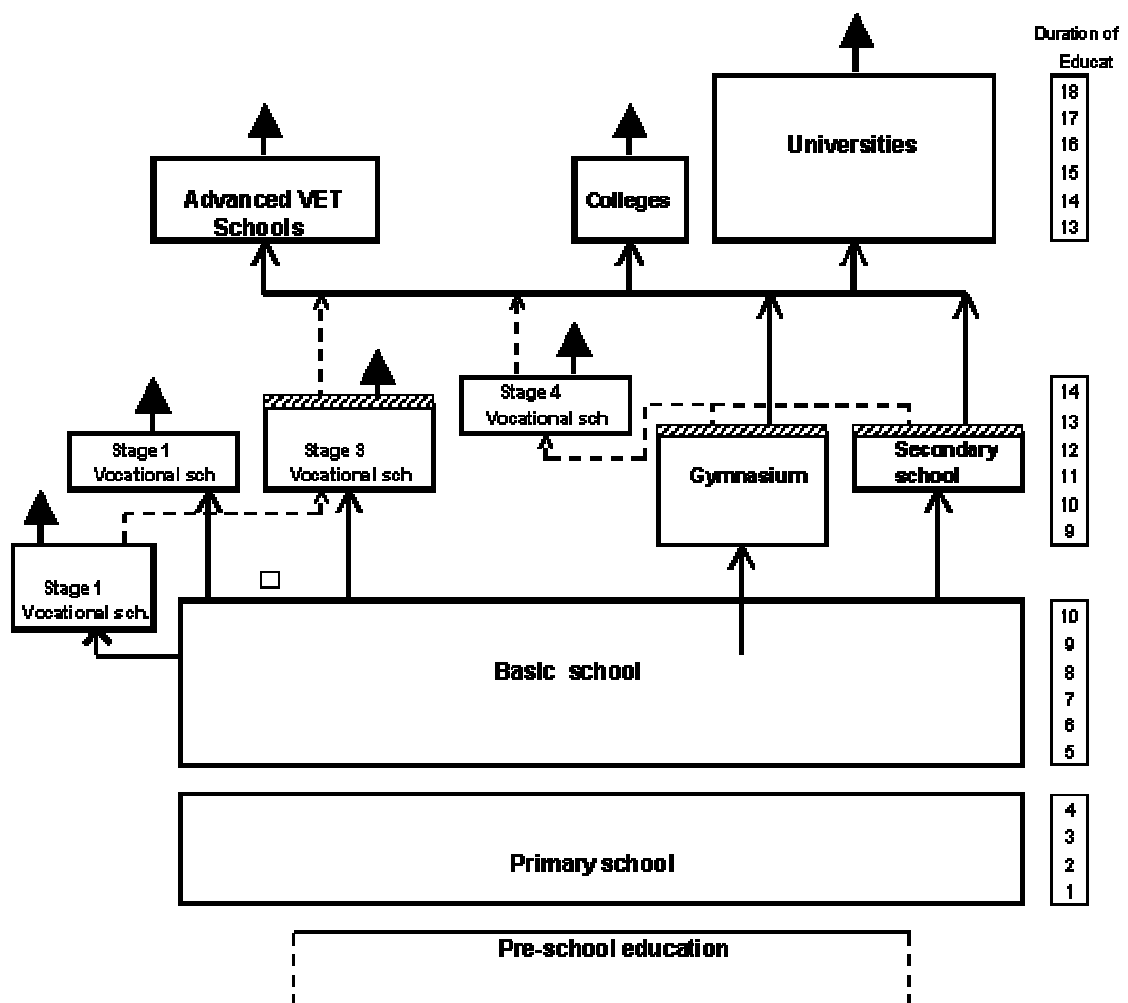


**CRITICAL THINKING AND CAREER EDUCATION:
 SITUATION ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

LITHUANIA

1. Please, introduce in short structure of your education systems (school levels, age groups and etc.)

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN LITHUANIA



2. Is professional career education introduced in your education? If yes, how? In what way? What age groups?

Yes:

- As an optional subject in basic and secondary (gymnasium) schools
- Integrated into compulsory subjects

3. Is critical thinking skills' development introduced in your education? If yes, how? In what way?

Critical thinking skills development is introduced in main educational documents: Concept of Education, General Curriculum, programme of primary education, programme of civic and ethics education. Some textbooks also include topics, tasks, activities, that promote critical thinking skills development.

4. Are critical thinking and career education issues/subjects developed in your institution? How? In what way?

- Modern Didactics Center has developed Critical thinking programme for in-service training and pre-service training, as optional course for pedagogical universities students. Career education programme is also introduced to the university students by partnership with Youth Career and Advising Center.
- Jonas Jablonskis gymnasium introduces Career education as an optional subject in the English language in gymnasium grades 3 and 4.
- Youth Career and Advising center develops training material, teacher training courses and provides training to students and teachers of all educational institutions.

5. Please grade the development of professional career education:

a) in your country?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

b) in your institution?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6. What do you think how we could improve the above stated situation?

- To encourage and influence politicians and educational authorities to put declared statements into practice
- To provide schools with more informational and teaching material
- To develop additional teaching material
- To include critical thinking and career education into the obligatory teaching materials
- To change study programmes in pre-service education

7. What educational materials (programs, textbooks, methodical materials, brochures and etc.) do your schools use to develop critical thinking and career education?

- *D. Shapiro* "Conflict and communication". Vilnius, 1996
- "Professional Career Handbook". Vilnius, 1998
- A Career Development Curriculum for Middle School Students "Exploring Future Options". Kaunas, 1998
- A Career Development Curriculum for High School Students "Focus on the Future". Vilnius, 1998
- Critical Thinking: Theory and Practice. Vilnius, 2001
- "Thinking classroom"/"Peremena"/"Permainos". International journal. Since 2000
- Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking. Guidebooks 1-8, Washington, US