



Transparency International Latvia (Delna) and the Procurement Monitoring Bureau of Latvia have jointly developed and published sample procurement document package for municipal and other purchasers of organized procurements. The goals of these sample documents are to simplify public procurement by municipalities and other institutions, as defined by the Law on Public Procurement, and to promote effectiveness and integrity in public procurements.

We have published three different sample regulations that institutions can utilize in organizing public procedures for procuring goods, services, and construction work. The sample documents also contain references about specific sections.

These sample documents can be downloaded from [Delnas homepage](#). These regulations were developed as part of the European Commission's financed project "[Integrity Pacts: Civil Mechanisms to Safeguard EU Funds](#)".

Delna Identifies Problems with Oversight of Covid-19 Centralized Procurement and Summarizes Recommendations

From April 21 to June 15 Delna as an independent monitor oversaw Covid-19 related state centralized procurement and evaluated [10 purchase operations](#). Delna identified a number of problems and difficulties, but from the available information did not ascertain procurement violations that could have a direct negative effect on purchase results. A detailed report and recommendations can be found on the [Delna homepage \(in Latvian\)](#).

Delna carried out the purchase oversight *pro bono*. Delna was able to perform this service thanks to donations from our members and supporters. A sincere thank you to everyone who supported this endeavour!

Please support our efforts! Every donation helps in the fight against corruption in Latvia!

Join Us on August 17 As We Question Rīgas Mayoral Candidates

Questionable public procurement competitions, shady financial deals, and the overabundance of consultants – how do the candidates for Mayor of Rīga plan to reduce corruption and ensure transparency in the city council and city owned companies?

Delna invites you to join us for a discussion with the candidates for Mayor of Rīga titled, “**Rīga’s Council without Corruption**” (in Latvian). The venue will be the “Kulturbārs Balodis”, located at *Baložu iela 16a*. The doors open at 17:00 and the program will begin at 17:30 and conclude at 19:00. Entry is free, but seating is limited. Advanced **registration is required**. You can sign up for Facebook **event here**.

Financial support for this event is provided by the Social Integration Foundation with funding provided by the Ministry of Culture with state budget resources.

Latvian School Students to Participate in a Participatory Budgeting Education Program Supported by the Embassy of Germany

By the end of 2020 students from six schools across Latvia will be participating in a program to encourage greater involvement in school life. The students will be invited to propose ideas that can be achieved with the available budget. The ideas will be discussed and voted on, and the best idea in each school will be carried out by the end of the year. Students will be able to participate in the decision making and learn about following up on proposals until they are adopted, fulfilled and paid for. **This project** is financed by the Foreign Ministry of Germany.

Delna Continues Work with the Latvian Association of the Deaf

On July 21 Delna met with Ivars Kalniņš, representative of the Latvian Association of the Deaf. Kalniņš explained that it is difficult for deaf people to

find easy to understand information and advice on how to protect their rights and avoid discrimination. Delna agreed to work on a number of issues, including helping the deaf understand whistleblowing and how to report potential violations.



From left: Zane Zvirgzdiņa (Delna), Inese Tauriņa (Delna), Ivars Kalniņš (Latvian Association of the Deaf).

Transparency International (TI) Approves the Accreditation of Delna as an Official Chapter of TI in Latvia for Another Three Years

On July 20 the TI Board concluded that Delna complies with TI national chapter criteria and approved the extension Delna's accreditation for another three years. Delna was founded in 1998 as TI chapter in Latvia. All TI national chapters go through a review every three years.

If you want to help reduce corruption in Latvia, become a member of Delna. As a member you will join **90 others** in Latvia and become a part of the

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Picture: Sergejus Muravjovas, CEO of Transparency International Lithuania chapter.

Sergejus Muravjovas – “We have to protect whistleblowers.”

“I propose not to think about whistleblowers through a definition that one can easily find in legislation. I think whistleblowers are unlike most people. They are brave, often have a very high regard for the truth and are unique in many ways. They are prepared to go through many hardships and a lot of uncomfortable moments to get their message across; it might be a mistake to assume that everybody can do that.”

The next Alliance Against Corruption whistleblower conference in Latvia will take place this autumn. You can read the full conversation with Sergejus Moravjovas, CEO of the TI Lithuania Chapter [here](#).

“Whistleblowing: The Next Level”

This autumn, on November 5 and 6, Delna, together with the State Chancellery and the Latvian School of Public Administration, is organizing a conference on whistleblowing. The conference originally had been planned for March, but had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 outbreak. More information can be found on the [Delna website](#) (in Latvian).

Handbook for Whistleblowers Coming Soon!

The law on protection of whistleblowers in Latvia has been in force for more than a year (from 01.05.2019). An internal reporting channel must be in place and operational in each state and municipal institution, as well as in private companies with more than 50 employees. But do employees know what to expect if they report a possible wrongdoing? We plan to develop a handbook for whistleblowers in the autumn, which will help to prepare for whistleblowing, answering unclear questions. The necessary funds are currently being raised.

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