



DISCUSSION: HOW COMPANIES REDUCE CORRUPTION IN LATVIA

Latvia's results in the Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) are improving too slowly. The index shows that one of Latvia's opportunities to significantly improve the result is to promote integrity in the private sector. How can we do this?

Transparency international Latvia (Sabiedrība par atklātību – Delna) on February 29, 2024 at 3PM organises an online event to discuss Latvian companies' fight against corruption.

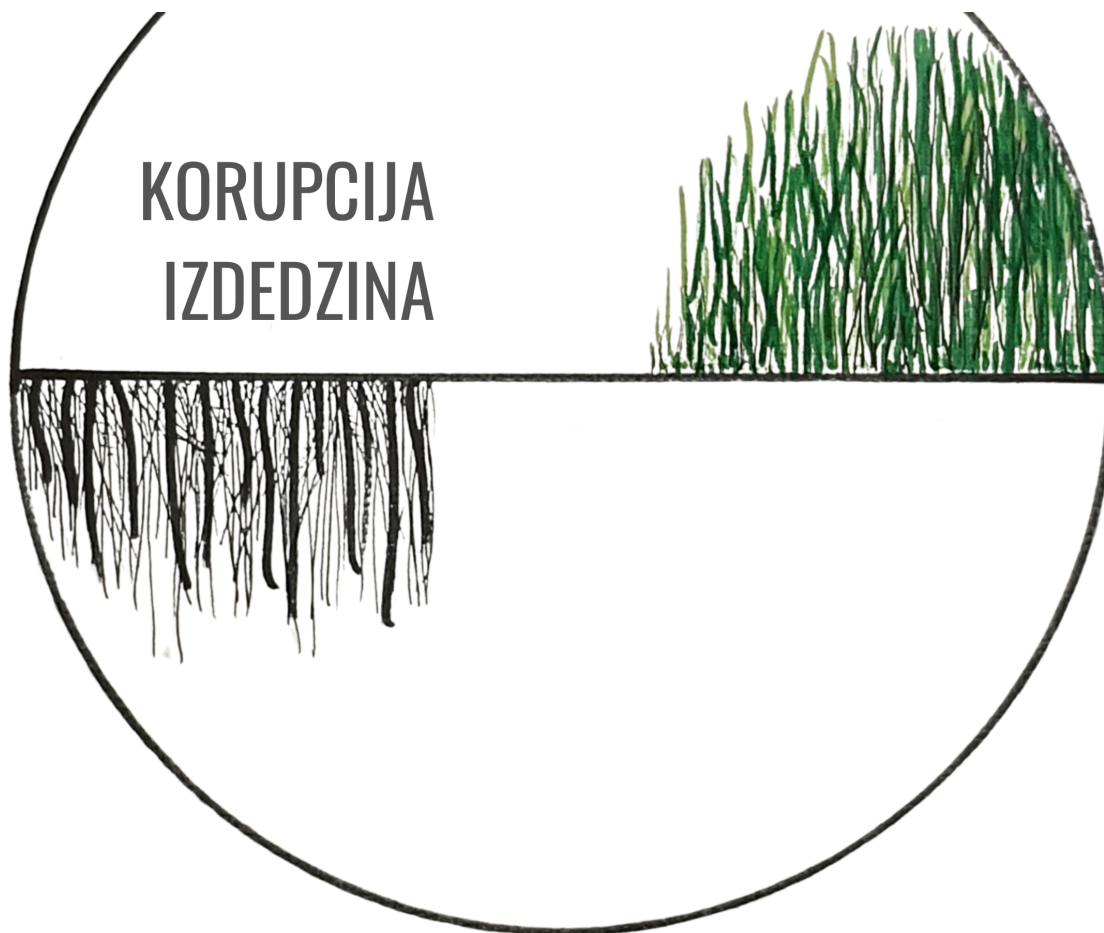
The event will be broadcasted live on our [Facebook page](#).

To participate in the Zoom discussion, please register [here->](#).

Full text available in Latvian.

Read more





WE INVITE YOU TO LISTEN TO THE LATEST PODCASTS "KĀ UZ DELNAS"

Transparency international Latvia (Sabiedrība par atklātību – Delna) podcast – meaningful conversations about the essentials - how we as a society can live better.

"Korupcija izdedzina" visual author - artist Yvonne Gerner.

In the podcasts, the chairperson of the board of Transparency international Latvia (Sabiedrība par atklātību – Delna) Evita Goša and the director Inese Tauriņa talk to various personalities.

Podcasts are available on Spotify or on other top streaming sites. Podcasts are in Latvian.

About good governance with Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance (BICG) head and vice president Andris Grafs

Diversity on boards should be promoted not only in terms of representation and gender equality, it can facilitate better opportunities for innovation and growth. In Latvia, we are starting to talk about it more and more often, and we have all the necessary potential to overtake the neighboring countries.

Link to [Spotify](#)->.

About kindness with journalist, lawyer and entrepreneur Linda Freimane

Kindness is the cornerstone of a society where people feel good. It goes hand in hand with

interpersonal relations, tolerance towards others, as well as standing up against corruption. Small steps, but also in Latvia we see progress in these areas.

Link to [Spotify](#)->.

About corruption with journalist Pauls Raudseps

How has Latvia fared in the fight against corruption since the restoration of independence? Delna was founded in 1998, at a time when the country was close to state capture. The adoption of the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau (KNAB) law, in the creation of which Delna actively participated, played a significant role in confronting the threat of the oligarchy. Also, the dismissal of the parliament (Saeima) in 2011 made it possible to create a sufficiently large backlash to prevent such threats in the future.

Link to [Spotify](#)->.

Listen to podcasts here



INTEGRITY PACTS – A BENEFICIAL INVESTMENT IN BUILDING

TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Why are integrity pacts in the public procurement process beneficial for both municipalities and entrepreneurs?

On February 23, Delna held a seminar, during which presentations were given by experts experienced in working with integrity pacts, highlighting both the Latvian and international perspective, as well as talking in more detail about the benefits for municipalities and entrepreneurs when signing integrity pacts.

In order to draw attention and create more understanding, we shared stories of experience and dispelled myths that are most often expressed in objections.

Full text available in Latvian.

[Read more](#)



WE INVITE STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR AN INTERNSHIP IN DELNA

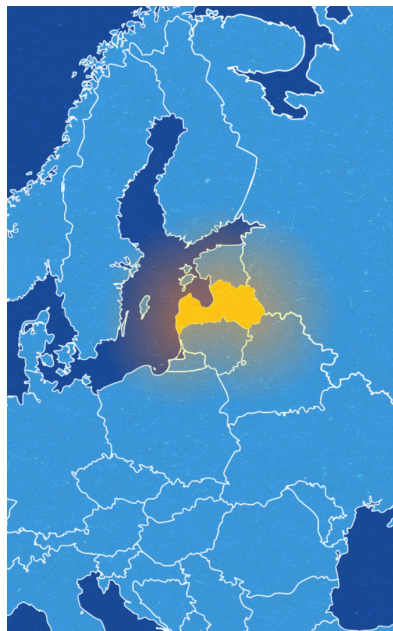
Delna invites motivated students to apply for INTERNSHIP or VOLUNTEER WORK! We are looking for active and enterprising students of law, project management or communication programs. We invite you to apply if you:

- stand AGAINST corruption, FOR integrity, openness and good governance;
- you are interested in studying the observed violations and/or communicating, informing the public about them;
- want to contribute to strengthening democracy and openness.

The application form and the description of the intern's work can be found here →.

Full text available in Latvian.

[Read more](#)



STARPTAUTISKĀ
PRETKORUPCIJAS DIENA

**KORUPCIJA –
NACIONĀLĀS
UN GLOBĀLĀS
DROŠĪBAS DRAUDS
2023**



08.12.2023.

INTERNATIONAL
ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

**CORRUPTION –
A THREAT TO
NATIONAL AND
GLOBAL SECURITY
2023**



RĪDZENE



Delna
SABIEDRĪBA PAR ATKLĀTĪBU
TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL
LATVIJAS NODAĻA

25
GADUS
CĪŅĀS
KORUPCIJĀ



INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS: DISCOURAGING MONEY LAUNDERING MEANS MAKING IT UNPROFITABLE

On December 8, 2023, the day before the International Anti-Corruption Day, the conference "Corruption - a threat to national and global security" organised by Delna and the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau (KNAB) was held, and in this article we will review the most important insights highlighted by experts Oliver Bullo during his speech and Kane Baguley.

Oliver Bullo is the author of Moneyland and Butler to the World. Oliver Bullo writes about corruption, oligarchs and their schemes, with an emphasis on countries that were in the sphere of influence of the Soviet Union, including Ukraine. He talks about money laundering, hidden assets, Britain's path in the fight against financial crimes through modern and 20th century examples. Kane Baguley, on the other hand, is the regional head of the Serious and Organized Crime Network (SOCnet) in the prevention of illicit financial flows, who has also worked in research.

Full text available in Latvian.

[Read more](#)





OPEN DATA ENABLES IMPROVED GOVERNANCE AND DISCOVERY OF VIOLATIONS

On January 25 and 26, 2024, Delna organised an anti-corruption open data hackathon in cooperation with the Finnish and Estonian chapters of Transparency International, during which experts from different countries gave participants insight into the use of open data. As a result, participants from Finland, Estonia, Latvia, India and Germany focused on solving specific problems, generating ideas on how to use open data to improve governance and uncover problems and risks.

The created ideas are relevant, taking into account the current geopolitical situation and the internal political processes of the countries. One of the developed ideas is related to the identification of companies that continue cooperation with Russia or Belarus and participate in public procurements. Another team has developed an index of corruption of public institutions. The participants of the hackathon developed ideas by studying the applicability of the tools in the future and the necessary improvements so that the idea is easy to use and anyone can identify the specific problems successfully and quickly.

[Read more](#)

Ja jaunieši zinātu par savām
iespējām un to ietekmi, viņi
100% tās izmantotu



KNOWLEDGE, PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND A SAFE, OPEN ENVIRONMENT ARE ESSENTIAL TO INCREASE YOUTH CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Delna's teaching materials served as a basis for learning about new forms of civic participation and creating an understanding of what participation is at school and municipality level, as well as at the national level. Each teacher adapted the materials depending on the current events of the school, lesson topics and events in the municipality, the country, in order to achieve that the materials serve as practical support and are used regularly in the future.

In December and January, we held online conversations with schools, where we discussed their experiences and plans for future work in promoting civic participation. Both the teachers involved in the project's activities and representatives of the school management, as well as young people and the representative of the specific municipality, were invited to participate in the talks. The article discusses the main findings and observations of the closing negotiations.

Full text available in Latvian.

[Read more](#)

DELNA COMMENTS IN MEDIA

It is proposed to prevent certain position combining

"Delna's vision. recommending the prohibition of municipal deputies from holding positions

in municipal institutions, would ideally be applicable to all municipal institutions, including cultural and educational ones. However, an essential first step would be to start with holding positions in capital companies. As for holding positions, the purpose of this recommendation is to prohibit deputies at the same time to decide on the allocation of the budget to the institutions and to receive the same funding. Therefore, it would be essential to apply this ban directly to those positions that are responsible for making decisions," Delna's lawyer Krista Asmusa tells Diena.

In 2022, Delna already approached the then President Egils Levits with such a proposal.

More about this in Latvian on [Diena](#).

Concerns about delayed €210 million tender by Riga City Council

The organization of a €210 million tender for the routine maintenance of Riga's streets was one of the biggest projects under the responsibility of the Riga Outdoor and Mobility Department.

"Since the procurement is over 200 million, every smaller percentage is already a very significant amount of taxpayers' money, which will most probably be wasted unnecessarily, overpaid, because there will be no competition between these entrepreneurs for the best offer," Inese Tauriņa, Director of Delna, pointed out the risk.

Read more about it on [Public Broadcasting of Latvia](#).

Transparency watchdog: Latvia's corruption cops should be seen more

KNAB's work has been unseen in public recently, and other non-governmental organizations, such as "Providus" think tank also point to it.

"We hear the word "prevention" in the KNAB's name and this word is quite enough to understand the priority of KNAB – to actively be in the public space with the flag that we are against corruption and we will catch everyone who wants to do something like this. But we don't see it, and that's why it's one of the most significant complaints from public organizations that KNAB's voice is too little visible in the public space," said Tauriņa.

"That's essential because the sense of impunity builds up when potential perpetrators of a crime know no one talks about it," said Tauriņa.

Read more on [Public Broadcasting of Latvia](#).

We invite you to support our work! Every euro you donate to Delna helps in the fight against corruption in Latvia.





Delna

SABIEDRĪBA PAR ATKLĀTĪBU
TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL
LATVIJAS NODAĻA

Kopā pret korupciju!

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 92 people in Latvia and be part of Transparency International's global anti-corruption network with chapters in more than 100 countries around the world.

DONATE TO DELNA'S WORK

Follow Delna's news on social networks



This information has been prepared with the financial support of the Society Integration Fund from Latvian state budget funds allocated by the Ministry of Culture. Transparency International Latvia ("Sabiedrība par atklātību – Delna") is responsible for the content of the information.



Kultūras ministrija



Sabiedrības integrācijas
fonda

Sabiedrība par atklātību - Delna | Veru iela 6, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1010

This e-mail has been sent to jekabsrasnacs@gmail.com, [click here to unsubscribe](#).