

Activities of the Research Ethics Commission of Lithuanian Research Council

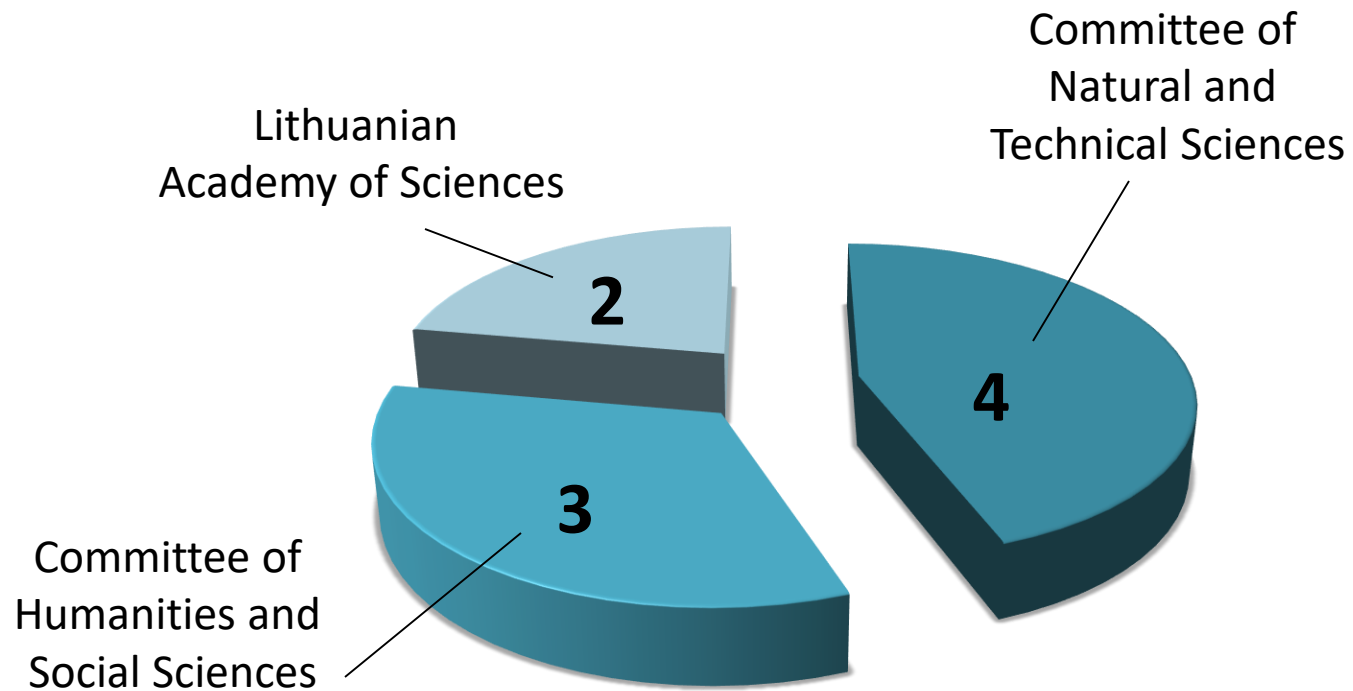
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- Established in 2012

- 9 members



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- Function:

- ✓ to ensure compliance with the ethical principles of scientific activities carried out by the Council

Principles of Academic Ethics of Lithuanian Research
Council
(2012)

(5015)
COUNCIL



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- Until the establishment of the Ombudsman office at the Lithuanian Parliament (Seimas) the Commission investigated the reports on possible violations of principles of academic ethics related to the Council's scientific activities:

- Examples:

- ✓ suspected plagiarism in the project proposal;
- ✓ suspected data manipulation in the research papers presented in the project proposal;
- ✓ authorship issues in publishing data of the research supported by the Council.



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•Since 2017:

- ✓ According to the Law on Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Lithuania, the extensions of the functions of the Seimas Ombudsmen for Ethics and Procedures were made;
- ✓ therefore, the regulation of Ethics Commission and other legal acts regulating its activities, have been changed.



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- ✓ Commission investigates, whether the violations of academic ethics, stated by the decision of Ombudsmen, are related to the principles of ethics of scientific activities listed in:

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ADAPTATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPERVISION OF ACADEMIC ETHICS CODES BY INSTITUTIONS OF SCIENCE AND STUDIES

APPROVED
by the Order No.
V-16 of the Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and
Procedures of 31 March 2015

- ✓ Commission also performs an advisory role regarding the issues related to the ethics of scientific activities.



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- ✓ Commission has investigated >60 valid decisions of Ombudsmen on violation of academic ethics and procedures and has defined violations related to the ethics of scientific activities, (~10-15% cases);
- ✓ Research project proposals of the researcher who violates the ethics of scientific activities are not considered by the Council for five years.



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Thank you!



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