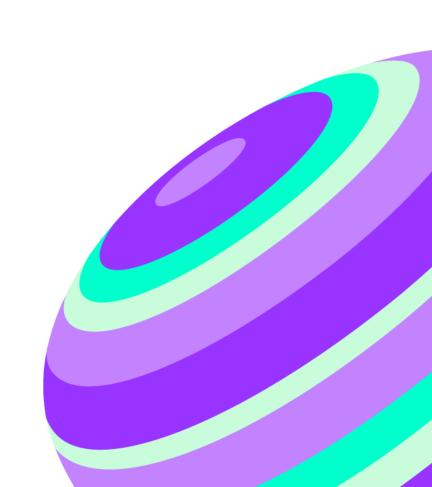


## EMF LIMITS IN LITHUANIA

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## EXISTING EMF LIMITS IN LITHUANIA WERE POSING SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES FOR 5G ROLL-OUT

EMF exposure limits in the country previously only at 1% of the ICNIRP level

Level increased to 10% of the ICNIRP level in 2015

Level was already reached during 4G roll-out for many fully-equipped sites, especially in cities

Complicated and time-consuming EMF evaluation process for each site

The ultimate target was reached in spring 2020. Limits increased from 10% to 100% of ICNIRP

75% of single-operator sites could not have 5G added

90% of three-operator sites could not have 5G added

5G implementation only possible by reducing power 2-3 times

2-3 higher number of base stations would be needed

Increased workload for both authorities and operators

Lower speed, lower coverage, higher cost and higher CO2 emissions





## ENGAGEMENT OF ALL RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS MADE A DIFFERENCE TO BRING LEVELS IN LINE WITH ICNIRP

Political willingness to examine the challenges



Joint responsibility of Health and Communications
Ministries in the process



Input of public health and oncology specialists from universities and leading hospitals



Technical input from radio specialists from regulatory authority and universities



International independent knowledge base by ICNIRP / SCENIHR / IARC



Collective engagement by the industry in the process



