



## PRETKORUPCIJAS NOTIKUMU TOPS

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### RESULTS: ANTI-CORRUPTION TOP EVENTS 2022

In December 2022 Delna summarized the most important political and social activities achieved in the fight against corruption and the obstacles to combat corruption in Latvia. We asked everyone to vote for the three most important events compiled by Delna in each of the topics and to determine the anti-corruption tendencies.

In the opinion of the respondents, the anti-corruption event of 2022 is the adoption of Interest Representation Transparency Law, or the so-called Lobbying Law, while the obstacle to combating corruption is the presence of people with dubious reputations on the councils and boards of state-owned enterprises.

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## WHAT DELNA ACCOMPLISHED IN 2022 AND WHAT WILL DO IN 2023

In 2022, Delna implemented the tasks defined in the Statutes to achieve the goal, focusing especially on identifying and mitigating the risks of corruption, monitoring and analyzing the activities of the Saeima.

In 2023, Delna will continue to work on attracting new projects in order to achieve the organization's goals and implement tasks. Some of the expected activities are:

- Strengthening the Delna's Whistleblowing Centre.
- Introducing the scope and norms of the Law on the Transparency of Interest Representation.
- Promotion of business transparency.
- Promotion of civic activity.
- Development of the Transparency Index of Local Municipalities 2023.

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Metodiskā materiāla prezentācija  
**LĪDZDALĪBAS BUDŽETS  
KĀ  
PILSONISKĀ AKTĪVISMA  
FORMA**

10:00-11:00 22.03.2023.

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## **METHODICAL MATERIALS FOR SCHOOLS ON PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING**

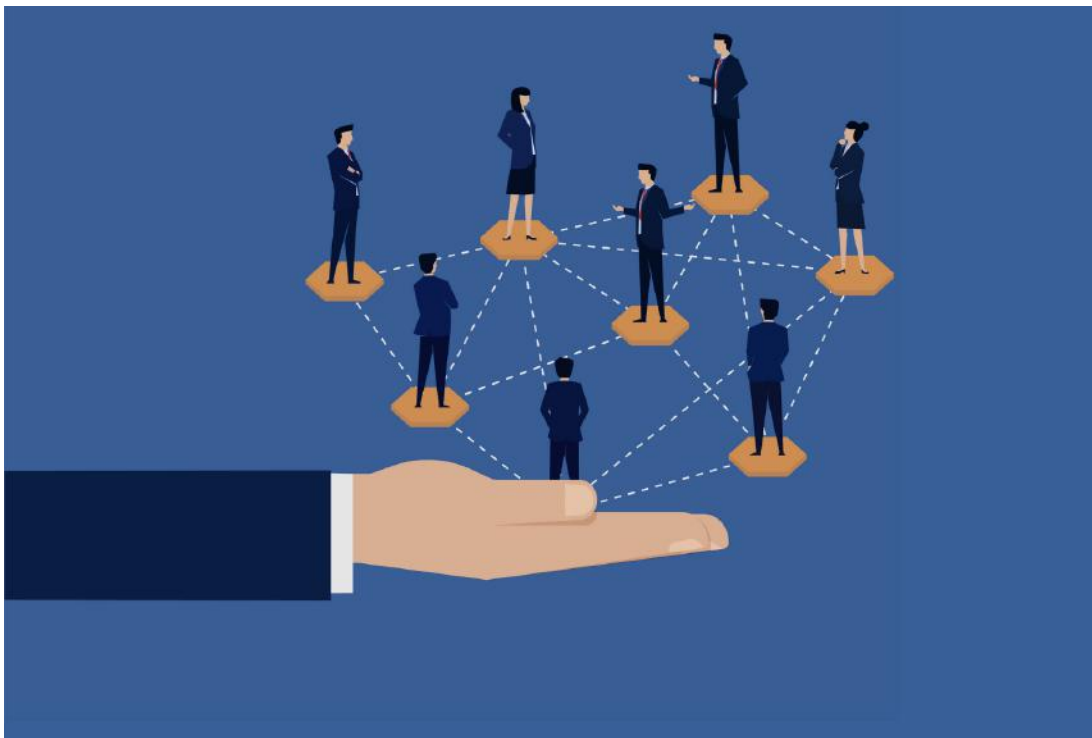
Delna on March 22, 2023 held an online event where the methodical material developed by Delna was presented to schools "PARTICIPATION BUDGET AS A FORM OF CIVIL ACTIVISM".

The learning material is designed as an aid for every school and teacher who wants to diversify the learning content in social studies, economics and even design and technology lessons, as well as extracurricular work. The material includes practical advice and training materials that can be adapted to your needs.

The event can be watched in Latvian [here->](#)

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## **CERTAIN POLITICIANS DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLES OF TRANSPARENCY**

Members of the Saeima – Ainārs Šlesers, Linda Liepiņa, Vilis Krištopans, Ramona Petraviča and Edmunds Zivtiņš (Latvia First parliamentary group) – submitted to the Saeima the bill "Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Latvia", which calls for a return to the secret procedure for electing the President of the Republic of Latvia.

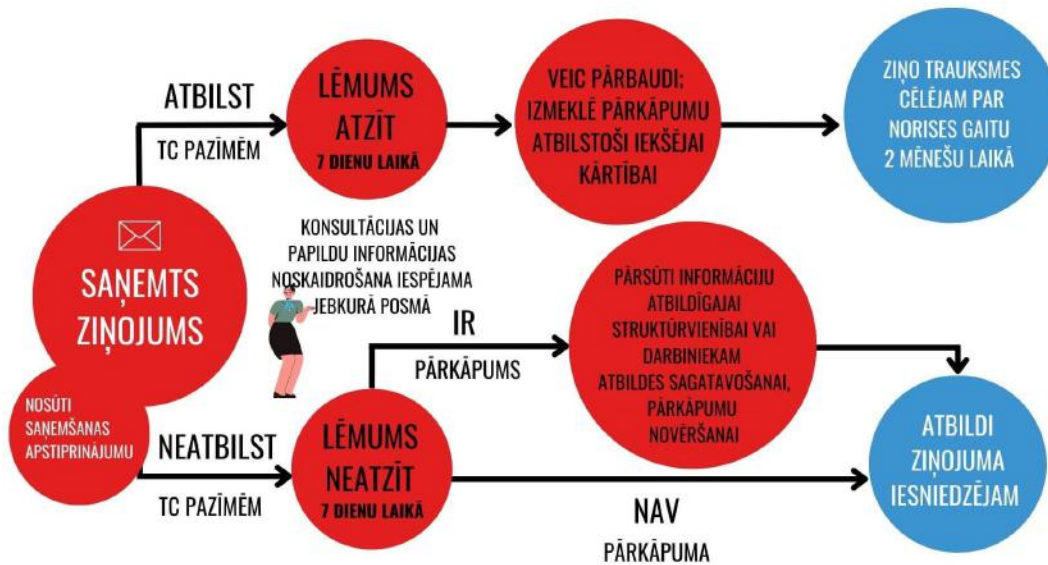
In Delna's view, the deputies who prepared the draft law have demonstrated blatantly shameful incompetence or are conducting legislative work in a dishonest manner. Delna advocates an open procedure for electing the President, because every member of society and voter has the right to be informed about the choices made by the deputies.

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## WHAT TO NOTE WHEN EVALUATING A WHISTLEBLOWER REPORT

The Whistleblowing Law in Latvia has been in force since May 1, 2019. It was renewed in autumn 2021 to take over the European Union's Whistleblowing Directive, the new law came into effect on 4 February 2022.

More than four years have passed since the regulation of whistleblowers has been in force in Latvia, and Delna has gathered the lessons learned about what is important for responsible persons in institutions, companies and organizations to take into account when working with whistleblower reports.

For more information about whistleblowing visit -> [www.celtrauksmi.lv](http://www.celtrauksmi.lv).

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### UZNĒMUMA REPUTĀCIJAS GRAUŠANA. KO DARĪT?

VAI UZNĒMUMI IR SASKĀRUŠIES AR REPUTĀCIJAS GRAUŠANU?  
KĀDA IR BIJUSI TO RĪCĪBA?  
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VERU IELA 6, RĪGA

28.03.2023.

14.00-16.00

DISCUSSION "DESTROYING THE COMPANY'S REPUTATION. WHAT TO DO?"

What to do if the company's reputation is deliberately undermined in the public space (internet environment, events, etc.)? On March 28, 2023, Delna held a discussion "Undermining the company's reputation. What to do?" to discuss and analyze specific examples of reputation damage and jointly find possible solutions.

In preparation for the discussion, Delna conducted a survey of companies – the results confirm that entrepreneurs are still faced with efforts to undermine their reputation. At the same time, there are also challenges related to the possibilities to protect oneself, i.e. see in public space, media environment and internet.

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# DELNAS COMMENTS IN MEDIA

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## **What is happening in Latvia? What is happening with Karins government's "ruthless fight against corruption"?**

In the Latvian television Delna's researcher Olafs Grigus spoke about the fight against corruption by Krišjānis Kariņš's government.

In order to be able to implement strong anti-corruption measures, political will and active involvement of the executive branch is necessary. There is still a lack of a conflict of interest management system appropriate to Latvia's corruption environment and trends, the effectiveness of law enforcement institutions and the ability to prosecute corrupt persons and ensure fairness and competition in public procurement.

You can watch the program in Latvian [here](#) ->

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## **"Delna": In Latvia, the number of whistleblower reports is relatively low, but the system is effective**

Delna concludes that there is a relatively low number of whistleblower reports in Latvia, but at the same time, there is effective cooperation between institutions regarding whistleblowing.

"In our opinion, it is a good practice when institutions pay close attention to ensuring that as few people as possible work with whistleblowers' documents and that as few people as possible have access to information that could identify the whistleblower," emphasizes Krista Asmusa, Delna's legal consultant.

Read more in Latvian at [la.lv](#)

## **LIZDA is committed to increasing the responsibility of politicians for non-compliance with the laws**

How to fight against the fact that politicians do not comply with the laws they have adopted? As the teachers' protest is approaching and in the shadow of the threat of a strike, it has been brought up by the Latvian Trade Union of Education and Science Employees (LIZDA). The trade union promises to bring about changes in the law that would increase the responsibility of politicians.

"This is not only an issue of the education sector. It is not only a question of scientists. It is important to appreciate that this issue of the enforcement of regulatory acts and holding politicians accountable is a horizontal issue. The enforcement of regulatory acts is very important for all of us, it also goes beyond questions about the budget allocation," says Delna's researcher Olafs Grigus.

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## **The new anti-corruption plan. Good intentions, horrible execution**

The Corruption Prevention and Combating Action Plan 2023–2025 has been approved. A lot of necessary intentions and a comprehensive idea of the problem of corruption, but there is a lack of concreteness and leadership – this document is evaluated by researchers in the field of corruption prevention.

Delna's researcher Olafs Grigus states: "In general, in Delna's assessment, Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau lacks leadership and other institutions also avoid showing initiative, instead engaging in "footbaling" responsibility.

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