



On August 17 Delna organized a discussion “The Rīga City Council Without Corruption” where council candidates promised to reduce corruption, improve governance over state-owned enterprises, and promote the engagement of citizenry in decision making. So, what promises did newly elected Rīga council members Mārtiņš Staķis, Einārs Cilinskis, Linda Ozola, Ints Ķuzis un Mirosļavs Mitrofanovs make on these issues? Listen in on the following Delna podcasts (in Latvian):

[#1 Audits of State-Owned Enterprises](#)

[#2 Citizen Engagement](#)

[#3 Anti-Corruption.](#)

Before the Rīga city council elections Delna director Liene Gātere participated in the *Eiropas Hitu Radio* (European Hit Radio) podcast *Nākotnes forma* (Future Form) where she discussed the elections, and corruption’s long-term impact on state and local government development. [Listen here \(in Latvian\).](#)

Inese Tauriņa Discusses Transparency in Local Government

Delna vice-director Inese Tauriņa participated in the 6TH annual LAMPA Conversation Festival which was organized in the town of Cēsis by the thinktank PROVIDUS. Ms. Tauriņa took part in the talks about “Where Do Your Taxes Go?”, where openness in municipal budgets was discussed.



From the left: Jānis Rozenbergs, Cēsis regional council chairman; Inese Tauriņa, Delna vice director; Edgars Korčagins, council member of the State Audit Office of the Republic of Latvia; Līga Stafecka, Providus lead researcher. Photograph by Providus.

Delna Completes its Work in the State Police Chairman Search Commission

As an observer with advisory functions, Delna participated *pro bono* in the State Police Chairman search commission in July and August 2020. Our reports and observations will be published after the announcement of the new State Police chairman. In the meantime, please read [Delna's report on overseeing the work of the nomination commission for the Latvenergo](#) (Joint Stock Company) council (in Latvian). The new Latvenergo council was appointed on June 10, 2020.

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Delna's work with the Youth Guard Centre

On August 26 Delna organized a three-hour seminar for cadet instructors. The seminar focused on ethics issues and preventing corruption.



From the left: Liene Gātere (Delna director) and Ilze Leimane (Youth Guard and Information Centre Planning Division Director)

Basic Aims of Whistleblowing Legislation Achieved in the First Year of Operation

On August 5 "LVportāls" [interviewed](#) Delna director Liene Gātere during which she discussed the efforts of the Delna Whistleblowing Center, evaluated the implementation of the law, issues that still need to be resolved as well as benefits society and businesses have gained from the law. Gātere stated, "Educational activities about whistleblowing tools are not enough. We must continue to substantially strengthen the institutions that combat corruption."

In Solidarity with the People of Belarus

On August 17, Delna together with Transparency International chapters in Europe and Central Asia, published [a joint statement](#) declaring their solidarity with the people of Belarus who demand an end to the country's authoritarian regime. Delna joins the call for an end to violence in Belarus and supports the right of Belarusians to a peaceful transition to democracy.

The Delna Project "Transparency Watchdogs: The Road to Accountable Decisions in National and Local Governments" Has Been Approved

With the support of The Active Citizens Fund, Delna will implement various activities across Latvia through 2023. The aims of the project are to raise public awareness of how corruption and a lack of transparency hinder democratic development and to encourage the public to demand transparency and accountability from decision makers.

Join Our Team - Delna Is Looking for Highly Motivated Colleagues

Delna currently has two openings: we are searching for a legal consultant and an advocacy and project leader. The job description can be viewed on [Delna's home page](#) (under the rubric "Jaunumi"). Come join us or let a potential candidate know about these opportunities!

If you would like to participate in the work Delna does and help reduce corruption in Latvia, please become a member. As a Delna member you will join [90 others](#) in Latvia and become part of [Transparency International's](#) global anti-corruption network with chapters in more than 100 countries.

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