



## Public Discussion on “The Code of Ethics of the Latvian Parliament”

On May 20 Transparency International Latvia / Delna organized an expert forum and public discussion to publicize the general scope of the Code of Ethics of the Latvian Parliament as well as its shortcomings.

Anti-corruption, good governance, and transparency experts, business sector representatives, and several MPs who were elected to parliament without previous parliamentary experience, have called for the updating of the Code of Ethics, to address new issues such as MP activities on social networks, communication with third parties, and lobbying.

Latvian parliament (Saeima) should develop a system that guarantees a uniform understanding of ethical norms and conduct, and that preserves its continuity. MP ethical standards must be of the highest level. They cannot be just left to the interpretation of MPs drawing upon their experience and views of ethical norms and honesty.

The event video (in Latvian) can be viewed [here->](#).

A summary (in Latvian) of the discussions can be accessed on the [Delna website->](#).



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### A Discussion on “What’s on the Agenda for the Next Saeima?”

On May 6 political parties and political associations that plan to participate in the next parliamentary elections took part in a public forum hosted by Delna. The discussions focused on work to be done on dealing with issues related to anti-corruption and good governance.

Delna opened the discussions with the results of a survey on what topics the next Saeima should focus on. Issues of concern include doing away with abstentions in parliamentary voting, public revision of Saeima’s budget, and adopting transparency regulations for lobbying.

A summary of the event and the views of the political parties on these issues can be found on the [Delna homepage->](#) (in Latvian).

Video of the proceedings is available on the [Delna Facebook page->](#) (in Latvian).



## The Initiative “Zero Tolerance Against Corruption” Gains Support

The first five companies and enterprises to join the Delna and CSR Latvia initiative “Zero Tolerance Against Corruption” were introduced on May 30, 2022. They include Bonava Latvia, the Pauls Stradiņš University Clinical Hospital, Rīgas Forests, Schwenk Latvia, and the State Real Estate Agency. These enterprises will strive to introduce and promote transparency principles, to put into practice anti-corruption policies and procedures as well as publicize them internally and externally.

During the event Delna and CSR Latvia acquainted attendees with the goals of the initiative and the motivations for companies to join it.

To read more (in Latvian), please turn to [our homepage->](#) (in Latvian). The event can be viewed [here->](#).



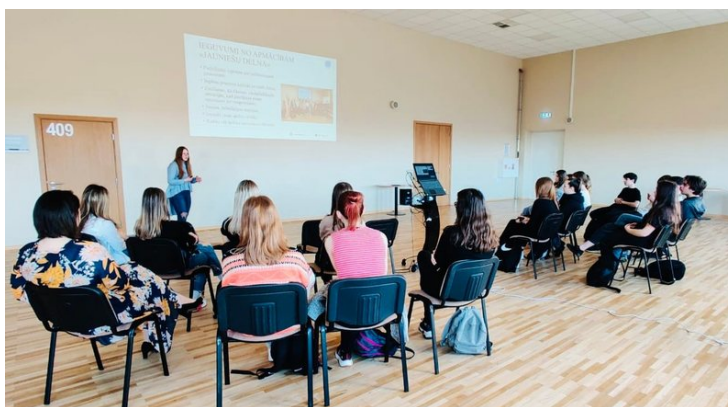
## How to Promote a Political Culture and the Development of Parties in Latvia?

Will the amendments to the Political Organization (Party) Law the Latvian President announced on March 15, 2022 strengthen political parties and the political culture in Latvia?

After analyzing the announced amendments, Delna has uncovered a number of material problems. It is Delna's view that discussions on this issue should be not only among current MPs and parties in Saeima, but should also include smaller and regional parties as well as the Corruption Prevention and Combatting Bureau and political party experts.

Delna also notes that amendments adopted in a rushed manner limits discussions among experts as well the exchange of opinions in the public arena. Also, members of the Saeima's Budget and Tax Committee responsible for evaluating the amendments were unable to justify their haste in adopting them.

Read more about the problems identified by Delna [here->](#) (in Latvian)



## **“Delna Youth” Program Graduates Visit Schools**

In April and May Delna together with highly motivated graduates of the “Delna Youth” program visited a number of schools across Latvia. These educational trips give motivated young people the opportunity to utilize and strengthen their knowledge and abilities, and to develop leadership skills. Utilizing the “youth-to-youth” approach, we can, at the same time, reach a wider range of young people and pass on knowledge and skills to schools across Latvia.

On April 21 highschooler Mārtiņš Stebulis took us to meet his classmates at the Kuldīgas Vilis Plūdoņa Gymnasium. Later, on April 22, we visited the Liepāja Jāņa Čakstes 10 High School and, with Monta Heidemane of the Rīga's Distance Education High School, we paid a visit to the Saldus High School.

Our next visits took place in May. It was on May 12 that we met with 9<sup>th</sup> grader Janīta Kate Asare and her classmates at the Talsi State Gymnasium, and later, on May 17, with students at the Rēzekne Polish High School and the Rēzekne Catholic High School.

During our visits we talked about social activism, “ethical dilemmas”, and how to make decisions when faced with complicated ethical choices.

Photograph: Meeting with Saldus High School students on April 22.



## Graduates of the “Delna Youth” Program Visit Saeima

Delna and graduates of the “Delna Youth” program from the Talsi State Gymnasium, the Jelgava Spidola State Gymnasium, the Rīga State 3<sup>rd</sup> Gymnasium, the Oskars Kalpaka Primary School visited Saeima on May 13 where they learned of the institution’s history and met with MP Inese Voika.

During the visit the young people learned about what MPs do and their responsibilities to their nation. In addition, the visit reinforced the belief that every little undertaking we do for the good of our country contributes to the fortune and welfare of us all.

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DELNA COMMENTARIES IN THE MEDIA

## Ilze Znotiņa’s Candidacy to Head Latvia’s Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) Moves Forward

The four-year term of Ilze Znotiņa as director of Latvia’s FIU is at an end. From the list of candidates applying for the next term, Ms. Znotiņa was selected as the best qualified. Now it is up to Latvia’s government to forward her candidacy to parliament for a vote.

In an interview with Latvia's Radio, Delna director Inese Tauriņa commented on working with FIU.

You can listen to the interview [here->](#) (In Latvian).

## Cryptocurrencies Used to Get Around Sanctions

Cryptocurrency is one of the most significant innovations in recent years. Along with its positive aspects it is important to beware of the risks associated with its use – swindles, money laundering, the narcotic trade, and other serious risks.

In an article published on LV Portals Delna examines the risk of cryptocurrencies being used to get around sanctions. The article focuses on cryptocurrencies and Russia's war in Ukraine.

The article in Latvian can be read [here->](#).

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## Sabiedriskās domas aptauja 2022

### Every Fifth Citizen Would Engage in Corruptive Deals

The Corruption Combatting and Prevention Bureau has released its most recent survey of attitudes among the public and businesses toward corruption in Latvia.

Compared to the results of last year's survey, attitudes toward bribery have changed – while the general public's attitude has become more negative, among businesses tolerance toward corruption has increased.

The results and summary of the survey (in Latvian) can be viewed [here->](#).



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