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Nowadays, human rights, including the rights of national minorities, are the unquestionable foundation of every significant political culture. After World War II, the governance processes in newly established and restored democracies were based on the principles of equality, freedom, tolerance, integration and mutual respect. The human rights protection system, including the rights of the representatives of national minorities, is linked to collective peace, security and prosperity. Protection of persons belonging to national minorities is usually a sensitive area for the states. Although the protection of national minorities began at the time of the League of Nations, after World War II, the international community began to restore the protection of these people primarily on the basis of universal human rights, followed by the adoption of specialized documents to guarantee their rights. This dissertation is a comprehensive review of the legal situation of national minorities in Lithuania in the context of international and supranational standards of their protection. The dissertation also dialectically describes the premises, interests, aspirations and activities of the minority communities and their representatives. It distinguishes between the individual minority national groups by showing how the conditions and status of these groups differ. The purpose of the dissertation is to demonstrate the extent to which international and supranational standards for the protection of national minorities rights are implemented in Lithuania, both in the legal and practical aspects.