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### NEWS REPORT

**Country:** Lithuania  
**Title:** The Parliament appoints the new Ombudsperson for Equal Opportunities  
**Date:** 24 June 2015  
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**Update of flash report nr:** 10-LT-ND-Ombudsperson  
**Context**  
**Issue at stake:** The Parliament appoints the new Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson more than 2 years after the mandate of the previous one expired  
**Ground of discrimination:** All grounds  
**Source:** Policy development, miscellaneous  
**Field:** All fields  
**Applicable law:** According to Article 14 of the Law on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, the Parliament appoints Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson for the term of 5 years (the number of terms is unlimited).

### Content

**Policy development:** On 18 June the *Seimas* (Parliament) voted for a new candidate, proposed by the Speaker of the Parliament - for the post of Ombudsperson for Equal Opportunities. The candidacy of Ms. Agneta Lobačevskytė was approved in a secret voting (61 – for, 32 – against, 12 abstentions). The new Ombudsperson will start her work on 25 June, 2015. The post of the Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson remained vacant since November 2013, when the former head of the institution Aušrinė Burneikienė passed away and the Board of the Seimas appointed the Ombudsman of the Rights of the Child as a temporary substitute.

**Key points of analysis:** The new Ombudsperson was appointed more than 2 years after the mandate of the predecessor expired in April 2013. There have been in the meantime two failed attempts to appoint a new Ombudsperson. The new Ombudsperson comes from the post of vice minister for Culture and is new to the field of non-discrimination.

**Internet link source:** Stenograph of Seimas plenary sitting of 16th of June, 2015, a proposal of Agneta Lobačevskytė as a candidate for the post of Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson:

[http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc\\_l?p\\_id=1042774&p\\_query=loba%E8e%vskyt%E8&p\\_tr2=2](http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=1042774&p_query=loba%E8e%vskyt%E8&p_tr2=2)

Stenograph of Seimas plenary sitting of 18th of June, 2015, appointment of Agneta Lobačevskytė as the new Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson:

[http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc\\_l?p\\_id=1043561&p\\_query=loba%E8e%vskyt%E8&p\\_tr2=2](http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=1043561&p_query=loba%E8e%vskyt%E8&p_tr2=2)