

New procedure for vocational guidance and counselling in Lithuania

Starting from autumn, career education programme is implemented in majority of general education schools in Lithuania. Career education was legitimated in the Description of the Procedure for Provision of Vocational Guidance (*Profesinio orientavimo vykdymo tvarkos aprašas*), approved in July 2012 by Ministers for Education and Science and Social Security and Labour. It complements vocational guidance and vocational information measures.

Career education programme (*ugdymo karjerai programa*) is the result of the project 'Creation and Development of Models for Career Education Services and their Monitoring in General Education and VET' (2010-2014). Career education programme aims to provide conditions for students to develop their career competences necessary for successful selection of further learning, occupation and/or employment. The training programme is designed for students studying in primary, lower and upper secondary education and VET programmes in vocational schools. Career competences cover 4 areas: self-cognition; career possibilities cognition; career planning and career implementation. Learning outcomes are defined for each areas covering attitudes, skills, knowledge and understanding. Each school selects an acceptable model for the implementation of the programme. The programme may be implemented through its integration in the primary, general lower and upper secondary and VET curricula or it can be offered as an optional subject.

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