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Rugile is gender equality expert, co-founder & CEO of Ribologija - first organization focusing solely on prevention of all forms of sexual violence in Lithuania. Rugile is a lawyer, who for 10 years provided free legal aid for victims of gender - based violence (mostly domestic violence and human trafficking).

As a gender equality expert working with youth she was awarded National Gender Equality and Diversity award in 2021 for creation of www.9pamoka.lt - portal for youth educators and teachers with information and lesson plans for youngsters to prevent gender-based violence.

Rugile is an author of various training programs for youth on gender equality and gender-based violence, she is a former board member for US - LT alumni organization, former head of National Association Against Human Trafficking in Lithuania.

Rugile has worked with Facebook and ICMEC on implementing Amber Alert Facebook system for missing and exploited children, for more than 7 years worked with Missing Children Families Support Centre with topics of missing children, currently is a dissemination expert for CESAGRAM project analyzing connections between sexual exploitation and missing.

Rugile contributed in creating first ever virtual rape crisis centre in Lithuania that provides emotional support for adult victims of sexual violence and also support for experts working with sexual violence in Lithuania <u>www.prabilk.lt</u>

Rugile is a co - author of fist methodology in Lithuania on gender-based violence in cyberspace and first lithuanian author book on early prevention of sexual violence for children aged 3 - 7 and adults raising or working with them in different educational settings.

Rugile is passionate about facilitating national and international training and moderating events on all topics related to gender equality.

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