

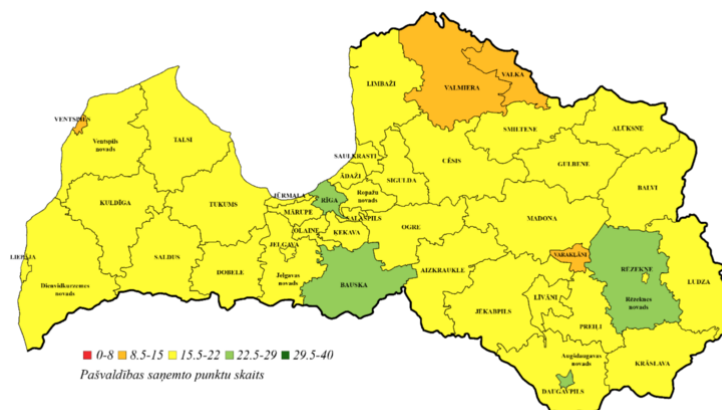


Delna Engages in Monitoring the Dismantling of the Monument in the Victory Park

Delna is engaged in the work of monitoring the dismantling process of Monument to the Liberators of Soviet Latvia and Riga from the German Fascist Invaders in the Victory Park, in order to promote compliance with the principles of good governance and integrity, prevention of corruption and conflict of interests in the cooperation and work of the municipality, contractor and other involved parties.

We invite everyone to mark and write the most important questions about the dismantling of the Victory Park monument by filling out this questionnaire (in Latvian) -> <https://ej.uz/Uzvaras-piemineklis>.

Read more on [Delna homepage](#)-> (In Latvian).



Reassessment of the Transparency of Local Authorities

Delna has re-evaluated the level of transparency on Latvian local authorities' websites one year after the administrative territorial reform and

municipal elections. The evaluation is part of Delna's work in promoting the transparency and responsibility of municipalities and the continuation of the pilot study "[Transparency Index of Local Authorities](#)" conducted in 2021.

While working on the re-evaluation, Delna improved the research methodology, involving experts, evaluated not only the formal nature of publishing information, but also how the relevant information is presented by the local government to its users. The results of the re-evaluation show that some municipalities have developed their websites and are receiving better scores.

Read the study on the [homepage of the Transparency Index of Local Authorities ->](#) (In Latvian).

Read the short summary in English on [Delna's homepage ->](#).



The Second Delna's Report on Transparency During Covid-19

In July 2022, Delna published a reassessment of the impact of government decisions and measures taken during Covid-19 on the level of transparency in Latvia. This is a follow-up to Delna's 2021 report, *The Impact of Government Actions During COVID-19 on Transparency*.

In the report, we considered how the adopted decisions impacted the rights of citizens, state capacity, mutual control of the branches of power, the economy, and other important issues. Also, in the report, we analysed the work of the *Saeima's Parliamentary Investigation Commissions to Investigate the Erroneous Actions of the Latvian Government in the Process of Overcoming the Covid-19 Pandemic, as Well as to Name the Political Officials Who Have Caused Irreversibly Negative Consequences in the Management of the Crisis*.

We invite you to familiarise yourself with the report on [Delna's homepage ->](#) (In Latvian)



Discussion "What Kind of Mess Did the 13. Saeima Create?"

On July 2, Delna hosted the conversation "What Kind of Mess Did the 13. Saeima Create?" at the LAMPA conversation festival, to talk about the significance of the decisions taken by the 13th Saeima (administrative territorial reform, financing of political parties, introducing deposit system, Covid-19 and whistle-blowing law) from the perspective of good governance, transparency and anti-corruption at the individual and national level.

In each of the conversations, an expert, a member of parliament and citizens briefly expressed their opinion on the specific topic, emphasising the benefits and negative consequences associated with it.

We invite you to read the summary of the discussion on [Delna's homepage](#)-> (In Latvian)

We invite you to watch the recording of the discussion [here](#)-> (In Latvian)



Public Event "Why Be in a Political Party"

On the evening of June 29, Delna held a public event "Why Be in a Political Party?", where we discussed citizens' participation in political parties in Latvia. We invited the representatives of political parties and party associations for which at least 2% of the voters would be ready to vote at the end of June according to party ratings.

We gave the representatives of each party 3 minutes for a short speech – why civic participation is important, how to become a party member, what is the experience and activity of a member in the party, and what is the internal organisation of the party.

In the second part of the event, we asked party youth representatives about their motivations and experiences, as well as their arguments for being part of the party and taking an interest in politics. At the event, we also talked about the benefits for citizens and society of participating in a political party.

Read a short summary on [Delna's Facebook page](#) -> (In Latvian).

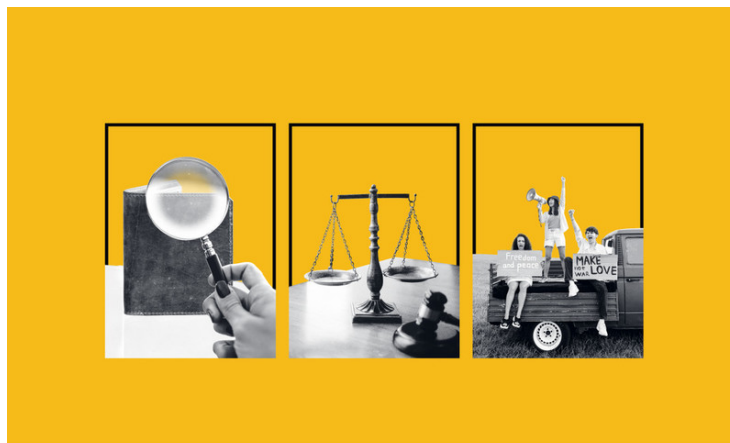


Opening of the Exhibition "Respect, Courage, Honesty and Responsibility in the Eyes of Young People".

On July 7, 2022, Delna opened the art exhibition "Respect, courage, honesty and responsibility through the eyes of young people" in Maza Gilde, Riga. The exhibition featured 133 drawings that revealed the encounter of 12- to 19-year-old youth with the values of respect, courage, honesty and responsibility. Young people depict how these values are manifested in their actions and the attitudes of the people around them and towards each other.

The exhibition was opened by Minister of Education and Science Anita Muižniece, Deputy Ambassador of the US Embassy in Latvia Ruta Elvikis and Deputy Ambassador of the Netherlands Embassy in Latvia Lieske de Krijger.

We invite you to familiarise yourself with the overview of the event [here ->](#).



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The Saeima Should Focus on Combating Corruption and Good Governance

The results of the public vote conducted by Delna in April 2022 show that the public wants the 14th Saeima to remove "abstain" from the vote, introduce a public audit of the Saeima's budget, adopt the regulation of transparency of interest representation (lobbying) and ensure its implementation.

Delna invites political parties and party associations in their pre-election programs and political promises to offer solutions to these three tasks identified by society. On the other hand, we invite the voters to be attentive and assess whether the parties pay due attention to these issues.

Read more about Delna's identified works and their broader explanation on [Delna's homepage->](#) (In Latvian)



The Support of Entrepreneurs for the Initiative "Zero Tolerance Against Corruption" is Increasing

The financial technology company "Elevating Group" is the first *fintech* company to join Delna's initiative "Zero Tolerance Against Corruption". The aim of the initiative is to reduce the risks of corruption in the Latvian business environment and to improve the practices of companies in publicising information and implementing anti-corruption programs.

Along with the participation in the initiative, "Elevating Group" is committed to promoting the principles of transparency, improving the practice of publicising information, as well as introducing and implementing anti-corruption policies and procedures in accordance with the guidelines of transparent business.

Read more about the initiative and "Elevating Group" on [Delna's homepage->](#) (In Latvian)

Please support our efforts! Every Donations Helps in the Fight Against Corruption in Latvia!

DELNA'S COMMENTARIES IN THE MEDIA

About the New Law on Local Governments

On July 5, Delna held an event for the media "What the New Law on Local

Governments Provides in the Area of Transparency", where we informed media representatives about the future law on local governments, as well as what it provides regarding transparency in municipalities.

In the broadcast of Latvijas Radio 1, Delna's advocacy and project manager Agnija Birule explained the need for a new law, including pointing out concerns about the slow progress of the law's adoption, while noting the positive aspects of the law, including its requirements for greater transparency and opportunities for public participation in local governments.

We invite you to listen to the comments of Agnija Birule in the LR1 program "Pēcpusdiena" [here->](#) (In Latvian).

The Number of Donations to Political Parties is Decreasing

With the allocation of state funding to political parties, private donations have decreased several times compared to the time before the previous Saeima elections. The Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau collected data on donations this year until July 13, and during this time political parties received 432,835 euros in donations.

Commenting on the decrease in private funding in political parties, Agnija Birule, TI Latvia advocacy and project manager, states that these data reflect state funding obtained legally by parties, but we do not have data on so-called "black cash". At the moment, the reform of political party financing is partially justified and does not achieve its goals, because the number of members in some parties has not increased, but on the contrary, it has decreased. It is necessary to think about the improvement of the party financing system, perceiving it as a complex solution measure.

Read more on the [lsm.lv portal->](#) (In Latvian).



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
AGAINST CORRUPTION**

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