



Lithuania: The Code of Ethics for educators

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The Code of Ethics for Educators was approved by Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania (11 June, 2018, order No. V-561). The Code defines the key requirements of professional conduct and obligations for pedagogical staff and freelance teachers (hereinafter referred to as Educators) to pursue ethical and professional conduct with pupils, their parents (carers, guardians) and other family members, colleagues, and community and the main principles of conduct and activity for educators such as respect, justice, recognition of human rights, responsibility, fairness, care and solidarity.

The presentation reflects both on a legal basis for preparing this document or namely – amendments of The Law on Education (June 30, 2017) (e.g. „teaching is prohibited to a person whose conduct brings the profession into disrepute“; „a teacher must follow the Norms of Conduct of the Educational Institution“ etc.) and the main steps, methods and approaches of its developing. It outlines that discussions and openness towards different opinions of stakeholders, NGOs, associations of teachers, university researchers and teacher trainers, school leaders, trade-unions have been the main method of developing the Code and guiding approach in the procedure towards an agreement and the order by the minister of Education and Science. A number of activities of a dissemination process and a few implementation issues of the document into the practice of education institutions reflected in this presentation paper as well.

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