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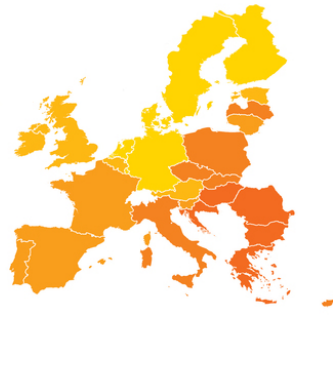
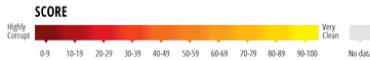
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CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2019

EUROPEAN UNION

64/100

AVERAGE SCORE



SCORE	COUNTRY/TERRITORY	RANK	SCORE	COUNTRY/TERRITORY	RANK
87	Denmark	1	60	Lithuania	35
86	Finland	3	58	Slovenia	35
85	Sweden	4	58	Cyprus	41
82	Netherlands	8	56	Poland	41
80	Germany	9	56	Czech Republic	44
80	Luxembourg	9	54	Latvia	44
77	Austria	12	53	Malta	50
77	United Kingdom	12	50	Italy	51
75	Belgium	17	48	Slovakia	59
74	Estonia	18	47	Greece	60
74	Ireland	18	47	Croatia	63
69	France	23	44	Hungary	70
62	Portugal	30	43	Romania	70
62	Spain	30	43	Bulgaria	74

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Latvia's rating drop in the 2019 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) is an indication of serious political corruption risks

Latvia received 56 points out of 100 in the latest CPI and is ranked 44th out of 180 countries. In 2018 Latvia garnered 58 points.

The CPI results show that efforts to reduce corruption have stagnated – over the past five years Latvia has gained only one point in the index. Data analyzed for the index show that the assessment of Latvia's fight against political corruption, including dealing with conflict of interest issues and special interests influencing the government, has declined.

Latvia's CPI results fell relative to the other Baltic nations. Lithuania (60 pts) and Estonia (74) both improved their assessments by one point.

CPI Results in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, 2014-2019

Rank	Country	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Change
18	Estonia	74	73	71	70	70	69	+5
35	Lithuania	60	59	59	59	59	58	+2
44	Latvia	56	58	58	57	56	55	+1

Corruption Perception Index in 4 minutes

Anti-corruption expert Valts Kalniņš comments on the 2019 CPI results in Transparency International Latvia's (Delna) [podcast "Transparent Latvia"](#) episode 1.



NEWS

Delna's impact in 2019

Delna gained 17 new members in 2019, advised and supported 44 potential whistleblowers, advocated anti-corruption innovations, and continued to safeguard public interest. Learn more about Delna's top 7 significant accomplishments [here](#).

Delna director Liene Gātere participated in the State Chancellery discussions about ethical and integrity risks posed to government officials

Political and public officials together with experts met on January 17 to discuss the GRECO (Group of States Against Corruption) recommendations for Latvia on questions regarding integrity and ethical standards for political officials and issues related to improving mutual cooperation.

Delna supports the effective utilization of budget resources granted to the NGO Fund

Delna, along with other non-governmental organizations, sent a letter to the "Society Integration Fund" (SIF) Council and to the Prime Minister requesting that the NGO Fund's grant regulations include as a priority the development of civic dialogue. On January 16 the SIF Council announced a call for projects related to the NGO Fund

2020 program. The proposed program will support projects that aim, inter alia, to increase participation in the decision-making process.

Saeima begins work on developing “lobbying transparency” rules

One of Delna’s priorities for 2020 is lending support to those decision makers developing all encompassing “lobbying transparency” regulations. On January 15 Delna lawyer Zane Zvirgzdiņa participated in the Saeima (parliament) work group developing these regulations.

THE ALLIANCE AGAINST CORRUPTION IN LATVIA

Second conference on whistleblowing planned

Planning for a second Alliance against Corruption in Latvia conference on the Whistleblowing Law is underway. The law has been in effect for almost a year and it is time to review the first impressions from the state and private sectors as well as to discuss what businesses and public agencies have gained from their internal whistleblower systems. The practical portion of the conference will look at how whistleblowing reports are investigated, communication with whistleblowers, and how to promote internal whistleblowing.

The conference is planned for March 26 and is sponsored in part by the Kingdom of the Netherlands embassy in Latvia.

COMING SOON

This February Delna will host a number of regional seminars and a conference on public procurement monitoring

At the regional seminars Delna will explain the requisites for public involvement in monitoring EU funded procurements. The conference will feature experts from Europe and Latvia discussing opportunities and challenges in involving the public in government procurement monitoring. Detailed information about the conference will be available on the Delna homepage in February.



Delna's experts heading to Berlin and Brussels to learn more about public procurement monitoring

Berlin is hosting a meeting of Transparency International chapters as part of the "Integrity Pact – Safeguarding EU Funds" project at the end of January. Brussels will be the venue for the European Commission's conference on ["Engaging Citizens for Good Governance in Cohesion Policy"](#) on February 6.

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