

As the Radio and Television Commission of Lithuania (RTCL) regulates and supervises the activities of commercial radio and television broadcasters, we will only cover the **Broadcasting** part of the Questionnaire.

Broadcasting

In Lithuania the system of broadcasters' self-regulation is not yet established, though on the initiative of the RTCL, private broadcasters started preparing their own code of ethics, including the issues on the protection of minors. The Code is not yet finalized. However, journalists do have their self-regulatory institution - Ethics Commission of Journalists and Publishers and they have Code of Ethics, which covers issues on the protection of minors as well.

No acoustic warnings are required on TV, but the on-screen icons were used by the mutual agreement of broadcasters. At present this agreement is being prepared to be made an official document, which will be called the Order of Categorizing Films and Broadcasts on TV and will soon be adopted by the Government. The symbols used are: N-14 (the programme cannot be viewed by children under 14), T (the programme can be viewed with parental control) and S – adult programmes.

In general our broadcasters do not use any technical devices, except a few cable operators, who encrypt a few of their re-broadcast programmes.

Media literacy is only improved in some publicistic TV broadcasts, but no special measures are taken.