

# HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN LITHUANIA

- ⌚ European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) Gender Equality Index 2021. Lithuania scored 58.4 out of 100 and was ranked 20th overall.
- ⌚ European LGBTI Rights Index 2021. Lithuania scored 22.85% on the 100% scale, ranking 34th overall.
- ⌚ According to the Lithuanian Center for Social Sciences, 60.8% of Lithuanian residents would be most reluctant to live with Roma in their neighborhood.
- ⌚ In 2021, 10.4% of all persons with disabilities of working age were in employment.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1

Consider and adopt a new draft Law on Equal Treatment.

2

Ensure the funding and human resources to carry out the assigned and expanded functions and projects.

3

Launch an inter-institutional dialogue on the status of a national human rights institution for the Office.

4

Extend the list of subsidized measures to adapt working conditions for people with disabilities in the Law on Employment.

5

Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

6

Include a gender perspective in the wording of the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence.

7

Immediately discuss and adopt the draft law on recognition of a person's gender identity.

8

Adopt appropriate legislation to fully recognize the equal rights of same-sex couples.

9

Establish an advertising self-regulatory body to assess advertisements for breaches of decency and ethical standards.



OFFICE OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OMBUDSPERSON OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

YEAR 2021 ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Last year was a stressful year for human rights: the pandemic and its impact on the increased vulnerability of different groups, the rise of hate speech, the increased number of asylum seekers. All this has had an impact on our day-to-day work, with a record number of inquiries, and quick adaptation in our educational activities. That's why I'm grateful for this year above all to a team that believes in equal opportunities.

Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson  
Birutė Sabatauskaitė



## WHAT DOES THE OFFICE DO?

Investigates complaints of possible discrimination, carries out investigations at the Ombudsperson's initiative, provides advice.



Monitors the implementation of the equal opportunities provisions of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



Performs prevention of discrimination, education and dissemination of equal opportunities values.





1011 INQUIRIES

6 PROJECTS

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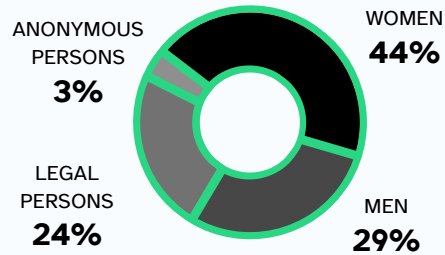
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**WHO HAS REACHED OUT?**



**WHAT DID THE OFFICE DO LAST YEAR?**

**5** The Office has carried out five campaigns on hate speech, gender-based violence prevention and work-life balance at national, regional and organizational level.

That's the number of publications the Office presented last year. The methodologies and recommendations are aimed at police officers, policy makers, practitioners and academics. **12**

**3** The municipalities of Alytus, Jonava and Ukmergė districts were the first municipalities in Lithuania to implement an algorithm for coordinated institutional response to domestic violence.

This is the number of trainings and events on gender equality in local government that the Office's experts have delivered to Lithuanian municipal professionals and communities. **32**

**17** This is how many both public and private sector organizations have used the Equal opportunities ruler to map their organization's situation in terms of equal opportunities.

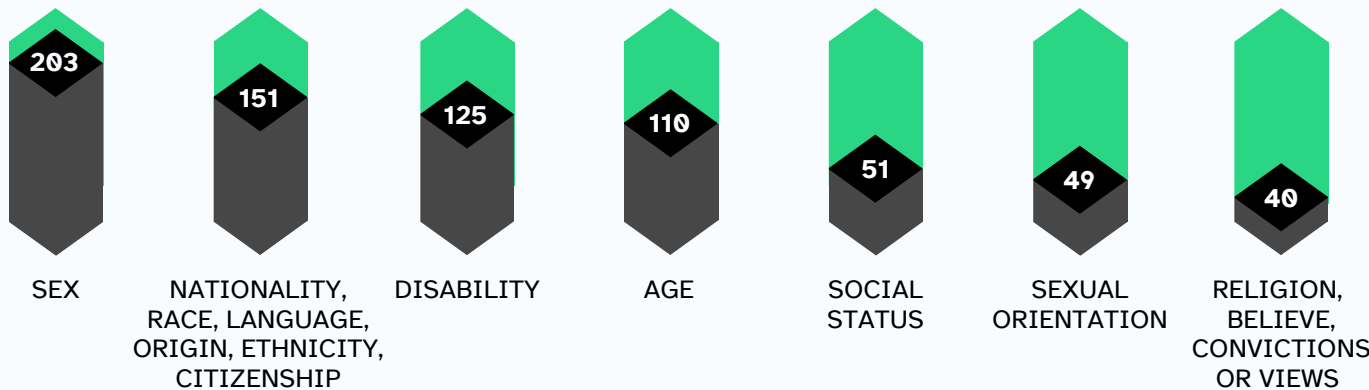
More complaints were submitted by men (109) than by women (96), but women requested consultations nearly twice as often as men did. ? ?

**GROWING NUMBER OF INQUIRIES**

2021	222	650	139
2020	187	644	113
2021	215	551	163
2018	232	460	255
	COMPLAINTS	CONSULTATIONS	INQUIRIES ON "FACEBOOK"

The Office has set up a website [www.nepyka.lt](http://www.nepyka.lt) on hate-motivated incidents: how to recognize, how to react, where to find help. !

**INQUIRIES ACCORDING TO GROUNDS**



**COMMUNICATION**

**400**

The number of people who attended the national conference "BRIDGE: local communities fighting gender-based violence" organized by the Office.

**639**

The number of times the Office has been mentioned in the media.