

# LITHUANIA

The main factors of education system functioning during the pandemic:

➔ *social partnership, agreements, communication, trust and monitoring.*

## Educational decision making during pandemic:

**problem:** *urgent solutions and unpredictable consequences*

**solution:** *involving stakeholders in order to ensure the quality of solutions and confidence in them*

## The solutions/ decisions that caused the most tension:

- *opening of schools after quarantine,*
- *organization of maturity examinations,*
- *safety requirements for schools in contact work,*
- *availability and quality of digital content, etc.*

## Influence on the public nature of the education system:

- *the state must ensure access to quality education for all, regardless of the form in which it takes place;*
- *additional funding was provided for schools to purchase equipment; digital content; digital literacy training for teachers;*
- *in addition to private providers of digital content and platforms, the National Education Agency has set up its own platform to offer and continuously update free digital content available to all.*

## Tensions over the organization of final exams:

- *the results of maturity exams are used for admission to higher education institutions;*
- *the possibility of organizing exams online is being discussed, but this requires special infrastructure and a lot of investment;*
- *postponed examination sessions;*
- *exam tasks do not include those topics that required practical training;*
- *the Examination Assessment Commission may, if necessary, revise the examination assessment criteria;*
- *in such emergencies, it would be useful for school completion to be based on cumulative assessment.*

## Compensation of educational losses caused by the pandemic for all levels of education:

- *special learning conditions for learners from vulnerable groups;*
- *summer schools for those in need/who would otherwise find it difficult to catch up and continue the following school year.*
- *additional consultations for graduates*