## RECONCILING FAMILY AND WORK COMMITMENTS IN LITHUANIA

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## **Family policy**

Law on Strengthening the Family of the Republic of Lithuania, 19 October 2017. XIII-700

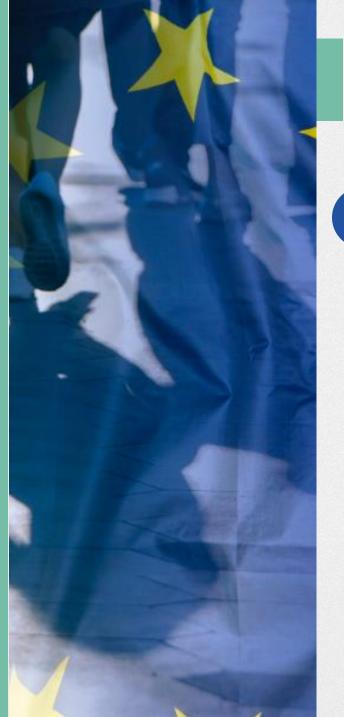
Family policy is the definition and implementation of the principles of state governance and the directions, goals and objectives of development, with a view to creating the necessary legal, social, economic, cultural and other conditions to strengthen the family, promote its stability and full functioning.

The Ministry of Social Security and Labour is responsible for implementing family policy.



## Key objectives of family policy





## **European Union documents**



Article 33 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union states that the family must be legally, economically and socially secure. It also provides that "with a view to reconciling family and working life, everyone has the right to protection against dismissal for reasons connected with maternity and to paid maternity leave and parental leave on the birth or adoption of a child. "



According to the Work-Life Balance Directive, "Work-life balance policies should contribute to achieving gender equality by promoting women's participation in the labour market, the equal sharing of care responsibilities between women and men, and by reducing the gender pay and income gaps."

## **Flexible working conditions**



Non-transferable parental leave

Reduction in the length of service requirement for maternity social security

Parents of 1 child under 12 years are entitled to Mother's Day and Father's Day once every 3 months Reduced working week for parents with children under 3 in the public sector Opportunities for workers to improve their working conditions Better conditions for parents raising children. Sickness and maternity social insurance law



Minimum maternity, paternity and parental benefits increased Increased social security benefits for caring for children and other family members

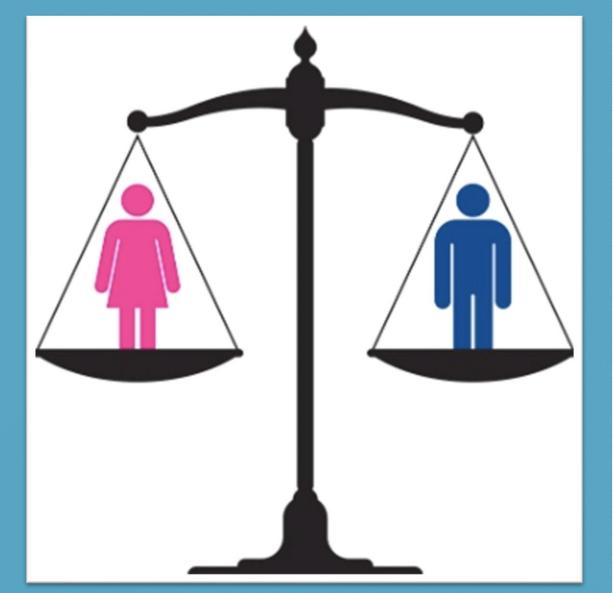
Improved social guarantees for families with children with severe disabilities Sickness benefit will also be available to permanent carers of children Mothers who have adopted children will also be able to receive maternity allowance for 30 calendar days

# Other family policy measures

Financial incentives to buy your first home
Childcare allowance
Child benefits
Integral assistance
Temporary respite
Family card



#### **Gender equality principle**



# Ministry of Social Security and Labour measures



Equal opportunities for women and men 2023 - 2025 action plan



#### National Progress Plan 2021-2030



Progress measure "Ensure a reduction in stereotyped attitudes towards women's and men's roles in the family and society"



NGO project to educate the public on women's unpaid care work





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