



## LATVIA'S SCORE IN CORRUPTION PRECEPTION INDEX 2022

The international anti-corruption organization Transparency International has published the countries' scores of Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2022. Compared to the year 2021, Latvia's score is unchanged - 59 points out of 100 and is significantly lower than in a number of other European Union and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries.

From the analysis, it can be concluded that Latvia does not sufficiently implement strong anti-corruption measures in the areas of political integrity, business integrity and prevention of public resources waste.

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## **DELNA CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW ON TRANSPARENCY OF INTEREST REPRESENTATION**

What must interest representatives (lobbyists) and public authorities obey? On January 1, 2023, the Law on Transparency of Interest Representation (also known as Law on Lobbying) came into force. Although significant parts of the law, which refer to the register of interest representatives and activities declaration system, will come into force only in the second half of 2025, Delna calls interest representatives and public authorities not to wait and start recording interest representation activities now.

For example, by publishing calendars of interest representation activities on homepages of institutions or their units or by sharing information on social networks.

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## **THE MPs DOES NOT WANT TO IMPROVE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE LATVIAN PARLIAMENT**

The new convocation of the Latvian Parliament (Saeima) does not want to improve the Rules Procedures of the Saeima and vote against changing outdated norms. At the plenary session of the Saeima on February 16, 2023, the MPs, voting 45 FOR, 0 AGAINST and 49 ABSTAINING, decided not to submit the bill "Amendments to the Saeima's Rules of Procedure" to the Legal Affairs Committee for consideration.

In Delna's opinion, the vote clearly indicates that MPs are not ready to review the outdated norms of the Saeima's Rules of Prosedure. In addition, this is the MPs' refusal to implement a series of recommendations given in the Fourth Evaluation Round (2012) of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), among recommendations is also the review of the Saeima's Code of Ethics.

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## ON REMUNERATION IN STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

It is no secret that the board and council members of many Latvian state-owned enterprises work on several jobs, therefore sometimes doubts arise about their ability to perform their duties responsibly and with a good faith.

In Delna's opinion, the information about remuneration of board and council members in state and municipal owned enterprises should be easily accessible on the organization's website. Along with this information, the professional resume (CV) of the members of the councils and boards should also be easily found, with clear indications of the responsibility and area of competence in the organization.

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## DELNA'S WORK IN THE PROJECT "ATKLĀTĪBAS SARGI"

How to prevent corruption and lack of transparency? For 25 years, Delna regularly informs decision-makers, non-governmental sector, media and citizens about extent and forms of

corruption in Latvia, and also actively calls for the reduction of corruption. Since September 2020, we have been able to do this because Delna's work is supported by the Active Citizens Fund project "Atklātības Sargi".

Within the project, we are improving anti-corruption and transparency regulations in Latvia, strengthening the anti-corruption community and increasing the intolerance of various groups of society towards corruption and the ability to take a strategic stand against it.

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# DELNA'S COMMENTS IN MEDIA

## Inese Tauriņa: Where there is money, there are the greatest risks of corruption

In the TV program "Dienas Personība", the director of Delna, Inese Tauriņa, presented the newly published scores of Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index 2022. Latvia's score remains unchanged at 59 points out of 100.

The number of points received is still significantly lower than in a number of other countries of the European Union and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The score indicates that corruption is widespread in Latvia and anti-corruption measures taken by decision-makers and the government do not give the expected breakthrough in the fight against corruption.

The program can be watched in recording in Latvian [HERE->](#)



**Corruption undermines the ability of decision-makers and governments to protect society and is a threat to national and global security and the country's democratic development.**

**Inese Tauriņa**  
Transparency International Latvia



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## Public participation in local government's work

On January 31, 2023, the SOLIDO think tank and the Ādažu County Neighborhood Association, in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development and the Ādaži Local Government, held a discussion "Possibilities of public participation in the work of local government". The new Law on Local Governments"

The director of Delna, Inese Tauriņa, together with industry experts, politicians and representatives of non-governmental organizations, shared thoughts and opinions in several discussion panels about the opportunities for the public to be more actively involved in the decision-making processes of local governments and to implement the promotion of projects important to society.

You can watch the discussion in Latvian [HERE->](#)

## Aizliegtais paņēmiens. Operation: «Saltu Mania. To ban or not to ban?

Parents' concern for children collides with the interests of tobacco and electronic cigarette manufacturers. It is difficult to track decision-making in the Saeima regarding the banning of flavored electronic cigarettes. At the moment, there is no real assurance that the decision-makers follow to the latest statistical data in the field of smoking and reveal the interests of the interested groups of society they have met.

For more on the issue and Delna's take on the matter, see TV program "Aizliegtais paņēmiens" in Latvian [HERE ->](#)



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