

# Marrakesh Treaty Questionnaire – Lithuania

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**1. Please indicate the relevant provisions in your national legislation providing for or regulating the limitations and exceptions to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled.**

The Marrakesh Treaty is implemented within the jurisdiction of the European Union through the Regulation (EU) 2017/1563 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Directive (EU) 2017/1564 of the European Parliament and Council.

The Regulation is an act of direct application and it lays down uniform rules on the cross-border exchange of accessible format copies of certain works and other subject matter between the Republic of Lithuania as the member state of European Union and third countries that are parties to the Marrakesh Treaty without the authorisation of the rightholder, for the benefit of persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print-disabled.

The Directive is implemented in the Law on Copyright and Related Rights of the Republic of Lithuania (CRRL). Article 25 of CRRL sets out the conditions under which a work may be reproduced. This Article allows for the reproduction of a legally published work for non-commercial purposes and for the needs of the visually impaired.

**2. Does your national legislation permit the cross-border exchange (i.e. exportation) of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)<sub>1</sub> MVT? If yes, under which conditions?**

Lithuanian law allows for cross-border exchange. The conditions for such a change are set out in Article 25 part 4 of CRRL. The conditions are as follows: to ensure access only to the blind and visually impaired people, to take all measures to discourage illegal reproduction, to administer legally reproduced works diligently, and to provide all necessary information on the activities carried out.

**3. Does your national legislation allow the importation of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)<sub>2</sub> MVT? If yes, under which conditions?**

The importation of „accessible format copies“ is basically under the same conditions as in case of cross border exchange. It should also be noted that the importation of accessible format copies from another country may be subject to additional conditions applicable in that country.

**4. Does your national legislation provide a definition of “authorized entity”, as defined in Article 2 c)<sub>3</sub> MVT? If yes, please provide the reference.**

The definition of an authorized entity has been transferred from the Directive (EU) 2017/1564 of the European Parliament and Council to the jurisdiction of Lithuania. Article 2 part 15 of CRRL defines authorized entity as an entity that is authorised or recognised by a Member State to provide education, instructional

training, adaptive reading or information access to beneficiary persons on a non-profit basis. It also includes a public institution or non-profit organisation that provides the same services to beneficiary persons as one of its primary activities, institutional obligations or as part of its public-interest missions.

**5. Please provide a list with contact details of entities that can operate as authorized entities in your territory, and any further information that you can provide, such as number of accessible titles in the catalogue of the authorized entity and the languages covered.**

Currently, the activities of the authorized entities are performed by the Lithuanian Library for the Blind. We believe that the list of these entities may expand in the near future.

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Number of accessible titles in the catalogue of the authorized entity (Lithuanian Library for the Blind) and the languages covered is as follows:

Lithuanian – 14000 titles  
Russian – 238 titles  
Polish – 90 titles  
English – 4 titles  
French – 3 titles