



Communications Regulatory Authority of the  
Republic of Lithuania

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ITU Forum for Europe on Child  
Online Protection

***National case study: Actions to  
undertake with industries at the  
national level***

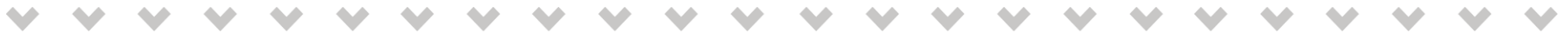
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# Setting the context. **HOTLINE**

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- **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.
- New agreement with EC on 24 of January 2019 to run the Safer Internet project in Lithuania „**Safer Internet Centre Lithuania: draugiskasinternetas.lt III**“.



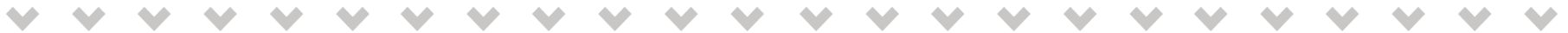
# Legal context. Functions of RRT

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## The Law on Education

*Article 23<sup>2</sup>. 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.



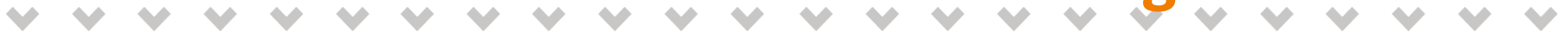
# Practical collaboration with HSP

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## 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

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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.



# Implementation of Memorandum

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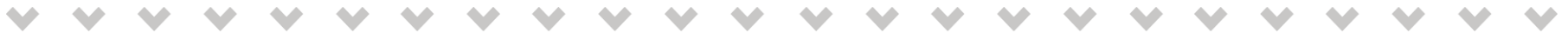
Memorandum was announced on **Safer Internet Day** 11 February 2020.

Currently **9 biggest** hosting service providers have joined the Memorandum.

**Visibility and building reputation**

**VS**

**Too much visibility and obligations**



# Further actions

- Strengthening collaboration and trust
- Sharing useful information
- Providing legal and expert guidance

Guidelines for  
industry on Child  
Online Protection  
2020



# Status of ITU COP guidelines

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RRT joins the ITU initiative, starting with:

- **Guidelines for Parents and Materials targeting Children** (Storybook, Workbook, Social Media Campaign) – to be used in video lessons, translated and shared via RRT network.
- **Guidelines for industry on Child Online Protection** - under translation into Lithuanian







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