



Transparency International Latvia (Delna) expresses its deepest support for the people of Ukraine as they fight for their country, democratic values, and the preservation of humanity.

Transparency International (TI) and Delna have long proclaimed that corruption and dirty money abets conflicts, results in deaths, and represses the right of society to express their will. TI and Delna invite each individual to help control the corruption and dirty money that promote the invasion of Ukraine!

TI continues to work and fully support the TI Ukraine chapter. Staff members at the Ukraine chapter continue to perform their work under difficult conditions. Delna is ramping up its efforts in the fight against the corruption and dirty money that is financing Russia's war. This is a question not just of Latvia's national security but also the security of Ukraine and the world.

Слава Україні! Героям слава!

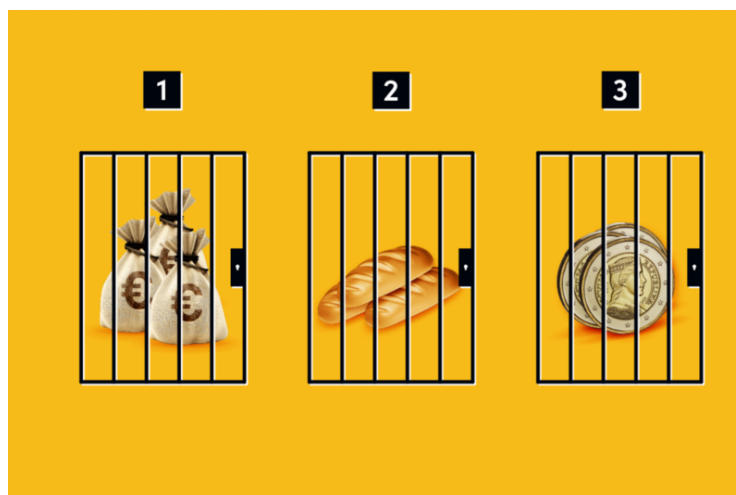
[TI statement ->](#)

TI Ukraine chapter Twitter – [https://twitter.com/TI\\_Ukraine\\_eng](https://twitter.com/TI_Ukraine_eng)

The TI homepage – <https://ti-ukraine.org/en/>

Photo from the Twitter account of Ukraine's president

<https://twitter.com/ZelenskyyUa>



## Top Anti-Corruption Events of 2021

At the end of 2021 Delna looked back at the past year's work and

assembled a list of the most important political and social efforts as well as accomplishments in the fight against corruption in Latvia and asked Latvian society to vote for the top anti-corruption actions.

Based on the votes the main anti-corruption event of 2021 is the sentencing and imprisonment of Aivars Lembergs (a long run chairman of the Ventspils City Council). That was followed by the detention of 29 officials at the Terehova border checkpoint for alleged corruption and the uncovering of so-called "illegal construction companies' cartel".

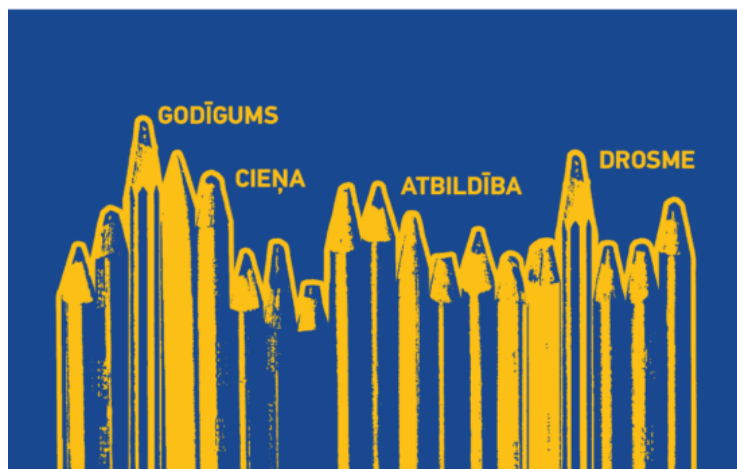
In the category of most significant Delna undertakings in 2021, respondents selected Delna's work in helping draft and enact lobbying regulations, supporting whistleblowers, developing guidelines for those involved in observing the selection of high-level officials, and being an independent observer in the selection of candidates for the councils of institutions of higher education.

To read more about the results of the 2021 survey of anti-corruption events and Delna undertakings, please visit the [Delna homepage ->](#) (in Latvian)

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JAUNIEŠIEM**

**ES REDZU**



## **Delna Drawing Contest for Young People**

Delna is inviting young people from the age of 12 to 19 to take part in the drawing contest "Es redzu" (I See). Youth is invited to prepare drawings on one of the following themes:

- "Es un Godīgums" (Me and Honesty);
- "Es un Atbildība" (Me and Responsibility);
- "Es un Drosme" (Me and Bravery); and
- "Es un Cieņa" (Me and Respect).

Drawings should be submitted by March 31 to “Sabiedrība par atklātību – Delna”, Citadeles iela 8, Rīga, LV-1010, Latvia.

The aim of the contest is to promote among young people a general understanding about anti-corruption topics and such values as honesty, responsibility, respect, and bravery in their relationships with others, their communities and state.

More about the drawing contest can be found on the [Delna homepage->](#) (in Latvian)

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## How School Children Rate the Level of Civic Activity in School

In the autumn of 2021 Delna introduced the project “Student Integrity Network”. Within the project Delna met with students to discuss what they had learned and set up recommendations for improving civic activism.

It was observed that students' opinions on youth civic activism in schools varies. Some opined that youth activism and participation in school activities is high, students, teachers, and even school directors get students involved and find out their opinions before making decisions.

Others felt that student activism was only average or even low. Reasons for such a view included students not wanting to be involved in general and the Covid-19 restrictions that limited in class learning and thus noticeably lowered student motivation to become involved in school activities.

To read more visit the [Delna homepage->](#) (in Latvian)

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## **Delna As an Independent Observer: An Interim Progress Report**

According to the regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of Latvia, Delna was included as an independent observer in the commissions tasked with selecting candidates for the councils of institutions of higher education.

Before starting work in the commissions Delna prepared and published guidelines defining the duties of NGOs in observation of selection of high-level officials. The guidelines are available [here->](#) (in Latvian)

Delna has published an interim progress report on its observations of the work in the selection commissions. The report can be accessed [here->](#) (in Latvian)

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## **Delna on the Changes to the Law on Financing of Political Parties**

On February 24, 2022 Saeima passed changes to the Law on Financing of Political Parties that had been proposed by the Latvian President. The aim of the legislation is to reduce financial support to political parties in Saeima that cease to exist or cease functioning. Despite strong criticism, Saeima also supported a proposal submitted by MPs to tie the amount of financing to the national minimum wage.

Delna has pointed out that the changes to the law do not solve the issues related to strengthening political competition and state financing related to party work and activities between elections. Delna drawn the public's attention to the law's shortcomings and sent our comments on the legislation process to MPs, the Latvian President, and the media.

Additional information can be found on the [Delna homepage->](#) (in Latvian)

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## Delna Researcher: No Reason for the Hasty Adoption of Changes to Political Party Financing

On February 24, 2022 Saeima passed changes to the political party financing law that had been proposed by the Latvian President. Under the new law parties represented in Saeima that cease existence or lose more than two thirds of their MPs will receive reduced state financing.

Delna researcher Olafs Grigus participated in the Latvia Radio 1 program *Krustpunktā* where he pointed out that ruling coalition MPs needlessly rushed to adopt the legislation without taking into criticism from experts and consideration objections raised by Saeima's Legal Bureau.

The *Krustpunktā* broadcast can be viewed [here->](#) (In Latvian)

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## New Whistleblowing Law Goes into Effect

On February 4, 2022 the new Whistleblowing Law went into effect. The law improves upon previously passed legislation, specifically upgrading the whistleblowing system and offering more protection to whistleblowers.

The new law can be accessed [here->](#) (in Latvian)

Delna is preparing a report on the improvements in the new law that will be available soon.

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### 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.



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