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THE MAIN STEPS OF LRT SELF-REGULATION

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Code of Ethics

Journalists' Ethics Commission

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LRT Code of Ethics

- ❑ The LRT Code of Ethics has entered into force in 2019. The Code was prepared by LRT journalists' community according to the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and the main Lithuanian media legislation such as the Law on Public Information, Code of Ethics in Providing Information to the Public of Lithuania, etc.
- ❑ The LRT Code of Ethics was as an integral part of the LRT Rules of Procedure, but on 19 October 2021 it was adopted by the LRT Council as a separate document. All LRT journalists and creative staff, also producers of external programmes and hosts of the shows (all staff subject to the rules of the Code of Ethics) must follow the provisions of the Code of Ethics.
- ❑ The Code regulates the conduct of LRT journalists both in their professional activities and in everyday life in order to ensure the proper performance of LRT journalists' functions.

LRT Journalists' Ethics Commission

- ❑ It was founded in 2019 and shall consist of 7 members: 4 of them are appointed by LRT Director General and 3 – by the LRT media: LRT Television, LRT Radio and LRT.It web portal.
- ❑ The main goal of the Commission, before the establishment of LRT Ombudspersons' institution, was to provide guidance and advice for the journalists on ethical issues. Now it has a mediation function and acts as advisory voice to LRT Ombudsperson.

LRT Editorial Policy

- ❑ A set of principles and rules for the journalists and creative staff, who have any type of contract (employment contract, authorship agreement or service contract), on how to prepare and publish media content on the LRT media platforms: TV, Radio and Web Portal.
- ❑ LRT Editorial Policy was adopted in the autumn of 2021 and updated in the summer of 2022.

LRT Ombudsperson

LRT Ombudspersons' institution was established on 1st January 2021, after the adoption of a new version of the LRT law. LRT Ombudsperson reports to the LRT Council.

- ❑ Ensures content creators' conduct compliance with the provisions of the Code of Ethics;
- ❑ Deal with the complaints and investigates possible violations of the journalistic ethics;
- ❑ Provides recommendations on the professional ethics issues to the LRT Council and Director General;
- ❑ Cooperates with the LRT Journalists' Ethics Commission;
- ❑ Decides whether a journalist has violated the provisions of the Code of Ethics. LRT Director General decides on the imposition of sanctions depending on the kind of the violation;
- ❑ Changes the provisions of the Code of Ethics in response to legislative amendments or other relevant circumstances.



Ethical issues

- Journalists' comments on social media – private or public?
- Identification of producers of external programmes and hosts of the shows as LRT employees.
- Journalists and public activities – is it compatible?

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