

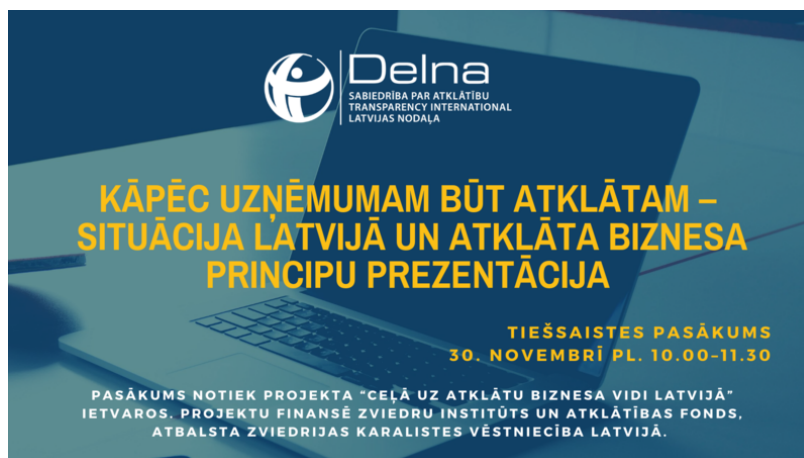


## Delna Presents “Transparency Index of Local Authorities” and Invites Municipalities to be More Transparent

Delna has published “Transparency Index of Local Authorities”, the results of a study carried out by Transparency International (TI) Norway and TI Latvia (Delna). TI Norway analyzed the websites of ten local governments while Delna did the same for 41, evaluating the level of transparency in municipal information.

The study presentation took place on November 30, 2021. In opening remarks, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to Latvia, Kristian Ødegaard, underscored the importance of cooperation between Norway and Latvia in curbing corruption and promoting transparency.

For more information, please visit the [Delna website ->](#)



## Delna Publishes Study on Transparency in Corporations, Invites Businesses to Join the “Zero Tolerance Against Corruption” Initiative

On November 30, 2021 Delna presented its study on “The Publication of Anti-Corruption Data in Businesses in Latvia in 2021” which evaluated how

companies have implemented anti-corruption programs. At the event Delna introduced its “Corporate Transparency Guidelines” which can be utilized by every type of business entity to evaluate their current level of information transparency or to begin considering the necessity of developing an internal anti-corruption system.

**Join the “Zero Tolerance Against Corruption” Initiative.** Delna and Corporate Social Responsibility Latvia (CSR Latvia) invite companies to confirm their willingness to implement and promote the principles of transparency as well as to put into practice anti-corruption policies and procedures and publicize them internally and externally. For further information, click [here ->](#) (in Latvian)

Additional information regarding the study and guidelines can be found on the [Delna website ->](#) (in Latvian)

To find out more about the “Zero Tolerance of Corruption” initiative please follow this [link ->](#). (in Latvian)



## “Anti-Corruption Data Hackathon” a Success

For 30 hours over two days on November 12 and 13, 2021, nine teams with the help of mentors and experts discussed their ideas, analyzed data, and developed analytical and technological tool prototypes that could help identify corruption risks in a variety of areas. An expert jury evaluated participants achievements and awarded prizes to the top four teams, with the best teams receiving special awards from KNAB (Corruption Prevention and Combatting Bureau) and the Embassy of the Netherlands in Latvia.

Delna organized the event because the crucial need to identify risk of corruption and timely uncover risk tendencies is the key to a transparent and corruption free environment.

Read more about the hackathon on the [Delna website->](#) (in Latvian)



## **Webinar “How Can We Reduce Corruption?” - video**

Delna invited representatives of NGOs to participate in a series of webinars about promoting transparency and preventing corruption. The webinars focused on the importance of corruption studies, how to utilize the “Deputati uz Delnas” anti-corruption tool, and what is whistleblowing and how proposed new legislation will better foster whistleblowing. The webinars took place during the last week of October.

To view the webinars, follow the link to the [Delna website->](#) (in Latvian)



## **Delna Observing the Selection of Candidates for Councils for State Institutions of Higher Education**

Since the Autumn of 2021 Delna has participated in committee meetings selecting candidates for councils for state institutions of higher education. Delna is a non-voting observer on 12 committees.

Our organization's presence ensures that candidates are objectively evaluated and that the selections are objective, transparent, and fair.

More about this on [Delna's website->](#) (in Latvian)

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## **Transparency in Political Party Membership**

On October 1, 2021 Delna hosted a discussion on how to promote greater transparency in the activities of political parties, focusing in particular on ensuring more transparency with regard to party membership.

Participants concluded that regardless of how much information will be available in the future, it is important to think about the development of a unified political party membership data base. After listening to the participants' discussions, Delna's view is that it is imperative to improve public access to data about the activities of political parties, thus making their work clearer and more understandable.

For a complete summary of the discussion and Delna's recommendations for promoting transparency, please follow the link to our [website->](#) (in Latvian)

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## **Delna: The Law Must be Followed While Developing the State Budget**

Delna has been drawing attention to politicians ignoring numerous laws while preparing the 2022 national budget. In addition, statements from the Ministry of Finance (MF) claiming that a shortage of financial resources justifies ignoring laws, are troubling and cause for concern. Delna has also pointed out contradictory statements from the Minister of Finance regarding parliamentary budget quotas.

Delna's comments on the preparing of the 2022 state budget can be found [here->](#) (in Latvian)

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### Application to the “Delna Youth” Course

Delna invites young people from the ages of 16 to 20 to sign-up for the on-line course “Delna Youth” which will encompass five sessions in February/March 2022. Topics to be covered include what is democracy and justice, how to promote them, and what effect does corruption have on young people.

The goals of these courses are to educate young people about the principles of democracy and fairness, promote their social activism and educate them in recognizing corruption and reacting accordingly. Applications to the course must be submitted by December 31.

The application form and more information about the course can be accessed on [Delna's website](#) -> (in Latvian)



### Delna's Proposals for Strengthening the

## Proposed Whistleblowing Law

Latvia's Parliament is moving forward with preparing a new whistleblowing law and Delna has been closely following the legislative procedures. On November 25, 2021 Delna submitted a number of proposals to the parliament's administration commission.

Delna has recommended, inter alia, that the new legislation improve procedures for submitting a report and grant compensation for whistleblowers who deliver worthwhile information.

For more on Delna's recommendations see the Delna website [here->](#) (in Latvian)

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## The Risk of Corruption is Low in Latvia's Defense Structures

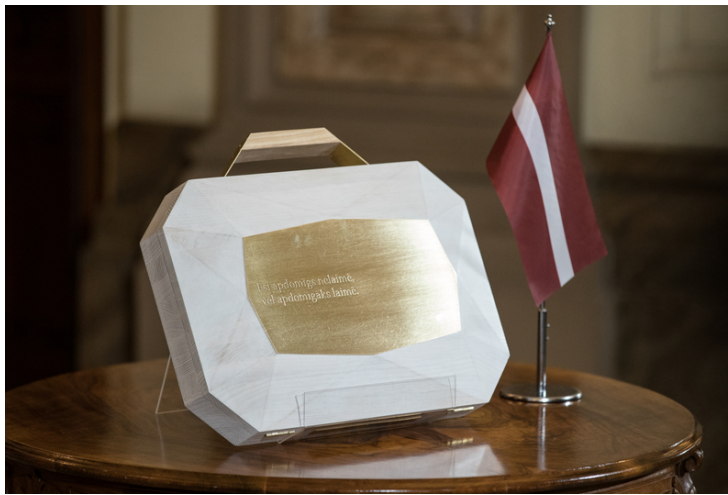
A study undertaken by Transparency International (TI) found the corruption risk level in Latvia's defense institutions to be low. On a scale of 0 to 100 Latvia achieved a score of 67, which is relatively low and places the country among nations such as Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Belgium.

The index evaluated five risk categories: political risk, financial risk, personnel management, military operation command, and procurement oversight. Latvia achieved the highest scores in the financial risk, political risk, and procurement oversight categories.

More about the TI study [here->](#) (in Latvian)

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**DELNA'S COMMENTARIES IN THE MEDIA**



## The 2022 State Budget: How to Divide Up the Money?

On November 9 Delna researcher Olafs Grigus together with parliamentarians participated in the Latvia Radio program “Krustpunktā” broadcast discussing 2022 state budget priorities.

Commenting on the 2022 budget, O. Grigus pointed out that it is difficult to ascertain if the budget will reflect the priorities established by politicians because ministries have received less than half of their requested resources. He also reminded listeners that the Cabinet of Ministers has not been preparing the budget as prescribed in Latvia's law.

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

## Delna Researcher: Parliamentarian “Budget Quotas” Help Raise Political Party Popularity

The practice of politicians earmarking funds for pet projects without going through budgetary procedures, also known as setting “parliamentarian budget quotas”, has returned. On November 2, 2021, the Latvian parliament approved proposals from 40 ruling coalition MPs for the 2022 national budget amounting to 2 million euros.

Commenting on these “budget quotas” Delna researcher O. Grigus pointed out that they primarily help to raise the popularity of the coalition parties and their MPs, without actually serving society's interests. Also, these earmarks are introduced after the budget has been submitted to parliament and results in them being evaluated in a rushed, haphazard manner.

O. Grigus' complete commentary can be found on LV Portāls [here->](#) (in Latvian)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION





## Awareness raising Campaign “The Corruption Iceberg”

Latvia's Corruption Prevention and Combatting Bureau (KNAB) with a grant from the European Economic Area has undertaken a social campaign to promote society's understanding about the negative impact of corruption and reduce people's tolerance of corruption.

More about the campaign can be found on the [KNAB website ->](#) and the [KNAB Facebook page->](#) (both in Latvian).



## Discussion: What's in the Belly of the Municipality?

On November 2, 2021, the civic organization “Manabalss” (My Voice) organized a discussion on open data titled “What's in the Belly of the Municipality”? Among the participants was Delna researcher Olafs Grigus,



who explained how Delna, NGOs and the media can utilize the available data.

Participants drew attention to the up to now undervalued potential of open data that every municipality can make use of in planning and developing their territory, and in anticipating the needs of their inhabitants.

The discussions can be viewed [here->](#) (in Latvian)

**WE INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT THE FIGHT  
AGAINST CORRUPTION**

If you wish to take part in the effort to reduce corruption in Latvia, we invite you to join Delna. As a Delna member you will become part of our [80 person community in Latvia](#) and be part of [Transparency International's global anti-corruption network](#) with chapters in more than 100 countries.



**WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE DELNA'S FIGHT  
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