LithuaniaExposure guidelines

Local guidelines on power flux density 10 μ W/cm² applies derived from old USSR guidelines still applies. Sites construction on kindergartens and medical institutions is not allowed.

Planning Authority

Roof- top sites: building owners - to obtain initial agreement; regional public health centre - to review and agree on EMF and RF part of the project; regional centre of Department of Cultural Heritage under the Ministry of Culture – to agree on project for sites in cultural heritage zones; NRA – just to register RF and EMF parts of sites projects.

For tower sites regional municipality is involved in addition to authorities listed above.

Requirements for planning permission

Roof-top sites: informal form to get initial permit from site owners; EMF and RF part of the project must be designed, reviewed by and agreed with regional public health centre; EMF and RF part must comply with exposure and exclusion zones guidelines. Projects for sites in cultural heritage zones must confirm with regulations for the zones.

After site launch EMF monitoring plan must be designed plus health certificate confirming that site corresponds to requirements must be obtained.

Tower sites – typical procedure for building permit is required so full construction project to be obtain building permit is required. All other requirements are the same as for sites on buildings.

As in 2012 the authorities are considering possibly changes to regulation in this area.

Timescales for Permission

Roof- top sites legal scale is two months. It includes 20 working days or one month for RF part / EMF expertise before site launch. After sites launch EMF monitoring measurements are made; one month timeline for EMF measurements review and agreement is set; 12 working days for health certificate issuing is set.

Tower sites – building permit must be issued in one month after detailed plan is prepared. But no timescale set preparation of legal plan are set.

Typical timescale for roof- top sites – two months.

	Typical timescale for tower sites now is extended to 12 months from six months. It has happened due stricter building permits issuing procedure. In few occasions obtaining of site permits may take up to two to three years.
Appeals process	No appeals for roof-top sites as owners decide what to do with his property. For tower sites reiterations are allowed if permissions are not granted. Also standard three level court procedures involving three levels of courts (parish court, district court, supreme court) apply.
Public Consultation	Roof- top sites – only building owners needs to be consulted and agreed during initial negotiations. Tower sites – mandatory during detailed plan coordination and confirmation with public consultations. Typically consultation involves neighbouring inhabitants but can involve any other persons.
Exemptions & Existing site upgrade	Exemptions for in building sites and repeaters. Formal procedure for upgrades are the same as new site but the task is much easier as initial project and work can be reused in big extent.

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