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To
Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
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Lithuania: Future Law on practice of psychologists

Dear Mr Speaker,
Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you on behalf of the European Federation of Psychologists Associations (EFPA), which represents 37 national psychologists' associations (including all 28 EU member states) with over 300.000 members.

EFPA is pleased to learn that the Seimas of Lithuania is considering to establish a law on practice of psychologists and to follow the example of many European countries that have legally regulated the profession in the past.

We consider it of great importance that legislators are informed about the latest developments regarding the qualifications that psychologists must possess in order to be deemed competent to independently exercise the profession of psychologist. These qualifications have been determined by the General Assembly of EFPA in 2005 and are laid down in the Regulations of EuroPsy®, the European Certificate in Psychology.

The minimum requirements are:

1. Completion of 5 years academic education (of 60 ECTS per year) in a recognized psychology program.
2. One year of competence-based supervised practice.
3. A statement on ethical conduct that implies exposure to sanctions in accordance with the regime of professional ethics of the country.
4. Engagement in Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

The above -mentioned requirements were established in full consensus by the professional organizations of psychologists in Europe.

As these requirements are integrated into the Law on Psychological Practical Activity, the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations would like to express its support for the Law.

For further details we'd like to refer to the EuroPsy Regulations, which can be found on the website of EFPA: <http://www.europsy-efpa.eu/regulations>

Yours faithfully,



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Attached:

Letters of confirmation Norwegian Psychological Association and Swiss ZAHW

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