



Discussion on Trust to Public Institutions

Transparency International Latvia (TI Latvia / Delna) and the US Embassy in Latvia organized international online expert forum and roundtable discussion: "How to Promote Trust in Public Institutions in Latvia". This event was the third expert forum and roundtable in a series of four events dedicated to the recommendations of the Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and to Latvia's progress in preventing corruption and promoting transparency.

The aim of this event is to raise awareness and understanding of society's trust in public institutions, the factors that influence this trust and ways to increase it. The lack of trust, especially in government institutions, makes finding and implementing solutions to our communities' greatest challenges – like national security, economic growth, and COVID-19 responses— even harder.

Video recordings of discussions are available [here](#) ->



Delna Publishes a Study on Money Laundering in the Baltic States

Delna has published its latest study on money laundering in the Baltic States, identifying the main features of complex money laundering schemes conducted through Latvian and other Baltic banks. In the study, we assess the efforts of these governments to prevent the recurrence of similar schemes in the future.

Based on the study, Delna makes recommendations to the Latvian government, pointing to the need to support current EU efforts to establish a supranational monitoring and reporting mechanism for cross-border transactions, as well as indicating a number of other practical measures. You can get acquainted with the research on [Delna's website ->](#)

Our researcher Antonio Greco has prepared an article specifically for the LVportal about the findings of the study, looking at the consequences of the "cleaning" of the Latvian banking sector and the new risks of money laundering in Latvia. The article is available on the LVportals.lv (in Latvian) [here->](#)



Global Anti-Corruption Barometer 2020: the Government's Fight Against Corruption is Inadequate

This year, the international anti-corruption organization Transparency International (TI) published the results of the Global Corruption Barometer (GCP), revealing the perception of corruption in the European Union (EU), also in Latvia. Although the situation has improved over previous years, the people of the EU and Latvia still have gloomy views. The COVID-19 emergency has also had a negative effect on their perceptions.

To explain the implications of the results of the GCP 2020 as well as perceptions of public corruption in Latvia, Delna:

- Published an analysis of Latvia's results and recommendations to policy makers and decision makers. See the analysis [here->](#)
- Organized a public discussion "Is there corruption in Latvia? The opinion of the population" at the conversation festival "LAMP" on August 21. A summary of the discussion is available in Latvian on www.delna.lv ->



Delna Congratulates Members and Supporters on the 23rd Anniversary of the Organisation

Delna celebrates its 23rd anniversary on August 27 and congratulates Delna's council, members and supporters on this significant achievement in the organization's existence. In these years, we have done a lot to create a more open and corruption-free Latvia. We have pointed out the need to live more transparently and responsibly towards Latvian society.

May there be enduring energy, continuing what we have started and launching new initiatives for a modern, open and responsible society!

DELNA'S INITIATIVES AND DISCUSSIONS



We Invite You to Support Delna's Initiatives on the Portal manabalss.lv

Delna has had a successful experience on the Manabalss.lv platform collecting more than 10,000 signatures for several initiatives. We invite you to get acquainted with four Delna's initiatives (in Latvian) and to evaluate the arguments provided:

- [For open disclosure of salaries in public administration](#)
- [On the publication of lists of restricted access documents](#)
- [Initiative on publicly available audio recordings of Saeima committees](#)
- [Initiative on public audit of the Saeima budget](#)

We invite you to support our initiatives! By supporting Delna's initiatives, everyone has the opportunity to promote openness over the work of public administration and the Saeima.

Read more about the initiatives on [Delna's website](#) -> (In Latvian)



Training: "Opposite of Patriotism"

In August, Delna participated in the training of national defence training instructors. Delna director Inese Tauriņa led classes for about 130 instructors on corruption, its negative consequences, recognition, etc.

National defence training is included in the national secondary education standards as a compulsory subject starting from 2024. As of September 2020, with the introduction of a competency-based curriculum, approximately 1900 secondary school students are taking a specialised course in national defence training in the field of health, safety and physical activity.

Delna Discussions at the Conversation Festival "LAMPA"

On August 20 and 21, 2021, Delna invited everyone to Latvian town Cēsis, where the conversation festival "LAMPA" took place. On the Delna's stage "Kā uz Delnas" we talked for two days on the topics of transparency, public participation and anti-corruption in total we organized 7 discussions:

- How I can participate in the decision-making in my school and municipality?
- What has the 13th Saeima (Latvian Parliament) done to reduce corruption? What are the next steps?
- Is my municipality transparent?
- Why a company should be transparent?
- Why to blow a whistle in the workplace?
- Cryptocurrencies and money laundering. How to prevent these crimes?
- Is there corruption in Latvia? Opinion of the population.

We will send links to the recordings of the discussions in the next newsletter.

**Please Support Our Efforts! Every Donations Helps
in the Fight Against Corruption in Latvia!**

DELNA'S COMENTARIES IN MEDIA

Delna's Researcher: The Covid-19 Pandemic has Revealed Long-term Vulnerabilities in Latvian Democracy

In July, Delna published a report on the impact of the measures taken during the Covid-19 pandemic on the level of openness in Latvia. The report was based on Covid-19 crisis trends identified by TI and on focus group discussions.

According to Delna researcher Olafs Grigus, the report finds a concentration of power at the government level, with the Saeima relinquishing its functions in favour of faster decision-making. It has been concluded that the Saeima generally does not monitor what the government's propositions during the crisis.

We invite you to listen to the interview of Delna researcher on Latvian Radio 1 [here->](#) (in Latvian)

SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST
CORRUPTION!

If you would like to participate in the work of Delna to reduce corruption in Latvia, please become a member. As a Delna member you will join [80 others in Latvia](#) and become part of [Transparency International's](#) global anticorruption network with chapters in more than 100 countries.



**Kopā pret
korupciju!**

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