



# Lithuanian University Rectors' Conference

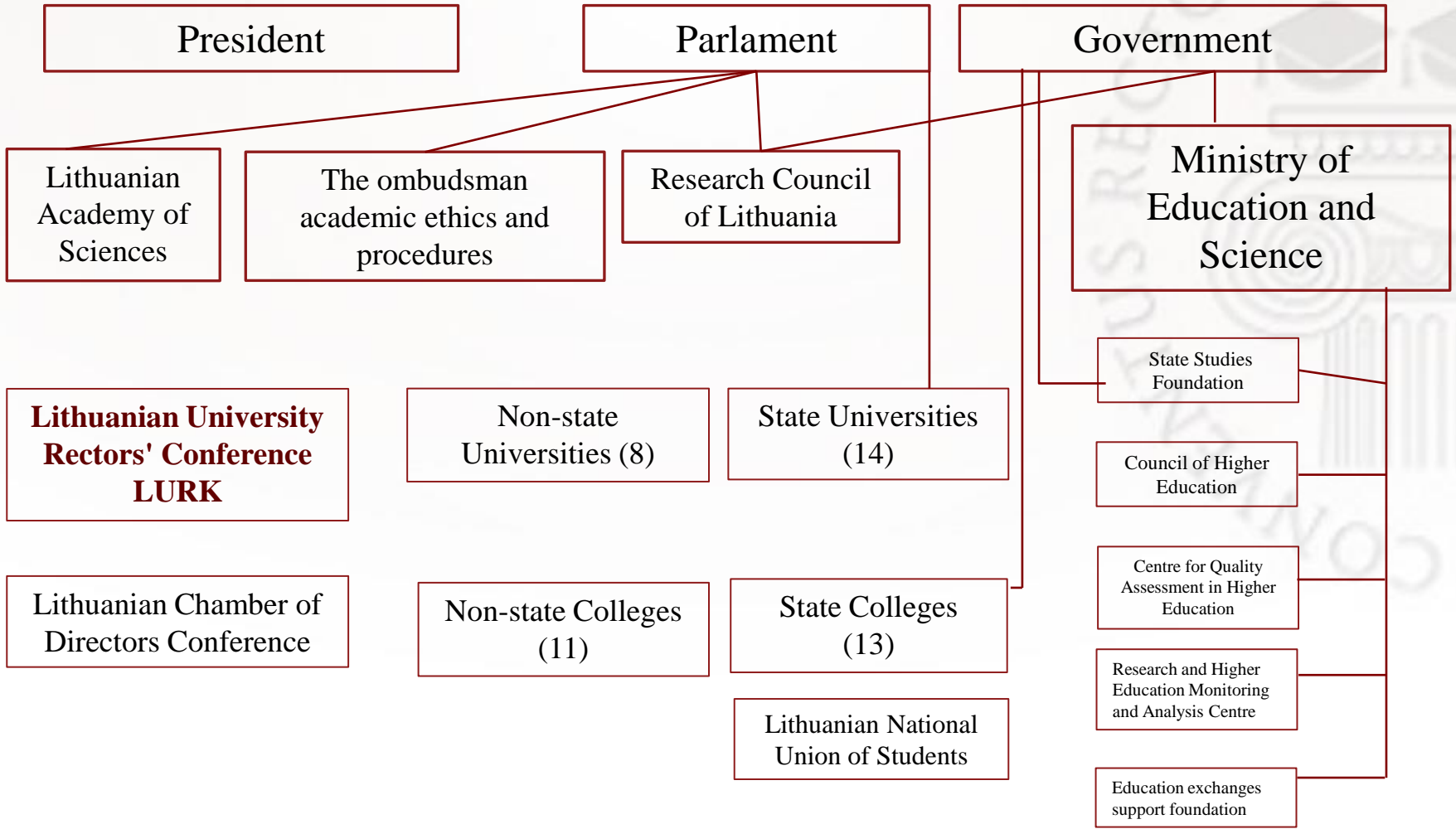
Overview

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# Lithuanian Higher Education System





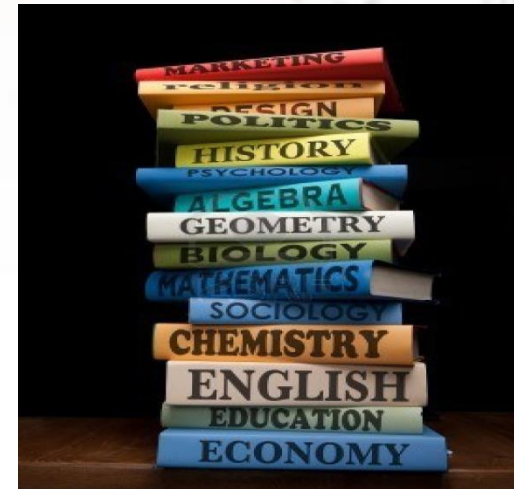
# Lithuanian higher education system

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## Study fields:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Creative Arts and Design
- Humanities
- Physical Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Technological Sciences



Three cycles – Bolonian approach



## Dissemination of Values and Knowledge

- Cultural values
  - Dissemination of research results
  - Technology and knowledge transfer
  - Continuing education & training
  - MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses)
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- Internationally recognized publications
  - European research projects
  - University supported research and arts
  - Research valleys (Santara Valley and Saulėtekis Valley in Vilnius, Santaka Valley and Nemunas Valley in Kaunas and Marine Valley in Klaipėda)
  - Contracted research
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Mission

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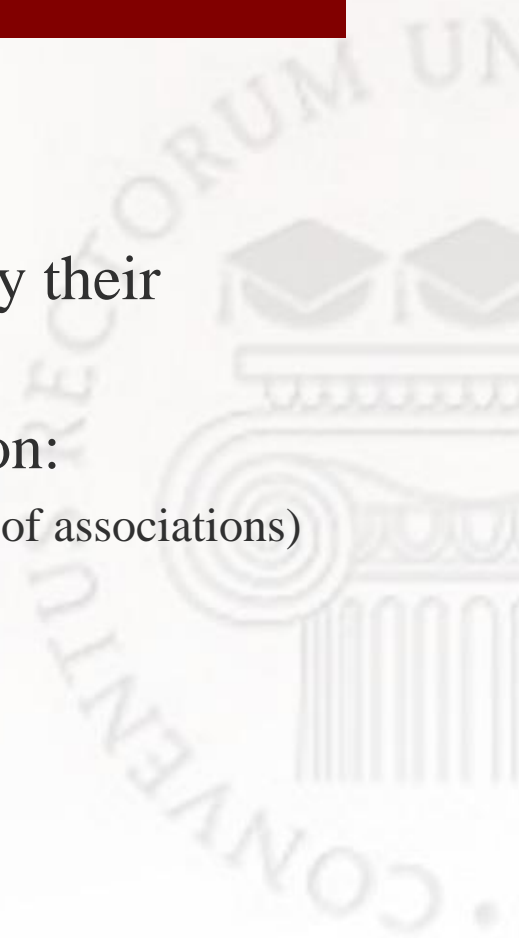
To promote:

- Lithuanian scientific, educational, cultural and economic development
- Co-operation between higher education institutions
- International networking
- Cooperation with governmental authorities and local self-government bodies





- Establishment of the RCs was first initiated by their government through a decree
- Established as an association in 1995, based on:
  - Constitution (the principle of autonomy and the freedom of associations)
  - Law on associations
  - Law on Research and studies





# LURK

Membership

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- Both public and private HEIs are eligible for the membership in LURK (only state HEIs in the beginning)
- Full members - HEIs that are legally valid and provide all three cycles of studies
- No other types of membership
- Grounds for termination of membership:
  - Non-payment of membership fee or fixed target contributions;
  - failure to participate in >5 association's meetings.



# Lithuanian University Rectors' Conference (LURK)

12 rectors represent their universities



University of Management and Economics (ISM)



Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)



The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania (LKA)



Klaipėda University (KU)



Lithuanian sports university (LSU)



Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre (LMTA)



Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (LSMU)



Mykolas Romeris University (MRU)



Vilnius Academy of Arts (VAA)



Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VILNIUS TECH)



Vilnius university (VU)



Vytautas Magnus University (VMU)

Started activities in 1995 years

Legal status – association/public institution



# LURK

Management

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# Management

- Highest body of the Conference - The general meeting
- Collegial management body - **The Presidium**

President prof. Rimvydas Petrauskas	Vicepresident prof. Diana Rėklaitienė	Secretary-general prof. habil. dr. Kęstutis Kriščiūnas	Presidium member prof. Romualdas Kliukas
			

- Sole governing body - **The President**
- Science, education, finance, international relations, law, information technology, sports, public relations, **Committees**
- **Representatives**



# Committees

- 3 Committees:
  - Committee on Infrastructure and Finance,
  - Scientific Committee,
  - Studies Committee.
- 4 standing working groups:
  - on Digital Technologies,
  - on Health and Sporton,
  - on International Relations,
  - on Legal Issues

Committees study situation in the sector and prepare draft documents



# Committees and groups: procedures

- Establishment:
  - The Statute allows creation of new thematic Committees
  - The decision to establish a new thematic body is taken following ordinary decision-making procedures by Plenary Assembly.
  - All current committees and working groups are permanent
- Representation:
  - vice-rectors are usually present in the Committees
  - formal delegation is possible
- Working procedure:
  - monthly or more frequently based on the need





- Collective membership in EUA
  - Representation in Lithuanian governing bodies
  - Cooperation with industry & community
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- The number of students enrolled in the university is the basis for calculating the membership fee
- Employees at the secretariat are paid
- Work in the committees – on a voluntary basis

# Finances

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- Plenary Assembly:
  - Represented by rectors
    - a rector of a member institution may authorize (in writing) a vice-rector to represent (them)him/her at meetings of the Plenary Assembly
  - Meets monthly
  - Open to the representatives from relevant public institutions, representatives of students' union
  - Decision-making:
    - At least half of all the members of the Conference should be present.
    - are usually adopted by a simple majority of votes of the members present at the meeting.
    - any member has a veto right, however, veto is not absolute. If at least one member objects to the decision, it shall be reconsidered, and the final resolution is adopted by a two-thirds majority of all members of the Conference

- Presidium:
    - 4 members appointed by the General Assembly;
      - the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary-General may also be elected members of the Presidium
    - all members constituting an executive body are elected by the General Assembly by a simple majority of votes in a secret ballot for 1 year
    - may be removed by secret ballot by a two-thirds majority of all members
  - President:
    - is elected for 1 year with the right to be re-elected no more than twice in a row in a secret ballot by a simple majority of all members.
    - may be revoked by secret ballot by a two-thirds majority of all members
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