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Integrity Pacts for Safeguarding EU Funds in Latvia and Europe: Lessons Learned and Challenges for the Future

28 February 2020



Cohesion Policies after 2020

Delna is hosting the conference “Integrity Pact—Public Involvement in EU Fund Oversight: Conclusions and Challenges” on February 28 from 9:30–16:00.

The conference will evaluate the results of the introduction of the “Integrity Pact” in 11 EU member states and generate ideas for involving civic and non-governmental organizations in implementing EU cohesion policies in Latvia after 2020. Topics of discussion will include utilizing integrity pacts, civic participation in budget decision making, open data tools, etc.

Experts from Latvia’s public and NGO sectors will participate, as well as representatives from the European Commission, Transparency International and COST.

We will stream the presentations and discussions live in English and Latvian from the conference venue. Please watch the live stream on www.delna.lv or on [Facebook](#).

NEWS

Delna Presents its Report to Latvia's MPs and Foreign Embassies on the 2019 Corruption Perceptions Index

An analysis of the Index and recommendations were presented to MPs of the Saeima Defense, Interior, and Anti-Corruption Committee and the MPs of the Strategic Communication sub-committee. In February the results of the Index were discussed with Sweden's ambassador to Latvia Annika Jagander and with Andrew G. Bury, Political/Economic Deputy Chief of the Embassy of the United States of America.

Delna Director Liene Gātere Meets with University of Latvia Law Students

Director Liene Gātere was invited by Fulbright Scholar Shawn Sullivan to give a lecture on the fight against corruption. The students learned about Delna, its work, and its efforts in uncovering corruption. The lecture took place on February 19.

Thematic Expert Groups for Delna Members

In January a group of Delna members learned firsthand about the adoption of comprehensive regulations on lobbying transparency. If you wish to participate in such thematic groups, please become a member of Delna. By joining our current 96 members, you will become part of the Transparency International global anti-corruption network with branches in more than 100 countries. But, more importantly, you will help reduce corruption in Latvia!

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Delna Initiative Makes it the Second Round of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Competition

Delna together with Transparency International Estonia, the Ministry of Justice of Estonia, and the organization Open Knowledge Estonia and the Data School (Latvia) submitted [the Open Data initiative to the IMF anti-corruption competition](#). Our initiative made it through the first round and, of the 120 ideas submitted, made it to the final 23. The goal of the initiative is to create an open data tool that can identify potential conflicts of interest in public procurements in Latvia and Estonia. The top three submittals will receive funding for their project.

THE ALLIANCE AGAINST CORRUPTION IN LATVIA

A Training Program for Employees on Implementing a Whistleblowing System in a Company with 151 Employees was Completed in February

The months long training program with the company included:

- Instructions on internal whistleblowing and developing necessary forms;
- Recommendations for improving current internal documents;
- Developing a handbook for employees;
- Recommendations on internal communication for maintaining the system;
- Training on investigating whistleblowing reports;
- Training employees about the whistleblowing system, about whistleblower protection, ways of reporting incidents and the proper channels, as well as ways of receiving support.

2ND CONFERENCE: THE WHISTLEBLOWING LAW – BURDEN OR OPPORTUNITY?

March 26, 2020, 9:30-16:30
Rīga Graduate School of Law,
Street Strēlnieku 4a, Rīga



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The Second Conference on Whistleblowing Organized by the Alliance Against Corruption in Latvia to take place on March 26

With the Whistleblowing law in effect for nearly a year, it is an ideal time to examine the successes and challenges, as well as the next steps to expand into businesses and public agencies the opportunities presented in the law. Local and international experts will talk about:

- First impressions since the mechanisms were implemented and became operational;
- Possible changes to the law;

- Benefits to businesses and government agencies, if they have successful whistleblowing systems;

- Whistleblowers experiences and we can help them.

In the afternoon there will be parallel sessions where participants will be able to talk with experts about the topics covered in the conference.

[More detailed information ->](#)

PARTICIPATION FEE is 35- Euros



DONATE

Thank you to those who donated 14,094 Euros to Delna in 2019!

Together we have achieved 70% of our goal to reach 20,000 Euros by the end of 2019. We are continuing our fundraising in order to strengthen Delna's ability to perform "pro bono" work – to oversee the appointments of officials and to be able to respond to events occurring in Latvia's political and economic arenas.

To support our work, we ask that you set up a regular monthly donation to Delna via

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