

## COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR FOSTERING RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH: LITHUANIA

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**Abstract:** Particular concern about academic ethics in higher education and research institutions in Lithuania was addressed in 2009 by the national decision to establish an Office of Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures. Since then, the ombudsman, alongside other state institutions, has been empowered to implement national higher education and research policy by developing national policies towards responsible research. Hence, the practice on major mechanisms supporting national goals related to responsible research will be provided in three parts—national and institutional structures to raise awareness on research (mis)conduct; regulatory pitfalls; experiences on the collaboration with journal editors and publishers. This presentation related to the framework on fostering responsible research in Lithuania will allow having a look at a country with young democratic processes but still as an example for other countries that introduce new regulations with the purpose to embed or improve ethical rules.

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