

## LAMPA DISCUSSION – IF I WERE THE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD I SAY IN MY INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Delna on June 10 at 20:00 invites everyone to Cēsis to the conversation festival LAMPA, where the discussion "Inauguration Address of the Latvian President" organised by Delna will take place. We will invite three citizens of Latvia to take on the role of the newly elected president and give their inauguration speeches. Invited experts will be asked to evaluate the speeches heard and analyze the public's expectations - what important issues in society the president should pay attention to and what priorities should be on his agenda.

Full text available in Latvian.





# TRAINING "HOW TO MONITOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORK" FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM LIEPAJA

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Delna, together with the association "Radi Vidi Pats" invites young people who like to challenge themselves and care about strengthening democracy and openness, who are between the ages of 16 and 24 and live in Liepāja, to apply for training on civic monitoring in local governments (in Latvian). Application until June 11, 2023, 10 young people will be admitted to the training.

The purpose of the training is to educate young people about the possibilities of democracy and civic monitoring in local governments, to promote young people's civic interest and to show practical examples of how to get involved in monitoring of the local government.

You can apply here -> application in Latvian.

Full text available in Latvian.



## A STRATEGIC VISION ON THE USE OF DATA IN THE FIGHTING OF CORRUPTION IS MISSING

Decision-makers and responsible authorities have not realized the benefits of a thoughtful use of open data in the fight against corruption. Latvian Corruption Prevention and Combating Action Plan 2021-2025 was approved only in the spring of 2023 and the starting year was changed to 2023.

Delna believes that the assumption of the administrative institutions that such data strategy is not necessary, as well as the fact that the adoption of the anti-corruption plan was delayed for several years, clearly marks the fact that the state administration does not see the reduction of corruption as a strategic priority.

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## DELNA MET WITH TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS IN LISBON

Delna met with Transparency International chapters in Lisbon (Portugal) to discuss the potential of open data in reducing corruption and strengthening political integrity.

At the event, we discussed challenges and examples of good practices related to data management, presented data availability in Latvia and examples of Delna's work with data – the popular website <a href="https://www.deputatiuzdelnas.lv">www.deputatiuzdelnas.lv</a>. The Data State Inspectorate of Latvia participated together with Delna.

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#### **DELNA STARTS WORK IN THE MEMORANDUM COUNCIL**

From April 14 to 20, elections were held for representatives of non-governmental organizations and non-governmental organization representatives of the Memorandum Council of the Cabinet of Ministers, in which the director of Delna, Inese Tauriņa, was elected to the Memorandum Council with a term of office until October 30, 2024. The practical implementation of the memorandum is ensured by a council consisting of 8 state administrations and 8 elected representatives of non-governmental organizations.

On May 31, at the meeting of the Memorandum Council, representatives of non-governmental organizations discussed the current affairs of the sector with the Prime Minister Krišjānis Kariņš, and the Prime Minister, in his address to the Memorandum Council, emphasized the need, in cooperation with non-governmental organizations and the Memorandum Council, to look for ways to help the state administration hear the opinions of the wider public in the various current state administration reforms and decisions and needs.

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### **DELNAS COMMENTS IN MEDIA**

#### Saeima's midnight decisions

Many have been surprised by the Saeima's decision shortly before midnight to call May 29 the day of the bronze medal of the Latvian hockey team in the 2023 World Hockey Championship and to designate it as a holiday.

Delna researcher, Olafs Grigus stated in an interview with Latvijas Radio 1 that it is clear that the decision was made in haste and was insufficiently weighed. In addition, this is not unique, because the Saeima tends to rush and make decisions without proper analysis. Maybe it is good that people see that MPs make decisions in this way and that such a problem exists in the Saeima.

Full interview available in Latvian here ->

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