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Latvia's score in the 2024 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) is 59 out of 100, dropping by one point compared to the 2023 score of 60. Latvia also failed to reach the National Development Plan goal of 64 points for 2024. It is the only Baltic state to experience a decline, while Lithuania and Estonia have shown stable growth. The average score in the European Union is 64 points, while OECD countries average 65 points.

TI Latvia highlights that Latvia lacks a systemic approach to combating corruption, which is reflected in the CPI results. The main issues include the failure to implement lobbying regulations, lack of transparent decision-making, and the mismanagement of public funds. We encourage you to review TI Latvia's analysis and recommendations for policymakers in the Parliament and government.

The recording of the index announcement event in Latvian is available [here->](#).

Full text available in Latvian.

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KO MĒS ZINĀM PAR AUGSTAS VĒRTĪBAS AKTĪVU PATIESAJIEM ĪPAŠNIEKIEM LATVIJĀ?

2025. GADA 20. FEBRUĀRIS | 11.00-12.00

SEMINAR “WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF HIGH-VALUE ASSETS IN LATVIA?”

On February 20, 2025, TI Latvia organized an online seminar titled “What Do We Know About the Ultimate Owners of High-Value Assets in Latvia?”. The seminar assessed whether existing registers – the Enterprise Register, the Register of Beneficial Owners, the Land Register, and vehicle registers – provide sufficient transparency in the fight against corruption and financial crimes.

Participants discussed key challenges in data accessibility and potential improvements. The event concluded with a discussion on the need to introduce additional registers to monitor assets such as artwork, cryptocurrencies, and alternative investment funds. The seminar provided insight into the strengths and weaknesses of Latvia’s data systems and fostered awareness of possible improvements.

Full text available in Latvian.

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2025. GADA 27.FEBRUĀRIS | 11.00-12.30

MUNICIPAL PROCUREMENT – WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PAY ATTENTION?

On February 27, 2025, TI Latvia will host an online seminar-workshop, offering practical advice and experience-sharing on how procurement monitoring can enable meaningful public participation and how non-governmental organizations can contribute to fostering a fair and accountable municipal procurement environment.

Municipal procurement is one of the key ways in which local governments invest in the well-being of residents – from infrastructure improvements to the provision of social services. However, this process can be complex and may seem unclear or inaccessible. Without sufficient transparency or oversight, there is a risk that public interests may not be adequately safeguarded.

Registration for the February 27, 2025, seminar is available [here->](#).

Full text available in Latvian.

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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 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.

ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT WITH LTD "RĪGAS MEŽI" CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ANITA SKUDRA

In a conversation with TI Latvia, Anita Skudra shares her experience of transitioning from the private sector to a state-owned company in 2021 and the biggest challenges she faced. She discusses the shift in the company's internal culture, the implementation of good governance principles in daily operations, and the challenges encountered by the company's management and employees—all in pursuit of establishing a new corporate governance model.

Anita is driven by a strong sense of mission, recognizing that both she and "Rīgas Meži" serve the public. This is why sustainable forest management, the company's successful operations, and ensuring forest accessibility for residents are crucial. We also asked Anita about implementing good governance principles at the national level and reducing bureaucracy in the country. Listen to her insights in this podcast!

Link to [Spotify](#)->.

ON LEGAL WORK, RAIL BALTICA, AND EXPERIENCE IN STATE-OWNED COMPANIES WITH ĢIRTS RŪDA

Ģirts Rūda, Legal and Administrative Director of the State Real Estate (VAS "Valsts

nekustamie īpašumi") and a member of the board of AS "RB Rail," shares his experiences and insights about transitioning from law practice to the business world, as well as the challenges and opportunities of the Rail Baltica project.

Rail Baltica is both a practical and symbolic project aimed at overcoming the legacy left by the Russian Empire, which preserved our railway connection with Russia up to the present day.

The discussion also touched upon the collaboration of Latvian companies with Russia and Belarus, as well as Ģirts's reflections on the younger generation and what motivates him to remain energetic, engaged, and continuously evolving.

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TI LATVIA COMMENTS IN MEDIA

Latvia's Corruption Perceptions Index Score Has Declined, and Long-Term Goals Remain Unmet

The European Commission, in its latest Rule of Law Report, highlights—and TI Latvia agrees—that one of the biggest shortcomings in strengthening Latvia's rule of law, political integrity, and transparent lobbying in the fight against corruption is the practical absence of a Lobbying Transparency Law.

"The 2024 Corruption Perceptions Index analysis clearly shows that Latvia has not implemented the recommendations provided by TI Latvia and other anti-corruption and good governance experts. The fight against corruption is not aimed at systemic change. Latvia must identify priority actions and implement strong, targeted reforms to enhance political and business integrity and prevent the misuse of public funds," explained TI Latvia's director, Inese Tauriņa.

Read more in Latvian on [Latvian Public Media](#), [TV3 News](#), and [TVNET](#).

How to Avoid Empty Promises?

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TI Latvia's project manager, Agnija Briale, emphasizes that "Not all promises are realistic, so voters should assess candidates' positions on key issues and familiarize themselves with their programs, ratings, and forecasts. Making an informed choice is possible not only during the pre-election period but also on election day—voters can mark a '+' for candidates they support and cross out those they do not. This not only influences candidates' chances of being elected but also ensures that votes go to those who have earned the public's trust. In this way, voters can contribute to thoughtful and responsible representation in their municipality."

Read more in Latvian in the newspaper "Talsu Vēstis" (issue dated 18.02.2025).

Why Won't Corruption Retreat?

Latvia's score in the 2024 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) has dropped by one point, reaching 59 out of 100, the same level as in 2021 and 2022. Over the past decade, Latvia's score has fluctuated between 55 and 60 points, showing no long-term improvements and failing to meet the National Development Plan target of 64 points for 2024. Latvia is also the only Baltic country to see a decline in its score this year.

TI Latvia's director, Inese Tauriņa, explains: "There is a lack of systemic effort in fighting corruption in Latvia, and this is reflected in the CPI results over the last 10 years. To improve political integrity, reduce the misuse of public funds, curb illicit deals in public procurement, and promote business integrity, responsible institutions must act decisively and implement thoughtful, improvement-driven decisions. These reforms may not always be popular, but they are necessary and require extra effort from those in charge."

Read more in Latvian in the newspaper "Kurzemes Vārds" (issue dated 12.02.2025).

TI Latvia's Goals, Principles, and Achievements Since Its Founding

TI Latvia was founded on the belief—one that quickly grew into a conviction—that society plays a crucial role in reducing corruption in the country. In 1998, TI Latvia became Latvia's first active watchdog organization. Over the years, much has been accomplished, but there is still a lot to be done:

- 1) Monitoring the management of public resources, especially in sectors with increasing state funding and the allocation of various European Union funds.
- 2) Promoting political integrity. One of TI Latvia's key future priorities is the implementation of the Lobbying Transparency Law, including extensive public education on its scope and the responsibilities of lobbyists.
- 3) Raising awareness to strengthen civil society and active citizens by explaining

mechanisms of civic participation, the concept of whistleblowing, and how it differs from general reporting.

Read more in Latvian about TI Latvia's goals, principles, challenges, and achievements over 25 years in an interview with TI Latvia's advocacy and project manager, Agnija Birule, published in Riga's NGO House journal [here](#).

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



Kopā pret korupciju!

If you also want to participate in TI Latvia's work and help reduce corruption in Latvia – we invite you to become a member. As a member of TI Latvia 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.

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