



## Summary of the Public Discussion “Law and System of Justice: a Tool to Fight Corruption”

Transparency International Latvia (Delna) and the United States Embassy in Latvia organized an online expert forum and public discussion titled “Law and system of justice: a tool to fight corruption”. The goal of the event was to raise awareness and understanding of the rule of law in Latvia, the ability of the responsible authorities to anticipate and prevent risks that may, knowingly or unknowingly, result in violations and criminal offences, as well as to detect and prosecute them according to the rules of law.

This was the last in a series of four events that was devoted to improving Latvia’s handling of corruption prevention and promoting transparency according to international recommendations.

The event was financed by the United States Embassy in Latvia and the Transparency Fund.

The event can be viewed here on the [Delna homepage](#) ->

A summary of the event can be found [here](#) ->



## Delna and Representatives of the State Prosecutor’s Office Discuss Preparing the Code of Ethics

Delna is actively working with the State Prosecutor’s Office in developing the code of ethics. On September 21, 2021 representatives of Delna and the

State Prosecutor's Office met with foreign experts to discuss their recommendations and steps to implement the code of ethics.

More information available [here->](#) (in Latvian)

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## **Delna's Strategic Anti-Corruption Seminar— Accomplishments and Involving the Public in Fighting Corruption**

On October 8, 2021 Delna organized a seminar to discuss Delna's and the Corruption Prevention and Combatting Agency's (KNAB) strategic directions in the fight against corruption and involving citizens in the struggle.

During the seminar we examined the strategic directions of Delna as well as the KNAB Anti-Corruption Plan's Project (2021-2024) and the involvement of society in further anti-corruption initiatives. At the end of the seminar, we took a look at ways persons who have observed a possible unlawful act can blow the whistle and report a potential violation.

Participants of the seminar concluded that Latvia has a well-developed and understandable Whistleblower's Law, although reporting violations may be unclear as it is classified as a citizen's submittal. Because of this Delna invites anyone who has wished to whistleblow or become confused in the labyrinth of reporting rules to tell us about their experience by sending an e-mail to [konsultacijas@delna.lv](mailto:konsultacijas@delna.lv) by December 31, 2021 (submittals will be compiled and used to prepare recommendations, the received information will not be published).

The seminar's summary can be found on [Delna's homepage->](#) (in Latvian)

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## Delna's Director: Corruption is Often Associated with Ethical Dilemmas

On October 5, 2021 Delna director Inese Tauriņa was interviewed on the Latvia Radio 1 program "Monopoly" and talked about the organization's projects related to corruption, whistleblowing, etc.

The complete "Monopoly" broadcast can be accessed [here->](#) (in Latvian)



## The New Whistleblowing Law

In order to conform to the EU whistleblower directive, a new Whistleblowing Law will go into effect in December 2021, supplementing and enhancing the existing whistleblowing regulations. While the existing law is considered to be very good, some improvements have been made, including expanding protections for whistleblowers, increasing the circumstances under which reports can be made, and enacting legal actions that can be taken against those hindering whistleblowing.

Commenting on the new legislation, Delna director Inese Tauriņa pointed out that the law contains a number of improvements and addresses many shortcomings, thus making it more comprehensive. She particularly emphasized the important measures added to protect the identity of whistleblowers.

More Delna comments along with those of think tank researcher Valts Kalniņš can be found [here->](#) (in Latvian)



## Lobbying Transparency in EU Politics—The National Level

For years Delna has supported the introduction of lobbying regulation in Latvia through research and public discussions with lawmakers. In order to adopt effective lobbying regulation, it is essential to examine similar legislation in other nations and organizations.

In the article in “Jurista vārds” (a legal publication, [juristavards.lv](http://juristavards.lv)) Delna researcher Olafs Grigus describes how lobbying is regulated at the EU level, explaining how EU policy making is overseen by the executive branch and examining the potential role of national legislators in applying oversight and implementing EU laws. O. Grigus drew attention to a number of issues that have to be taken into consideration in drafting lobbying regulation in Latvia and underlined the importance for Latvia’s Parliament to take into account the EU policy making features.

More can be found here at [juristavards.lv](http://juristavards.lv) or on [Delna homepage->](#) (in Latvian)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## Developing Latvia's 2022 National Budget

Latvia's Radio in cooperation with the program "Krustpunktā" (In the Crosshairs) has been informing the public about next year's national budget and the needs of various government branches.

To learn about ministerial priorities for 2022, their stated goals, and planned expenditures, please click on the links below (in Latvian):

- [The Ministry of Transportation](#)
- [The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development](#)
- [The Ministry of Culture](#)
- [The Ministry of Education and Science](#)
- [The Ministry of the Interior](#)
- [The Ministry of Agriculture](#)
- [The Ministry of Welfare](#)

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