Out-Of-Court Restructuring Process in Lithuania

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1. Mandatory pre-trial procedure: agreement on assistance (Out-Of-Court Restructuring)

Initiation of insolvency proceedings by head of legal entity

Notification to creditors about the unfulfilled obligations

Request to make an agreement on assistance or agree to initiate the out-of-court bankruptcy process within a term of 15-30 days

Last resort → application to court to open a restructuring or bankruptcy case



Initiation of insolvency proceedings by creditor

Notification to a legal entity about the undisputed, unfulfilled obligation

Request to fill the obligation, make an agreement on assistance or agree to initiate the out-of-court bankruptcy process within a term of 15-30 days

Last resort → application to court to open a restructuring or bankruptcy case



2. Agreement on assistance (to overcome financial difficulties)

Common issues

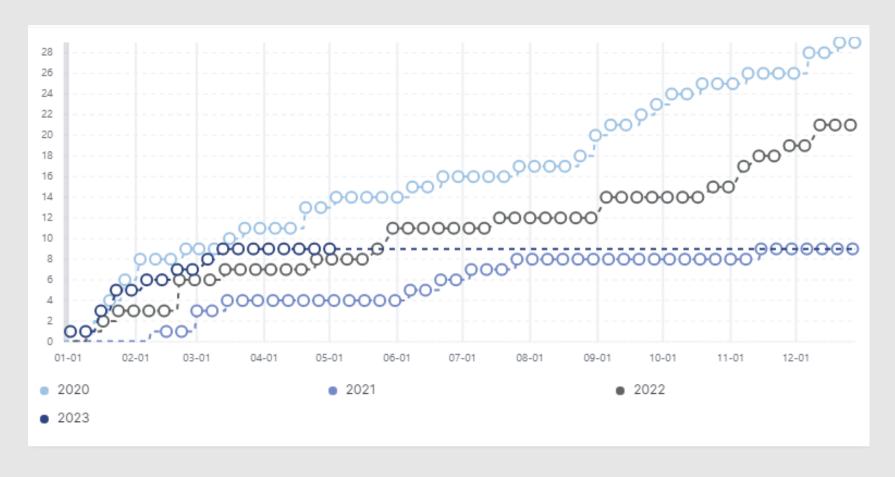
- lack of information;
- lack of trust and cooperation;
- difficulties implementing the pari passu principle;
- lack of instruments to control the implementation of agreement on assistance;
- considered as a formal procedure before applying to court;
- etc.

3. Application and (or) removal of interim measures

A person seeking to enter into agreement on assistance has the right to apply to the court for interim measures to be imposed and/or lifted before the date of conclusion of the agreement. 4. Statistics of Insolvency and Restructuring Cases

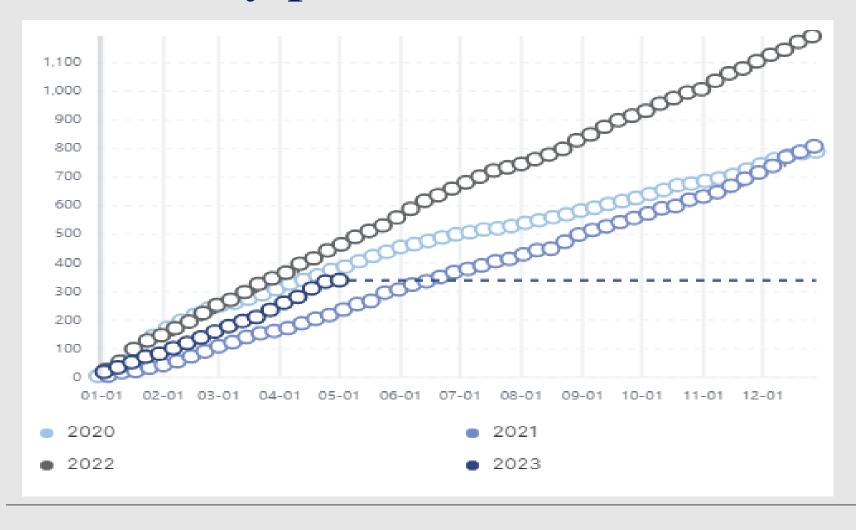


Restructuring procedures initiated in 2020 - 2023



in 2023 \Rightarrow in 2022 \Rightarrow in 2021 \Rightarrow in 2020 \Rightarrow

Insolvency procedures initiated in 2020-2023



in 2023 \rightarrow 340

in 2022 → 1193

in 2021 \rightarrow 808

in 2020 \rightarrow 790

5. Three things to remember

The mandatory pre-trial procedure is a formal requirement which does not guaranty any agreement on assistance to be concluded and rarely does.

Agreement on assistance to overcome financial difficulties should be utilized when it is still a likelihood of insolvency, rather than insolvency.

Failure to agree with creditors makes the out-ofcourt restructuring impossible. However, the restructuring case might be a solution.



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