



## **DELNA ASSESSES THE COVERAGE OF CORRUPTION PREVENTION, TRANSPARENCY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE IN PROGRAMS OF POLITICAL FORCES**

In September 2022, Transparency International Latvia (Delna) evaluated the programs of the political parties running for the 14th Saeima (published on the website of the Central Election Commission (CVK)). Delna analysed the programs of all 19 submitted electoral lists, dividing them into several areas.

Areas that, in Delna's opinion, are essential to help the voter not get confused in the wide range of political promises are considered: corruption prevention, strengthening the rule of law, reducing the shadow economy, amending the Constitution, implementing the principles of good governance, promoting media activities and independence.

The programs are important to see what the political force stands for, whether its views do not conflict with the views of the voter. Read more on [Delna's homepage](#) (in Latvian).

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## **DELNA EVALUATED THE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES LOOKING AT THEIR HOMEPAGES**

As the 14th Saeima elections approached, Delna published an evaluation of the transparency of the websites of parties and party associations. Delna evaluated what information was published on the websites about candidates and election list programs, about parties or party associations and their funding covering 11 websites of electoral lists with highest ratings in party ratings in September.

The more information is published on the website, the more objective an idea of the list and candidates can be obtained and a wise, thoughtful choice can be made in the desire. Get acquainted with the rating on the [Delna website](#) (in Latvian).

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### **DELNA IN A NEW OFFICE**

Delna is located in new premises – Veru Street 6, Riga (950 meters from the previous office). We will be able to organize work meetings in the small two-room office, larger events in the conference hall available in the building. Follow the information and we will invite you to the next events organized by us at Veru Street 6!



### **WE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF LATVIA AND THE SAEIMA TO CORRECT ANOTHER MISTAKE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW – ON GOVERNMENT MEMBERS SITTING ON TWO CHAIRS**

On 8 September 2022, the 13th Saeima supported Proposal 131 of the new Local Government Law, by which a deputy of local government will continue

to hold the position of the head of a local government institution or its substitute deputy role. In Delna's view, such a decision will contribute to misleading situations, allowing the same people to sit on several chairs in both the decision and the executive branch.

MPs must correct the mistake made and determine in the new Local Government Law a prohibition for local government deputies to hold the positions of the head or substitute deputy of a local government institution in any sector.

You can read more about the call on [Delna's website](#) (in Latvian).



### **WHY SHOULD LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BE TRANSPARENT?**

Why is the transparency of local governments important? Local governments can both help and hinder citizens from getting involved in the life of the local governments. If the local government is transparent, then each of us will be much more able to decide in what kind of municipality I want to live – where to build roads and a kindergarten, what events to organise, open a factory in our city or county etc..

What is a transparent local governments? One that allows a citizen to track the work of deputies, regularly holds public consultations, explains to citizens how taxpayers' money is used and actively communicates with citizens.

More about these and other issues on the Delna's website (in [Latvian](#) and [Russian](#)).

## **INCREASING STATE FUNDING FOR PARTIES – WHAT DID SOCIETY GAIN?**

A significant increase in state funding for themselves was one of the most criticized decisions of 13th Saeima. Re:Baltica looks back at what came out of it.

Delna researcher Olaf Grigus comments on party funding, noting that voters on party candidate lists can see the parties' difficulty in attracting members and involving them in the party's development. This is evidenced by celebrities and other well-known but "ungrown" people in the party, who are still being put on electoral lists by political forces. It also gives the impression of a narrow circle of people who determine who will be on the list.

More details in [Re:Baltica article](#) (in Latvian).

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## **HAS THE FIGHT AGAINST THE SHADOW ECONOMY BECOME A SECOND-CLASS PROBLEM?**

The LV portal finds out the opinion of experts on the fight against the shadow economy. Olafs Grigus, a researcher at Delna, comments: "Politicians currently in power are likely to avoid the topic of the shadow economy so that they do not have to answer for what has been done so far. This is due to the fact that reducing the shadow economy is not an issue that needs to be addressed in an easy and at the same time popular way."

More details in the [LVportal article->](#).

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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 anti-corruption network](#) with chapters in more than 100 countries.

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AGAINST CORRUPTION

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