## Activities on Child Online Protection





#### svarus internetas









#### Hotline was established in RRT in April of 2007.

- Legal status of the Hotline is related to the agreement with the European Commission (EC) signed on 25 April 2007 to run Safer Internet LT project in Lithuania.
- Hotline became a member of **INHOPE** in May of 2008.
- New agreement with EC was signed on 24 of January 2019 to run the Safer Internet project in Lithuania "Safer Internet Centre Lithuania: draugiskasinternetas.lt III".
- Hotline is funded by EC in the framework of the Safer Internet projects and by Communications Regulatory Authority.



## **Functions of RRT**

The new amendment of the Law on Education (as of 01/09/2017). Article 23<sup>2</sup>. Reporting about cyberbullying and other illegal or restricted information:

- Reporting to the hotline of RRT
- Duty of RRT to investigate reports
- Cooperation with the police and other responsible institutions
- 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.



## **Our activities**

Participation in the project "Safer Internet Centre Lithuania: draugiskasinternetas.lt III", duration period January 2019 – December 2020:

- Hotline operations, reports investigation
- Visibility of the hotline and awareness raising
- Promoting of international Safer Internet Day in Lithuania
- Support of the activities of the Helpline
- Informing of end users (especially parents) about filtering software of internet content



## What content we handle

#### Illegal content:

- Child sexual abuse material
- Pornography
- Racism and xenophobia
- Promoting violence against individual and cyberbullying
- Drugs

Harmful content which can have detrimental effect on the psychological development of minors:

- Erotica
- Promotion of sexual relations
- Indecent pictures and speeches
- Suicide instructions, etc.



## **Supporting organizations**

#### Law enforcement:

- Police Department
- Office of the Inspector of Journalist Ethics

#### Government:

- Ministry of Education and Science
- Ministry of Transport and Communications

#### Child welfare:

- Children's Rights Ombudsman Institution of the Republic of Lithuania
- NGO Child Line

Industry: biggest ISPs, Microsoft



## Website of the hotline https://www.svarusinternetas.lt/en





#### **Statistics 2019**

# During the year **2019** in total **998 reports** on illegal or harmful content were received and investigated by the hotline.





## Number of reports received in 2009-2019





### Memorandum on Clean Internet Environment

The purpose of the Memorandum is to create cleaner internet environment by joint efforts of HSPs 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.

Memorandum was announced on Safer Internet Day 2020 (11 February 2020).

Currently 9 biggest hosting service providers have joined the Memorandum.



## New name "Švarus internetas"

## In order to enlarge visibility of the hotline the new name was given for RRT hotline in 2019 - "Švarus internetas" (Clean Internet)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iwMai15D-o





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