

<b>Subject-matter concerned</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1) non-discrimination on grounds of nationality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2) freedom of movement and residence - linked to which article of the Directive 2004/38: preamble, Art. 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 3) voting rights <input type="checkbox"/> 4) diplomatic protection <input type="checkbox"/> 5) the right to petition
<b>Decision date</b>	15 September 2015
<b>Deciding body (in original language)</b>	Lygių galimybių kontrolieriaus tarnyba
<b>Deciding body (in English)</b>	Office of the Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson
<b>Case number (also European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) where applicable)</b>	(15)SN-184)SP-146
<b>Parties</b>	Applicant: Italian citizen.
<b>Web link to the decision (if available)</b>	Not available
<b>Legal basis in national law of the rights under dispute</b>	Law on the Legal Status of Aliens ( <i>Jstatymas dėl užsieniečių teisinės padėties</i> ), 29 April 2004, No. IX-2206 (with amendments), available in English at (version valid from 1 September 2015): <a href="https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/57df8b40839211e5bca4ce385a9b7048?jfwid=-fxdp8bjh">https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/57df8b40839211e5bca4ce385a9b7048?jfwid=-fxdp8bjh</a> ; latest version available in Lithuanian at: <a href="https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/TAR.42837E5A79DD/ETkplNvJny">https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/TAR.42837E5A79DD/ETkplNvJny</a>
<b>Key facts of the case</b> (max. 500 chars)	Applicant (Italian citizen) received temporary residence permit certificate, issued by the Migration department ( <i>Migracijos departamentas</i> ), he also had a certificate regarding his declared place of residence and Lithuanian identity code. Applicant wanted to get e-signature, which is necessary for the banking operations and other business activities, however, the State Enterprise Centre of Registers ( <i>Viešoji įstaiga Registrų centras</i> ) required temporary residence permit card (certificate was not enough) and Migration Department refused to issue such card. Third country nationals do not have this issue, as they receive cards for the residence permit. Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson addressed this issue to the Minister of Interior ( <i>Vidaus reikalų ministras</i> ) and to the State Enterprise Centre of Registers ( <i>Viešoji įstaiga Registrų centras</i> ).
<b>Main reasoning / argumentation</b> (max. 500 chars)	

<b>Key issues (concepts, interpretations) clarified by the case</b> (max. 500 chars)	According to the Law on the Legal Status of Aliens ( <i>Įstatymas dėl užsieniečių teisinės padėties</i> ): “A citizen of an EU Member State shall be issued a certificate confirming his right to permanently reside in the Republic of Lithuania in the format established by the Minister of the Interior” (Art. 140, para. 3). Ministry of Interior ( <i>Vidaus reikalų ministerija</i> ) informed that orders establishing the format of above mentioned certificate have been changed including data on the document, which has been submitted by the EU citizen to receive a certificate (type and number of document, name of the country, which issued document and date of issue).
<b>Results (e.g. sanctions) and key consequences or implications of the case</b> (max. 500 chars)	Since the orders of the Minister of Interior were changed and the applicant received e-signature, the Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson decided to terminate the investigation.
<b>Key quotations in original language and translated into English with reference details</b> (max. 500 chars)	
<b>Has the deciding body refer to the Charter of Fundamental Rights. If yes, to which specific Article.</b>	No