

## The Corruption Perceptions Index 2021: Latvia's Score Improves Slightly

The international anti-corruption organization *Transparency International* published its Corruption Perceptions Index 2021 (CPI 2021) on January 25, 2022. Compared to 2020, Latvia's results have improved by 2 points, reaching 59 points.

Since 2012 Latvia's score has risen by 10 points. While the improvement can be viewed as a step in the right direction, Latvia's CPI score continues to lag behind other European Union and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries. In addition, this latest small 2-point increase does not bode well for Latvia's hope to reach its National Development Plan (2021-2027) goal of achieving 64 points by 2024 and 67 points by 2027.

To view Transparency International Latvia (Delna) analysis, please visit the homepage ->

The public announcement of the CPI results and ensuing discussions can be viewed here-> (in Latvian)



Study: Participation of Young People in

#### **Democratic Society**

From May 15 to December 31, 2021 Delna undertook the project "Skolēnu līdzdalības tīkls" (Student Integrity Network). The main goal of the project was to improve schools' capacity and knowledge by involving students in decision making in schools and local governments.

The project involved the study on youth participation in democratic society, paying attention to the way and form of their civic participation. The study also examined civic minded young people in Latvia and their opportunities to be active and to be involved in civic processes.

More about the study and related materials prepared by Delna can be found here -> (in Latvian)

## How to Promote Civic activism Among Young People?

During the last year's project "Student Integrity Network", Delna involved students in decision making in their schools, giving a guidance on how to implement decisions and request transparency.

Under the auspices of the project students met with the Member of Latvian Parliament Inese Voika to discuss how a person can become civically active and influence decision making in a school, local government, and the Latvian Parliament (Saeima).

To learn more about Inese Voika's recommendations visit the Delna homepage-> (in Latvian)



#### Delna Invited to be an Independent Observer

Since the end of 2021 Delna has been an independent observer on the committee selecting candidates for the position of General Director of the Latvian Prison Administration. In its capacity as an independent observer,

Delna has presented its views on the selection process as it relates to the principles of good governance.

Five candidates have applied for the position and they will be evaluated over four rounds. For a report on the committee's work visit the website LV portals-> (in Latvian)

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#### **DELNA COMMENTARIES IN THE MEDIA**

#### Delna's Executive Director: Business Leaders Feel Less Pressure to Give Bribes

Commenting on the latest Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) on Latvia Radio 1 (LR 1), Delna Executive Director Inese Tauriņa emphasized that the results of the CPI are of great importance to business owners and investors who are thinking about developing their commercial endeavors in a particular country. With regard to Latvia's CPI results, Ms. Tauriņa pointed out that based on Delna's recent analyses businesses in Latvia feel less pressure to give bribes.

The comments on LR1 can be heard here-> (in Latvian)



#### Whistleblowing or a Chance to Fight Corruption

Latvia's Whistleblowing Law has been in effect for three years, yet people's understanding of it, how and if it actually works is still very low.

On January 10, 2022 Delna Executive Director Inese Tauriņa was a guest on the Latvia Radio 1 program "Kā labāk dzīvot" (in English: "How to Live

Better") and she explained how the Whistleblowing Law works and how anyone can report corruption and to be protected.

The radio broadcast can be heard here-> (in Latvian)



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#### The New Code of Conduct of Prosecutors -Modern, Precise, Practical

In 2021 the OECD researched the work of the Latvia's Prosecution Office, among many issues, they identified the need to review and revitalize the Code of Conduct of Prosecutors (CCP), as well ensure that the code isn't perceived as a formal document without any effect on prosecutorial behavior. The State Audit Office of Latvia concurred with the OECD, emphasizing in its review the necessity to reinvigorate the code of conduct.

As one of Delna's goals is working with public institutions, Delna agreed to cooperate with the Prosecution Office to develop a new code of ethics. It was important for Delna that the CCP is revised taking into consideration the recommendations and advice of international experts.

More about Delna's contribution in the development of the new CCP can be found in the article at juristavārds.lv (in Latvian) or visiting the Delna homepage ->

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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 anticorruption network with chapters in more than 100 countries.



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