

## TRANSLATORS AND INTERPRETERS' EMPLOYABILITY IN LITHUANIA

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### Summary

The article analyzes translators and interpreters' employability in Lithuania, supply and demand of translators' competences, differences of expectations from academic community and employer's perspective. The article researches factors which have the greatest impact on the employability of translators and interpreters. In assessing the level of employability of translators and interpreters in Lithuania a survey of graduates of Vilnius University (programme of Translation Studies) from 2004 to 2015 is carried out and their responses presented. The survey data reveal factors that have significant influence upon the employability of graduates, such as starting an early job career, being very active in the job market research, getting a favourable recommendation from a client, participating in learning and training, learning new aspects of the job, especially IT applications and translation tools. It can be stated that the level of employability of translators and interpreters in Lithuania is high, as 76.2% of the graduates of Vilnius University are employed in the translation industry and responsibilities of translators and interpreters are included in the job descriptions of up to 91.8% of those graduates.