



LATVIA'S SCORE IN CORRUPTION PRECEPTION INDEX 2022

Are the anti-corruption measures implemented in Latvia yielding results? Delna invites to find out the latest Latvia's score in the Corruption Perceptions Index released by Transparency International.

Compared to 2021, Latvia's score remained at the same level – 59 points. The number of points received is still significantly lower than in a number of other countries of the European Union and the Organization for European Cooperation and Development. In addition, the constant score raises increasing concerns about whether Latvia will succeed in achieving the targets set in the National Development Plan 2021-2027. The goal is to reach 64 points in 2024 and 67 points in 2027.

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DELNA ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION PLAN 2021-2025

Delna follows the development of the Anti-Corruption Plan 2021-2025, which has lasted for two years and finally on January 19, 2023, it was considered at the meeting of State Secretaries. Delna has observed that the authorities do not dispute the rationale and necessity of the tasks of the anti-corruption plan, rather they do not want to be the main implementers of the tasks.

Delna's advocacy and project manager Agnija Birule emphasizes: "In order to effectively fight corruption, one is not a fighter, as in any game, cooperation and a leader who leads the team are necessary. At the moment, looking at the process of reconciliation of the anti-corruption plan at the meeting of the State Secretaries, one gets the impression that the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau lacks leadership and the authorities avoid showing initiative to take the tasks and implement them."

The adoption of this anti-corruption plan should have taken place more than two years ago, for that long there has been no state policy to prevent and combat corruption in Latvia.

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LETTER TO THE REGISTER OF ENTERPRISES REGARDING BENEFICIAL OWNERS DATA

Referring to the invitation of the Enterprise Register, Delna sent a letter to the institution in which it advocates the preservation of the transparency of the data of the beneficiaries.

In Latvia, it is necessary to leave the current level of openness regarding the data of the beneficiaries. When developing the regulatory framework, the legislator considered both sides - privacy and data openness. It should be kept in mind that Latvia is a leader and an example of good practice in Europe regarding the register of beneficiaries and we should continue to be leaders in the future.

Delnas will continue to call on the EU, the responsible authorities to keep open the registers of the beneficiaries.

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DELNA CALLS ON THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TO FULFILL THE TASKS ASSIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF MINISTERS

Approximately half of all forests in Latvia are managed by Latvian State Forests – around 22% of our country's territory.

Delna calls on the Ministry of Agriculture, after getting acquainted with the audit company KPMG Baltics' report on the compliance of the selection of members of the Latvian State Forest Board and Council with the principles of good corporate governance, to responsibly fulfill the task assigned by the Prime Minister and boldly prevent the consequences of possible corrupt actions.

- Withdraw the Latvian State Forests' Council.
- Organize a new transparent and fair selection competition for Council members.
- Appoint a new Council, which immediately eliminates the non-compliance of the board with the tender requirements.

The Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau must also assess the actions of the responsible officials, allowing deviations in the selection of the tender.

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WHAT DID THE 13th SAEIMA DO?

CORRUPTION PREVENTION, OPENNESS, GOOD GOVERNANCE



EVALUATION OF THE PREVIOUS SAEIMA'S WORK

Delna published a summary with the opinions of experts, representatives of non-governmental organizations and journalists evaluating the achievements of the 13th Saeima in the areas of transparency, good governance and reducing corruption.

In general, a significant part of the work identified by Delna in the promotion of corruption reduction, transparency and good governance has been implemented, new normative legal acts have been developed and amendments have been made to the existing ones, the openness of information has also been promoted.

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LIST OF WORK OF THE 14th SAEIMA

CORRUPTION PREVENTION, OPENNESS, GOOD GOVERNANCE



Delna identified the main tasks in promoting openness, good governance and reducing corruption and created a list of tasks for the 14th Saeima. In order to cover the widest possible scope of work to be done, we held discussions where we questioned experts, representatives of non-governmental organizations, journalists and members of Delna. Soon, we plan to present the list of tasks to the members of the Saeima.

We invite everyone to familiarize themselves with the to-do list prepared by Delna for the new convocation of the Saeima and follow its implementation.

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LIST OF WORK OF THE 14TH SAEIMA

CORRUPTION PREVENTION, OPENNESS, GOOD GOVERNANCE

1. Improving openness of information
2. Mitigating the impact of money on politics
3. Improving the public
4. Consistent and smart personal policy at national level
5. Improving the public
6. Support for qualitative decision-
7. Institutional solutions to fight corruption
8. Support for qualitative decision-

of money on politics

3. Integrity and ethics in the public sector

of improving the public procurement system

6. Preventing governance problems in state and municipality-owned companies

quantitative decision-making in the public sector; and public control over it

9. Recognising the importance of whistleblowers



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DELNAS COMMENTS IN THE MEDIA

DISCUSSION AT "KRUSTPUNKTĀ" ON DUTIES OF BOARDS AND COUNCILS IN STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

The conflict between the doctors of the Riga Eastern Clinical University Hospital and the board calls for a review of the selection process and monitoring of the management boards and councils in state-owned companies.

It is no secret that the board members of many Latvian state-owned enterprises work in several boards, and sometimes doubts arise about their ability to perform their duties responsibly and in good faith. The public expects board members to have the appropriate expertise and time to implement organization's strategy and national policy.

Delna researcher Olafs Grigus, State Controller Rolands Irklis, head of the Cross-Sectoral Coordination Center Pēteris Vilks and parliamentary secretary of the Prime Minister Jānis Patmalnieks spoke about the challenges and shortcomings of the management and supervision of the state-owned enterprises in the Latvian Radio 1 program "Krustpunktā". We invite you to watch the recording of the program in Latvian here [->](#)

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If you also want to participate in Delna's work and help reduce corruption in Latvia – we invite you to become a member. As a member of Delna, you will join a community of 89 people in Latvia and be part of Transparency International's global anti-corruption network with chapters in more than 100 countries around the world!

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