



Country Report Lithuania

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Copyright

Law on copyright and related rights was adopted on 18th May 1999, since then was amended 5 times: in 2000, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010. Full text of the law (last amended on 19th January 2010) is available in English:

http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=370617

Revision of copyright law

Several articles of the Law on copyright and related rights are being currently discussed (for several years already) at the Parliament, including those related with libraries:

- article on Reproduction of Works for Personal Use
- article on Reprographic Reproduction of Works

According to the current law compensation for authors and producers is collected and payed by the collecting society (LATGA-A). Only those operators, who are providing payed services, are entitled to pay, libraries including. Now the idea is, in addition to the existing system, to put extra tax on all the equipment for reprographic reproduction – both produced domestically and imported. Broader rights are foreseen for people with disabilities. There is big opposition to any extra taxes from business, therefore this idea gets no support by the Parliament so far.

New legislation

Last amendment of the Law on copyright and related rights (19th January 2010) amended article 17 (the amount of royalty on the resale price of an original work of art or an original manuscript was clarified) and article 71 was expanded with article 71¹ (Supervision of Activities of Associations of Collective Administration of Copyright and Related Rights).

Orphan works

No legislation at all.

Public lending rights

No new legislation, rules adopted on 14th August 2007 are in force.

Legal deposit

No new legislation, Regulations on legal deposit (including e-resources) adopted on 11th December, 2006 (in force since 15th December, 2006) is in force.

Levies

No new legislation so far, this article is under revision in the Parliament. Levies are collected in Lithuania since 2005, but the system works very bad, therefore it is going to be changed.

Creative Commons

Lithuania started translating and adopting CC licences to Lithuanian legislation. A group chaired by prof. Vytautas Mizaras (Vilnius University) is working on it. Public presentation on CC and the work of the group was held on 27th May 2010.

Legal matters
Revision of law
New legislation

Trade agreements
No changes.

Privacy
No changes.

Anti terrorist law
No changes.

DRM
No changes.

Law cases

No law cases on library and copyright issues.

Lobby activities

Lobby in the Ministry of Education and Science on the implementation of the article 45 (on publicity of the results of scientific activity) in the Law on Science and Studies (adopted on 30th April 2009). Although the law requires to make public (via the internet and by other means) scientific research carried out utilising state budget funds, it does not work in practice, as the system how it should be done and what will happen if it is not done is not implemented.

Educational activities

Open Access Week: an OA panel session at the international conference *Innovation and Creativity in e-Learning*, 20th November 2009, Kaunas.

Public presentation on CC and the work of the group translating CC licences was held on 27th May 2010, Vilnius.

During the National Library Week, which is held annually at the end of April, seminars, discussions, conferences, round tables, competitions about copyright issues were held throughout Lithuanian libraries.

The course on copyright is being taught at the LIS (Vilnius University and Klaipeda University) and for librarians studying at short-time courses at the In-Service Training Centre for Cultural Workers.

International workshop *Copyright for Librarians* (introducing on-line copyright course http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/copyrightforlibrarians/Main_Page) is foreseen to be held in collaboration with eIFL.net on 23rd -24th September 2010 in Vilnius.

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