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# Overview of the recent LLG policy developments in Lithuania

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# Content:

- National LLG system description (*based on the Template for information on lifelong guidance systems*)
- Overview of main activities
- Conclusions

# KEY CHALLENGES ADDRESSED BY GUIDANCE

## **EU Council Resolution on better integrating of lifelong guidance into lifelong learning strategies (2008)**

- Access
- CMS
- Quality assurance
- Cooperation and coordination

## **Horizontal issues related to guidance:**

- Reducing skills mismatches
- Tackling youth unemployment
- Preventing ESL
- Participation in LLL

# LEGAL BASIS / POLICIES (1)

## Legislation:

- The **Law on Education** (2003, 2011) (*vocational guidance: information, counselling and career education – educational support*)
- The **Law on Vocational Education and Training** (2007, 2010) (*vocational guidance*)
- The **Law on Higher Education and Research** (2009) (*career consultations*)

# LEGAL BASIS / POLICIES (2)

## Legislation:

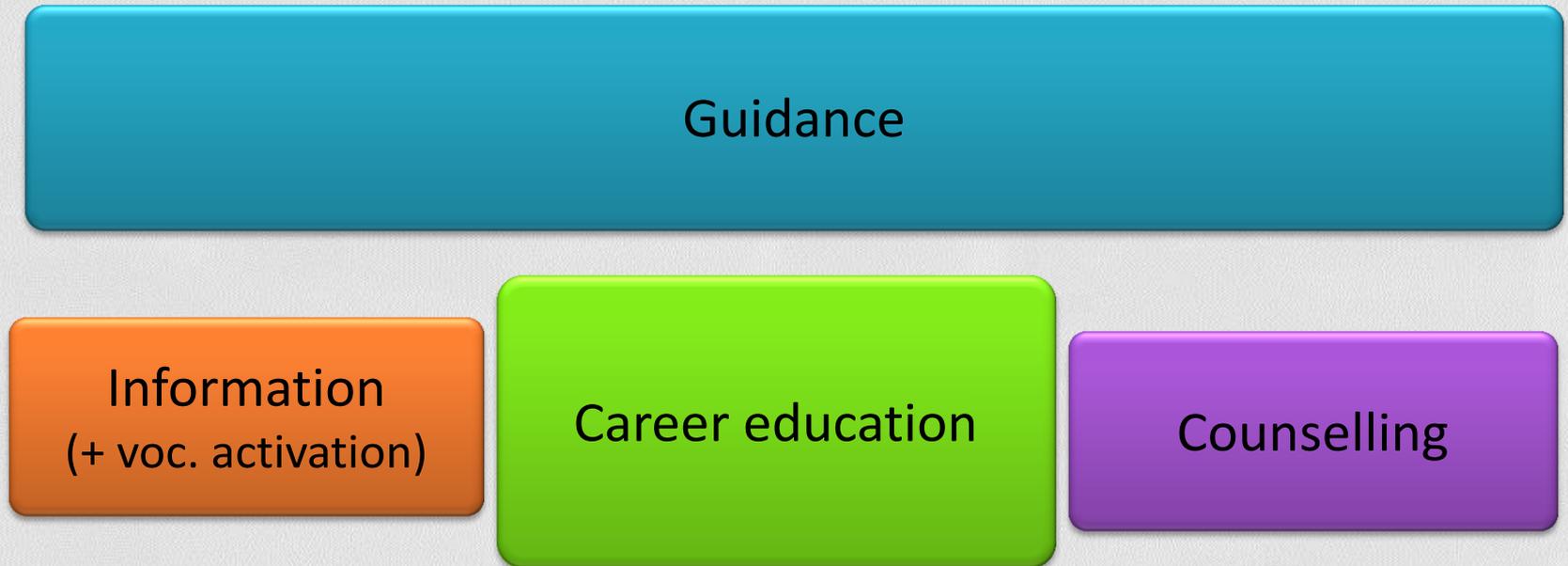
- The **Law on Employment Support** (2006) (*vocational information and counselling*)
- The **Order on implementation of vocational orientation** (2012) (*career education, career information + vocational activation, career counselling*)

# LEGAL BASIS / POLICIES (3)

## Links to national strategies:

- National Development Programme (2014-2020)
- National Reform Programme (2020) (*guidance for better employment and reducing early school-leaving*)
- National Education Strategy (2013-2022) (*career development*)
- National Strategy on the Studies, Scientific Research and Experimental Development (2013-2020)
- Plan on VET Development (2014-2016)
- National Programme on Raising the Employment (2014–2020)
- Youth Guarantee Implementation plan (2014-2020).
- Other

- The order on implementation of **vocational orientation** (2012)



# LEGAL BASIS / POLICIES (4)

## Guidelines:

- The model for the pupil's career management services (Schools and VET)
- The career education programme (Schools and VET)
- The model for the student's career management services (HE)
- The guidelines for the student's career management services quality (materials, services, specialists)

# Career education programme for Schools and VET

## 11 career competences (objectives):

### Main groups:

- Discovering self
- Discovering learning and labour market opportunities
- Career planning
- Career implementation

4 levels of progression

# MAIN BODIES, THEIR SCOPE OF ACTION, INFRASTRUCTURE (1)

## Education sector (*career education/information/counselling*):

### Provision

- General education schools
- VET schools
- HE schools

### Organisation

- Municipalities

### Coordination and support

- Lithuanian Pupil's Nonformal Education Centre (*Career Education Unit*)
- Centre of Information Technologies in Education
- Euroguidance LT at the Education Exchanges Support Foundation
- Pedagogical psychological centres and other educ. support institutions

### Monitoring/Policy

- Ministry of Education and Science

# MAIN BODIES, THEIR SCOPE OF ACTION, INFRASTRUCTURE (2)

## Labour market sector (*information/counselling*):

### **Provision**

- PES (labour exchanges, youth job centres, other)

### **Coordination and support**

- Lithuanian Labour Exchange

### **Monitoring/Policy**

- Ministry of Social Security and Labour

# MAIN BODIES, THEIR SCOPE OF ACTION, INFRASTRUCTURE (3)

- Guidance system in numbers

<b>General education and VET:</b>	
Career coordinators at schools and VET institutions	~900
Career counsellors	~120
Head counsellors	6
<b>Higher education</b>	
Established Career Centers	27
Career counsellors	~100
<b>Labour market</b>	
Regional labour exchanges	10
Local departments	49
Youth Job Centers	22

# MAIN BODIES, THEIR SCOPE OF ACTION, INFRASTRUCTURE (3)

- Institutions offering qualifications and training

Vytautas Magnus university	Karjera ir profesinis konsultavimas (Career and vocational counselling)	bachelor
Vytautas Magnus university	Karjeros konsultavimas (Career counselling)	bachelor studies
Vytautas Magnus university	Karjeros projektavimas (Career projection)	master
Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences	Karjeros projektavimas (Career projection)	master
Klaipėda University	Karjeros projektavimas (Career projection)	master
Šiauliai University	Karjeros edukologija (Career educology)	master

# National fora TOP-DOWN

## Vocational Guidance Council (2006)

### Membership:

- Ministries and subordinate institutions involved in guidance service provision
- Social partners
- Associations of the Educations and training institutions
- Guidance practitioners
- Users
- Other

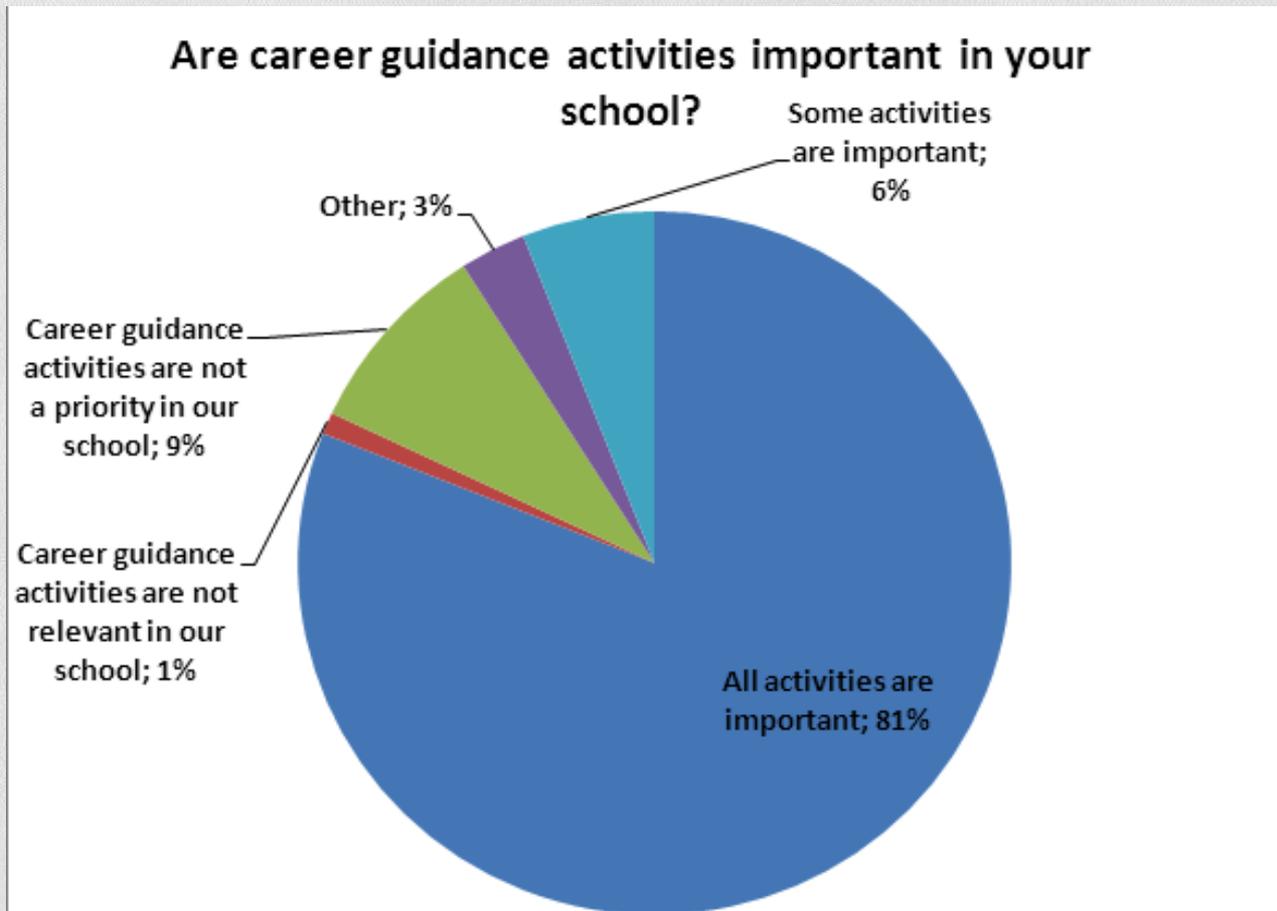
## Youth Methodology Council (2011)

# National fora **BOTTOM-UP**

- **Career Specialist's Trade Union (2013)**
- **National Association of Career Specialists (2013)**
- **LLG reference group (2012-2013)**

# PUBLIC AWARENESS, FUNDING, ICT IN GUIDANCE (1)

Survey of the student's needs in guidance services (2013)



# PUBLIC AWARENESS, FUNDING, ICT IN GUIDANCE (2)

- System of monitoring of guidance services for pupils (Schools and VET) (*Context-Input-Process-Outcome*)
- System of monitoring of guidance services for students
- Vytautas Magnus University international journal “Career Designing: Research and Counselling”  
<http://skc.vdu.lt/index.php/en/journal-2/archive2>

# PUBLIC AWARENESS, FUNDING, ICT IN GUIDANCE (3)

## Resources:

### **Education sector:**

pupil's basket (guidance and cognitive activities)  
for GE and VET

Own HE resources

ESF projects

### **Labour market sector:**

ALM policies/employment support (PES, Youth job centres)

ESF projects

# PUBLIC AWARENESS, FUNDING, ICT IN GUIDANCE (4)

## ESF funding:

- **Programme period 2004-06:** Main objective – implementation of National career guidance strategy  
*2 national projects*
- **Programme period 2007-13:** priorities in the of the National Programme for Vocational Guidance in the Educational System  
*(Improvement of management - Development of career management skills - Continuity and succession of services (Schools, VET and HE)*  
*3 national projects*
- **Programme period 2014-20 (draft):**  
Support for further development of guidance services (focus on risk groups, ESL and adults, online and self-help services)

# PUBLIC AWARENESS, FUNDING, ICT IN GUIDANCE (5)

ICT in guidance:

- Open Information, Counselling and Guidance System (AIKOS)  
[www.aikos.smm.lt](http://www.aikos.smm.lt)
- Career management information system (KVIS)  
<http://www.kvis.karjera.vu.lt/> – for HE students
- Career resources – [www.mukis.lt](http://www.mukis.lt) - for GE and VET
- Euroguidance LT – [www.euroguidance.lt](http://www.euroguidance.lt)
- PES – [www.ldb.lt](http://www.ldb.lt)

# PARTNERSHIPS AT EU AND AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- ELGPN
- Euroguidance
- PES network

# CONCLUSIONS:

## Strengths of guidance system:

- Legal basis
- Focus on CMS development
- Continuity of guidance services (Schools, VET, HE)
- Monitoring systems for guidance services
- Available ESF funding

## Challenges related to:

- Public awareness (Career services vs Vocational orientation)
- Access (for certain target groups; lack of integrated services)
- Quality assurance (need for research)
- Funding of guidance services (public resources, ESF)
- Sustainability of funding

# Thank you for your attention!

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