


World Consumer Protection Map

Contribution by Lithuania

Page 2: Contact of respondent Q1 Name of responding member State	Lithuania	
Q2 Name of responding authority/agency: State Consumer Rights Protection Authority		
Page 3: Consumer protection legislation Q7 Does your country's Constitution contain a provision on consumer protection?	Yes	
Q8 If you do, please provide de following details:		
Text of constitutional norm with reference to consumer protection	Article 46: "The State shall defend the interconsumer."	ests of the
URL link	http://www3.lrs.lt/home/Konstitucija/Consti	tution.htm
Q9 Does your country have have specific law(s) on consumer protection ?	Yes	
Q10 If you do, when was the main specific law first enacted?	Date 10/11/1994	
Q11 If your main specific law on consumer protection has been revised, when was the date of its latest revision?	Date 17/04/2018	

Q12 Please provide the following details of the current specific law(s):

1- Name of law	Law on Consumer Protection
1- URL link	https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.6020/nAmRBXjv GA; English (Consolidated version from 01/01/2016 to 29/02/2016) https://e- seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/e86e8310231911e6ac bed8d454428fb7?jfwid=-czep8bu62
2- Name of law	Law on the Prohibition of Unfair Business-to-Consumer Commercial Practices
2- URL link	https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/a3a2a1f0814111e59a1ed226d1cbceb5?jfwid=-czep8bttq
3- Name of law	Law on Advertising
3- URL link	https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/dd69e1e2a58711e590 10bea026bdb259?jfwid=-czep8btri
4- Name of law	Law on Product Safety
4- URL link	https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.82186/tdvPaPvg uY? positionInSearchResults=0&searchModelUUID=ead68e8 a-3dbc-4b02-b8b0-c5c24a9c3b81; English (As last amended on 25 June 2015) https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/f9a7f340736a11e6a0f6 8fd135e6f40c?jfwid=-czep8btq3

Q13 Please check all the fields that your consumer protections law(s) cover.

Consumer rights/legitimate needs,

Access by consumers to essential goods and

services

Protection of vulnerable and disadvantaged

consumers

Physical safety,

Product quality,

Terms and ,

conditions

Promotional marketing and sales practices (including

misleading advertisement)

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Voluntary codes for

businesses

Electronic commerce,

Financial services,

Dispute resolution,

Redress,

Consumer education,

Consumer information

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Q14 From your previous answer, your specific consumer protection law(s) do(es) not cover the following field(s). Please name the relevant law(s) covering this/these field(s):

Restrictive business practices (competition/antitrust)

Law on Competition

Promotion of sustainable consumption

Food distribution Law on Food

Water Law on Water, Law on Drinking Water Supply and Waste

Water Management

Pharmaceuticals Law on Pharmacy

Energy Law on Energy

Public utilities Law on Electricity, Law on Natural Gas, Law on Heat

Sector

Tourism Law on Tourism

Data protection and privacy

Law on Legal Protection of Personal Data

Q15 Please indicate the URL Link of the relevant law(s) to each field:

Restrictive business practices (competition/antitrust)	https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.77016/Qbvmygwpzm? positionInSearchResults=0&searchModelUUID=ef6499b8-5afd-459c-bc4c-2c70209b44dc
Promotion of sustainable consumption	-
Food distribution	https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.98953/BQoArPq qsg? positionInSearchResults=9&searchModelUUID=448d347 6-8e3c-44cb-a32f-1d8bf19e4821
Water	https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.45987/qNNSEXM lcn? positionInSearchResults=5&searchModelUUID=b97a161 4-35c8-4619-b678-afeef518e45f; https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.280587/GouJEtM KpK
Pharmaceuticals	https://e- seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.280067/mKCNQ WAlxa? positionInSearchResults=0&searchModelUUID=a2929a6f -96a2-420f-90e1-458b89bc3b20
Energy	https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.167899/YXoWBwmwPn? positionInSearchResults=3&searchModelUUID=0831ce3 2-3660-4e57-9d1e-c080bf657bb6
Public utilities	https://e- seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.106350?jfwid=- czep8bpr2; https://e- seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.111558/ZefFLpK FOM? positionInSearchResults=1&searchModelUUID=db5a889 3-ab44-459c-a86c-5a02d7f70ed9; https://e- seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.211524/iFaxWpH Hfw? positionInSearchResults=0&searchModelUUID=bff3d16f- c1c8-4eea-9fb0-1f6cd31eb033
Tourism	https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.52605/EOmEAX Qxmf? positionInSearchResults=0&searchModelUUID=6c16407 5-0293-4826-8859-13d4c6fbaa03

Data protection and privacy

https://e-

seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.29193/tZmHKefv

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positionInSearchResults=0&searchModeIUUID=47d5038

3-8597-4265-a13c-327d7e2675b1

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Q16 Name of Ministry responsible for consumer protection:

The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania is responsible for the development of the consumer protection policy. The Ministry of Economy responsible for the development of non-food product safety and market surveillance policy.

Q17 URL link of responsible Ministry for consumer protection:

Ministry of Justice: www.tm.lt

Q18 Year when consumer protection was assumed by the current responsible ministry:

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Q19 Do you have a main consumer protection

authority/agency?

Yes

Q20 Name of main consumer protection authority/agency:

State Consumer Rights Protection Authority

Q21 URL of main consumer protection authority/agency:

www.vvtat.lt

Q22 Year of creation:

2001

Q23 Annual budget: (in USD)

3894774

Q24 Total number of staff:	
165	
Q25 Total number of staff directly affected to consumer	protection:
There is no clear separation, but in general about 140 (including r	non food market surveillance)
Q26 Do you have a law/decree that governs the main consumer protection authority/agency?	Yes
Q27 If you do, please provide the following details:	
Reference of the law/decree	23/12/2015 Decision of the Government No 1333 regarding the approval of the Regulation of the State Consumer Rights Protection Authority
URL to law/decree	https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/15bd0000a96f11e5901 0bea026bdb259/sGpiSHEoKU? positionInSearchResults=0&searchModeIUUID=a5c0333 5-fea4-4bad-9fce-da38f27cf954
Q28 Does your main consumer protection authority/agency have POLICY MAKING powers over any of the following fields?	Respondent skipped this question

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Q29 From your previous answer, your main authority/agency does not have POLICY MAKING powers over the following fields. Please name the relevant authorities/agencies with powers over these fields:

Consumer rights/legitimate needs

Access by consumers to essential goods and services

Ministry of Justice

Protection of vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers

Ministry of Justice

Physical safety

Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Justice

Product quality

Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Justice

Terms and conditions Ministry of Justice

Promotional marketing and sales practices (including misleading

advertisement)

Voluntary codes for businesses Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Justice

Restrictive business practices(competition/antitrust) Ministry of Economy

Electronic commerce Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of

Justice

Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Economy

Financial services Ministry of Finance (Bank of Lithuania)

Promotion of sustainable consumption Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Justice

Food distribution Ministry of Agriculture (State Food and Veterinary

Inspectorate)

Water Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health,

Municipalities

Pharmaceuticals Ministry of Health
Energy Ministry of Energy

Public utilities Ministry of Environment, Municipalities

Tourism Ministry of Economy
Data protection and privacy Ministry of Justice
Dispute resolution Ministry of Justice
Redress Ministry of Justice
Consumer education Ministry of Justice

Consumer information Ministry of Justice

Q30 URL Link of the relevant authority/agency to each field:

Consumer rights/legitimate needs http://www.tm.lt/

Access by consumers to essential goods and services http://www.tm.lt/
Protection of vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers http://www.tm.lt/

Physical safety http://ukmin.lrv.lt/,http://www.tm.lt/

Product quality http://ukmin.lrv.lt/, http://www.tm.lt/

Terms and conditions http://www.tm.lt/

Promotional marketing and sales practices (including misleading

advertisement)

Voluntary codes for businesses http://ukmin.lrv.lt/, http://www.tm.lt/

Restrictive business practices(competition/antitrust) http://ukmin.lrv.lt/

Electronic commerce http://sumin.lrv.lt/, http://www.tm.lt/

Financial services https://finmin.lrv.lt/ (https://www.lb.lt/)

Promotion of sustainable consumption http://www.am.lt/Vl/index.php, http://www.am.lt/Vl/index.php, http://www.am.lt/Vl/index.php, http://www.am.lt/Vl/index.php, http://www.am.lt/

Food distribution (http://vmvt.lt/)

Water http://www.am.lt/VI/index.php, http://sam.lrv.lt/,

http://www.lsa.lt/en/

http://www.tm.lt/, http://ukmin.lrv.lt/

Pharmaceuticals http://sam.lrv.lt/

Energy https://enmin.lrv.lt/

Public utilities http://www.am.lt/VI/index.php, http://www.lsa.lt/en/

Tourism http://ukmin.lrv.lt/

Data protection and privacy http://www.tm.lt/

Dispute resolution http://www.tm.lt/

Redress http://www.tm.lt/

Consumer education http://www.tm.lt/

Consumer information http://www.tm.lt/

Q31 Does your main consumer protection authority/agency have ENFORCEMENT powers over any of the following fields?

Consumer rights/legitimate needs,

Access by consumers to essential goods and

services

Protection of vulnerable and disadvantaged

consumers

Physical safety,

Product quality,

Terms and ,

conditions

Promotional marketing and sales practices (including

misleading advertisement)

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Voluntary codes for

businesses

Electronic commerce,

Water,

Tourism,

Dispute resolution,

Redress,

Consumer education,

Consumer information

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Q32 From your previous answer, your main consumer protection authority/agency does not have ENFORCEMENT powers over the following fields. Please name the relevant authorities/agencies with powers over these fields:

Restrictive business practices (competition/antitrust) Competition Council

Financial services Bank of Lithuania

Promotion of sustainable consumption

Food distribution State Food and Veterinary Inspectorate

Pharmaceuticals State Medicine Control Agency

Energy Energy Inspectorate

Public utilities Municipalities

Data protection and privacy State Data Protection Agency

Q33 URL Link of the relevant authority/agency to each field	i:
Restrictive business practices (competition/antitrust)	https://www.kt.gov.lt/
Financial services	https://www.lb.lt/
Promotion of sustainable consumption	-
Food distribution	http://vmvt.lt/
Pharmaceuticals	http://www.vvkt.lt/lit/English
Energy	https://vei.lrv.lt/
Public utilities	http://www.lsa.lt/en/
Data protection and privacy	https://www.ada.lt/
Q34 Regarding enforcement, how many infringement cases year?	s does your authority/agency handle on average per
253 (according to the data of 2017, cases related to the consumer rig practices, advertising, product safety).	ghts infringements in the field of contract terms, unfair commercial
Q35 Has your authority/agency imposed sanctions and/or other measures for breaches of consumer protection law(s)?	Yes
Q36 Maximum amount for sanction/measure allowed by co	nsumer protection law(s): (in USD)
Q37 Record highest amount for any sanction/measure impo	osed: (in USD)
Q38 Please detail if necessary, what kind of sanctions and/ Notifications, warnings, financial sanctions. In case of contract terms - prohibition to apply unfair contract term	or other measures are available in your jurisdiction
Page 9: Consumer protection institutions Q39 Are there any non-governmental consumer organizations/associations in your country?	Yes
Q40 Do you have a law/decree that governs consumer organizations/associations?	Yes

Q41 In case you have a law/decree that governs consumer organizations, please provide the following details: Reference of the law/decree Law on Consumer Protection (especially Articles 13 and 31) URL to law/decree https://eseimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.6020/nAmRBXjv positionInSearchResults=0&searchModeIUUID=0defdad e-6274-4ea8-b4de-55f965133246 Q42 Do consumer organizations/associations fulfil any of Consultation in policy making, the following functions? Legal advice to consumers Consumer education, Consumer information, Consumer publications, Legal representation of consumers' individual interests before courts Legal representation for consumer collective actions Q43 Do consumer groups/associations receive public Yes funding? **Q44** Name the three largest non-governmental consumer organizations/associations in your jurisdiction: 1- Name The Alliance of Lithuanian Consumer Organizations 1- Website http://www.lvoa.lt/en/ 2- Name **National Consumer Confederation** 2- Website http://vartotojai.eu/ Lithuanian Consumer Institute 3- Name 3- Website http://www.vartotojai.lt/en Page 10: Consumer protection institutions Q45 Can consumers obtain redress through judicial Yes channels? Q46 Is there a specialized judicial mechanism for Yes consumer complaints?

Q47 If there is, please provide the following details	
Name	European Small Claim Procedure
URL Link	https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_small_claims-42-en.do
Q48 Do you have collective redress/class actions for consumer complaints?	Yes
Q49 Who can represent consumer interests in court?	Consumers individually,
	Lawyers,
	Consumer protection enforcement authority/agency,
	Consumer associations
Q50 What is the highest damages award following a collective redress/class action?	Respondent skipped this question
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Q51 Regarding out-of-court/alternative consumer dispute	Mediation/ Conciliation,
resolution, are there any of the following?	Comments:
	Mediation/Consulation form of ADR is used in Lithuania
	according to the Law on Consumer Protection which
	implements EU Directive 2013/11/EU on alternative consumer Dispute resolution.
Q52 If there are any of the above, please provide the follow	wing details:
1- Name	Law on Consumer Protection (Section VI)
1- URL Link	https://e-
	seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/e86e8310231911e6ac bed8d454428fb7?jfwid=-g0zrz95ob
Q53 Are there any CROSS-BORDER out-of-court/alternative consumer dispute resolution initiatives?	Yes

Q54 If there are, please provide the following details:

1- Name Law on Consumer Protection (Section VI)

1- URL Link https://e-

seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/e86e8310231911e6ac

bed8d454428fb7?jfwid=-g0zrz95ob

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Q55 Are there any self-regulation initiatives from

businesses?

Yes

Q56 Please provide (up to) 4 examples of the self-regulation initiatives from businesses:

1- Name of initiative Self-Regulation Guidance for entities approved by the

Order of the Director of the State Consumer Rights

Protection Authority

1- Scope of application These self-regulation guidance provide the main

principles for entities promoting to adopt Codes of Conduct. Based on it some Codes of Conduct are

adopted.

1- URL link http://www.vvtat.lt/lt/bendradarbiavimas/bendradarbiavi

mas lietuvoje/sazininga-verslo-praktika.html

Q57 Are there any co-regulation initiatives between

businesses and public entities?

Yes

Q58 Please provide (up to) 4 examples of the co-regulation initiatives between businesses and public entities:

1- Name of initiative Arbitration Commission of Lithuanian Advertising

Bureau

1- Scope of application Advertising

1- URL link http://www.reklamosbiuras.lt/lt.php/apie

2- Name of initiative Honorary Court of Insurance Brokers' House

2- Scope of application Insurance Services

2- URL link http://www.dbr.lt/garbes-teismas

Q59 Do self-regulation and/or co-regulation initiatives cover any of the following issues? (Please relate to

UNGCP Guideline 11)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q60 What kind and how many international cooperation agreement(s) on consumer protection does your authority/agency participate in?

	Bilateral	Multilateral/Regional
Formal (treaties)		
Informal (memoranda of understanding)		2
Q61 Please provide name and URL link of formal bilateral agree	ements (treaties	s):
Q62 Please provide name and URL link of informal bilateral agree-	eements (memo	oranda of understanding):
Q63 Please provide name and URL link of formal multilateral/recontection:	gionals agreem	ents (treaties) that address consumer
Q64 Please provide name and URL link of informal multilateral/r that address consumer protection:	regionals agree	ments (memoranda of understanding)

ICPEN Memorandum of Understanding.

As a donor Yes	Yes
As a recipient	
Q69 Do you engage in technical cooperation or ca	pacity building activities on consumer protection? Through an international organization/network
As in all EU countries EU Regulation 2004/2006 on Consul	mer Protection Cooperation is applied in Lithuania.
Q68 If you do, please provide a short description	
Q67 Do you have any experience in cross-border cooperation on enforcement?	Yes
Q66 Does your consumer protection enforcement authority/agency have any of the following powers regarding cross-border fraudulent and deceptive commercial practices affecting consumers?	Investigate, Pursue, Share information and evidence
	Consumer information
	Consumer education,
	Redress,
	Dispute resolution,
	Electronic commerce, Tourism,
	Voluntary codes for , businesses
	Promotional marketing and sales practices (including misleading advertisement)
	conditions
	Terms and ,
	Physical safety, Product quality,
	services
the following fields?	Access by consumers to essential goods and
Q65 Do cooperation agreements on consumer protection (be those formal/informal/bilateral/regional) cover any of	

Q70 If you have engaged in technical cooperation or capacity building activities on consumer protection as a recipient/as donor and/or through an international organization/network, please provide the following details for each initiative

1- Name of programme/project	Twinning project - Strengthening the Capacities of the Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA) in Development of the Market Surveillance System in Georgia (project No GE/14/ENI/EC/02/17(GE/29)
1- Name of cooperating partner(s)	NICO
1- Starting date of programme/project	January 2018
1- Finish date of programme/project	December 2019
1- Scope of programme/project (list areas of work)	Non food market surveillance
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Q71 Does your authority/agency carry out information and education initiatives?	Yes
Q72 Do information and education initiatives carried out	Product hazard,
by your authority/agency cover any of the following fields?	Product labelling,
	Legislation, dispute resolution,
	Weight and measures, prices and , quality
	Electronic commerce,
	Financial services,
	Efficient use of materials, energy, water
Q73 Does your authority/agency provide specific education and information initiatives for vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers?	Yes

Q74 If your authority/agency does, please provide the following details:

1- Name of initiative Seminars, information initiatives for elders in Third Age

Universities

1- Scope of initiative Protection of consumer rights in general

1- URL link

1- Impact (short description) Trust in protection of consumer rights

2- Name of initiative Seminars, information initiatives for young people in

secondary schools, universities

2- Scope of initiative Protection of consumer rights in general

2- URL link

2- Impact (short description) Trust in protection of consumer rights

Q75 Do consumer organizations/associations provide

education and information initiatives?

Yes

Q76 If consumer organizations/associations do, please provide the following details:

1- Name of consumer organization/association The Alliance of Lithuanian Consumer Organizations

1- URL link of initiative http://www.lvoa.lt/en/

2- Name of consumer organization/association National Consumer Confederation

2- URL link of initiative http://vartotojai.eu/

3- Name of consumer organization/association Lithuanian Consumer Institute

3- URL link of initiative http://www.vartotojai.lt/en

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Q77 Does your authority/agency conduct research and

analysis on consumer protection issues?

Yes

Q78 If your authority/agency does, please provide the following details:

1- Main area of work	Consumer complaints analysis
1- URL link to online library or publication(s)	http://www.vvtat.lt/lt/teisine-informacija/tyrimai-ir- analizes/savivaldybiu-apklausos.html
2- Main area of work	Market monitoring
2- URL link to online library or publication(s)	http://www.vvtat.lt/lt/teisine-informacija/tyrimai-ir- analizes/reklamos-srities-tyrimai-aje3.html , http://www.vvtat.lt/lt/teisine-informacija/tyrimai-ir- analizes/kiti-tyrimai-ir-apklausos.html
3- Main area of work	Annual consumer surveys
3- URL link to online library or publication(s)	http://www.vvtat.lt/lt/teisine-informacija/tyrimai-ir- analizes/vartotoju-apklausos.html
4- Main area of work	Annual business surveys
4- URL link to online library or publication(s)	http://www.vvtat.lt/lt/teisine-informacija/tyrimai-ir- analizes/imoniu-apklausos.html
Q79 Do other organizations/associations conduct research and analysis on consumer protection?	Yes
Q80 If other organizations/associations do, please provide the following details:	Respondent skipped this question