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Giedrius Viliūnas graduated in Lithuanian Philology in Vilnius University (1986). Doctor of Humanities (Vilnius University, 1990).

Dr. Viliūnas is currently Vice-Rector for Studies at Mykolas Romeris University. He also holds the positions of: member of the State Commission of the Lithuanian Language, member of the board of the Institute for Lithuanian Literature and Folklore, member of the board of the Lithuanian Institute of History, member of the Board of Governors of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.

In the years 2009-2010, Dr. Viliūnas headed the Department of Research Policy at the Research Council of Lithuania.

In 2007-2009, he was serving as a secretary at the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania and was responsible for higher education, basic research, research infrastructures and international cooperation in areas of research and higher education. He was involved in restructuring of Lithuanian research and higher education system encompassing the preparation of new Law on research and higher education (adopted in May 2009), development of programme- and competition-based research funding system, creation of the concept of integrated research, higher education and business centres (“valleys”), introduction of support schemes for research and higher education based on European structural funds. He also was taking care of the preparation of a national roadmap for the development of research infrastructures, of the e-infrastructures development programme and of the implementation of Bologna process in national higher education system. At that time he was a member of the Lithuanian Research Council, board member of the Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation, member of the CREST committee.

In the period between 2002 and 2007, Dr. Viliūnas served the Ministry as a public, and later permanent, adviser to the Minister. Between 2003 and 2006 he was leading strategy groups for the development of social sciences and humanities in Lithuania and SSH research infrastructures. From 2001 to 2006 he was a member of the Higher Education Council of Lithuania. He was Vice-President of the Association of Scholars in Lithuanian from 1997 to 2000.

Between 1989 and 2007, Dr. Viliūnas was a lecturer and associate professor at Vilnius University, heading the department of Lithuanian literature from 1996 to 2006. He was a Member of the Senate of the University from 2002 to 2006 and Editor-in-Chief of University research papers *Literatūra* from 2000 to 2004.

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