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Corruption and the Work of Transparency International Latvia

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AGENDA



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1.	What is Transparency International & how we define corruption.
2.	Our products: What people think about corruption.
3.	The work of TI Latvia.
4.	What is Alliance against Corruption in Latvia?
5.	Case studies.
6.	Summary and answering questions.



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- Founded in 1998
- 96 members
- 6 Board members
- 6 office staff
- Annual turnover: EUR 200 000
- www.delna.lv



TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

the global coalition against corruption

- Founded in 1993
- Over 100 national chapters worldwide
- www.transparency.org

GOAL OF DELNA

To create an open, just and democratic society that is free of corruption in the public administration, politics, business and in mutual relations.



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WHAT IS CORRUPTION?

*The abuse
of entrusted power
for private gain.*



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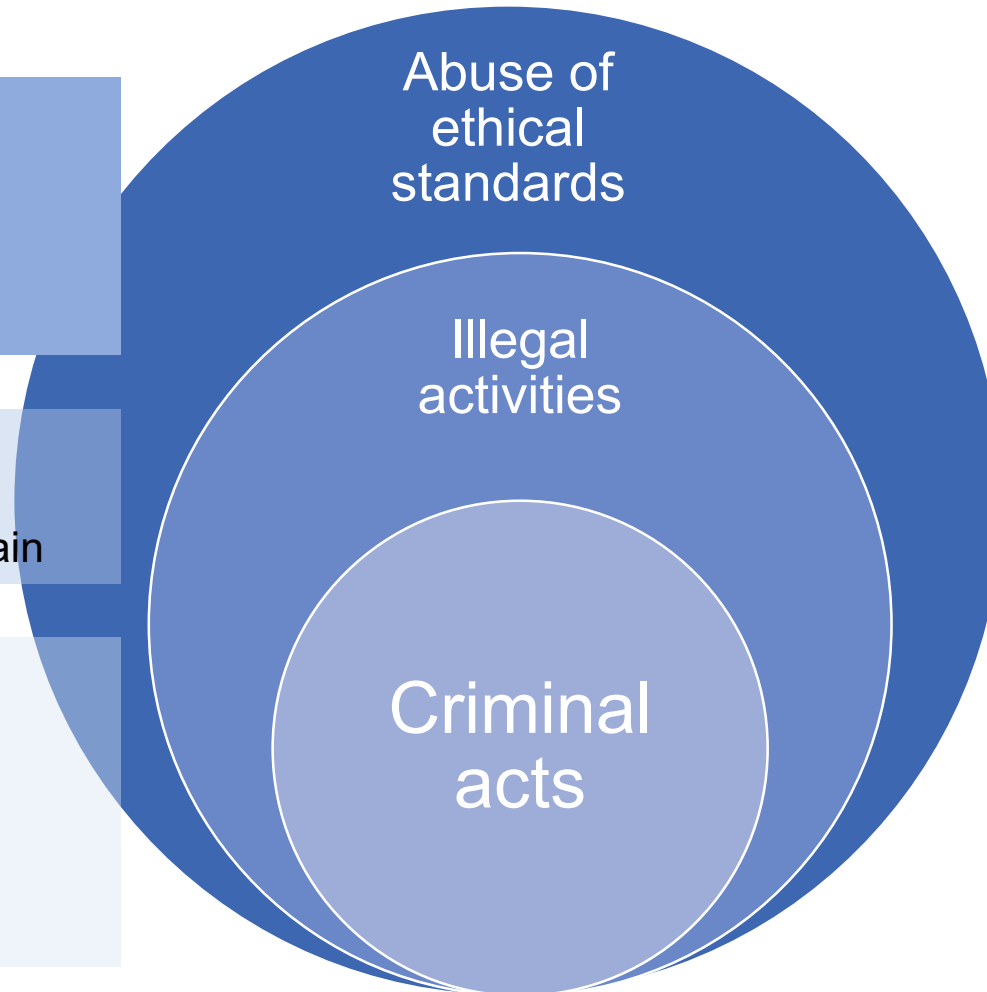
Corruption begins with the abuse of one's power and by failing to comply with ethical standards



- Abusive behaviour outside working hours
- Unfair or unequal treatment of employees
- Dishonesty

- Cartel (prohibited agreement)
- Conflict of interest
- Handling of property for personal gain

- Bribery
- Extortion
- Misappropriation
- Fraud
- Trading with influence
- Commercial bribery



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In the last three years the level of corruption in Latvia has ... (%)



- Increased 32%
- The same 43%
- Decreased 14%

Special Eurobarometer 470, October 2017

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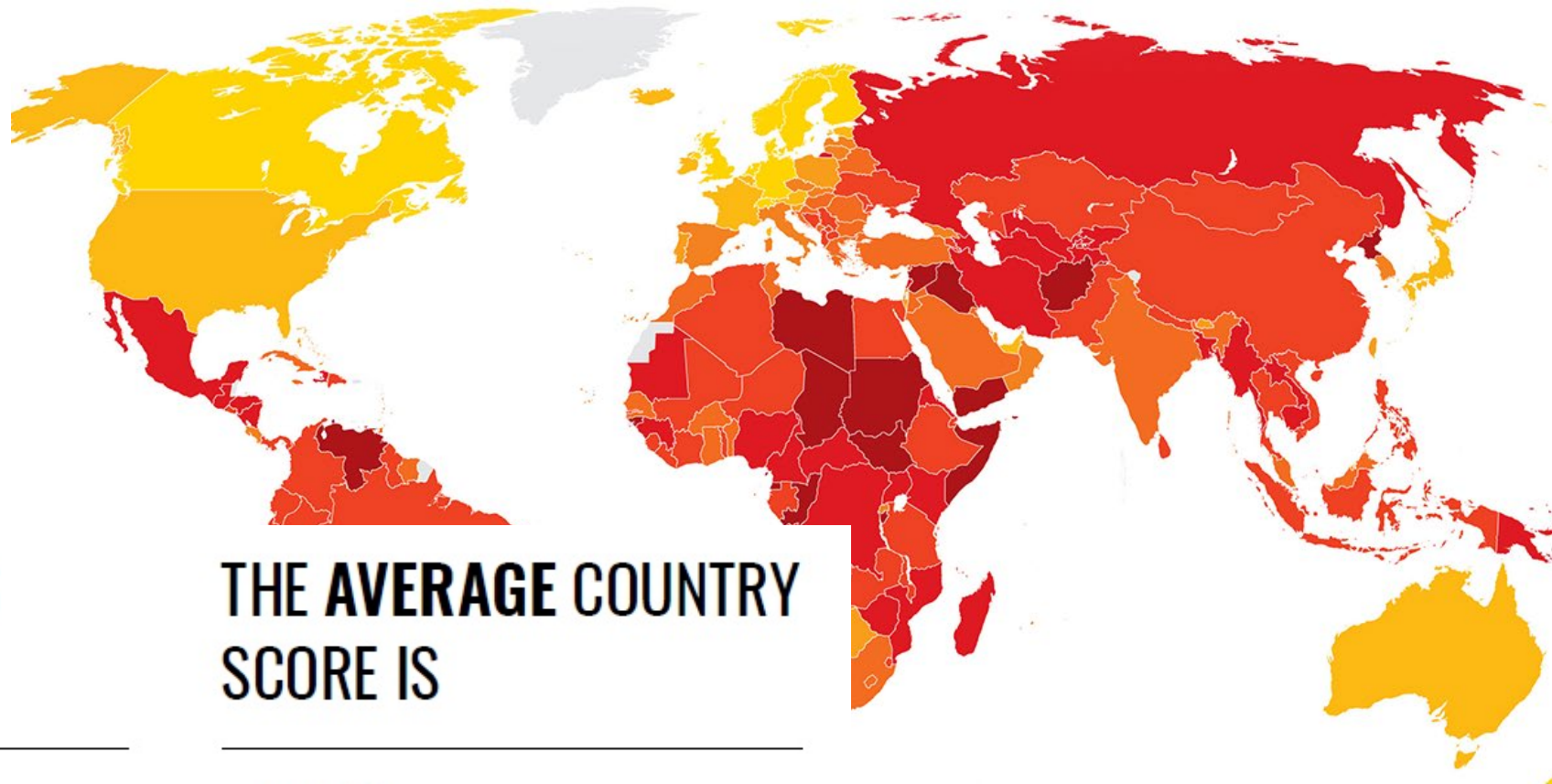
In Latvia favoritism and corruption hamper business competition



- Agree 27%
- Rather agree 42%
- Rather disagree 10%
- Completely disagree 2%
- Don't know 19%

Special Eurobarometer 470, October 2017

Corruption Perception Index



**2/3 OF COUNTRIES
SCORE BELOW**

**THE AVERAGE COUNTRY
SCORE IS**

50/100

43/100



Can Latvia reach Estonia?



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Korupcijas uztveres indeksa rezultāti Igaunijā, Latvijā un Lietuvā, 2014-2019. gadā

Vieta	Valsts	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Izmaiņas
18	Igaunija	74	73	71	70	70	69	+5
35	Lietuva	60	59	59	59	59	58	+2
44	Latvija	56	58	58	57	56	55	+1

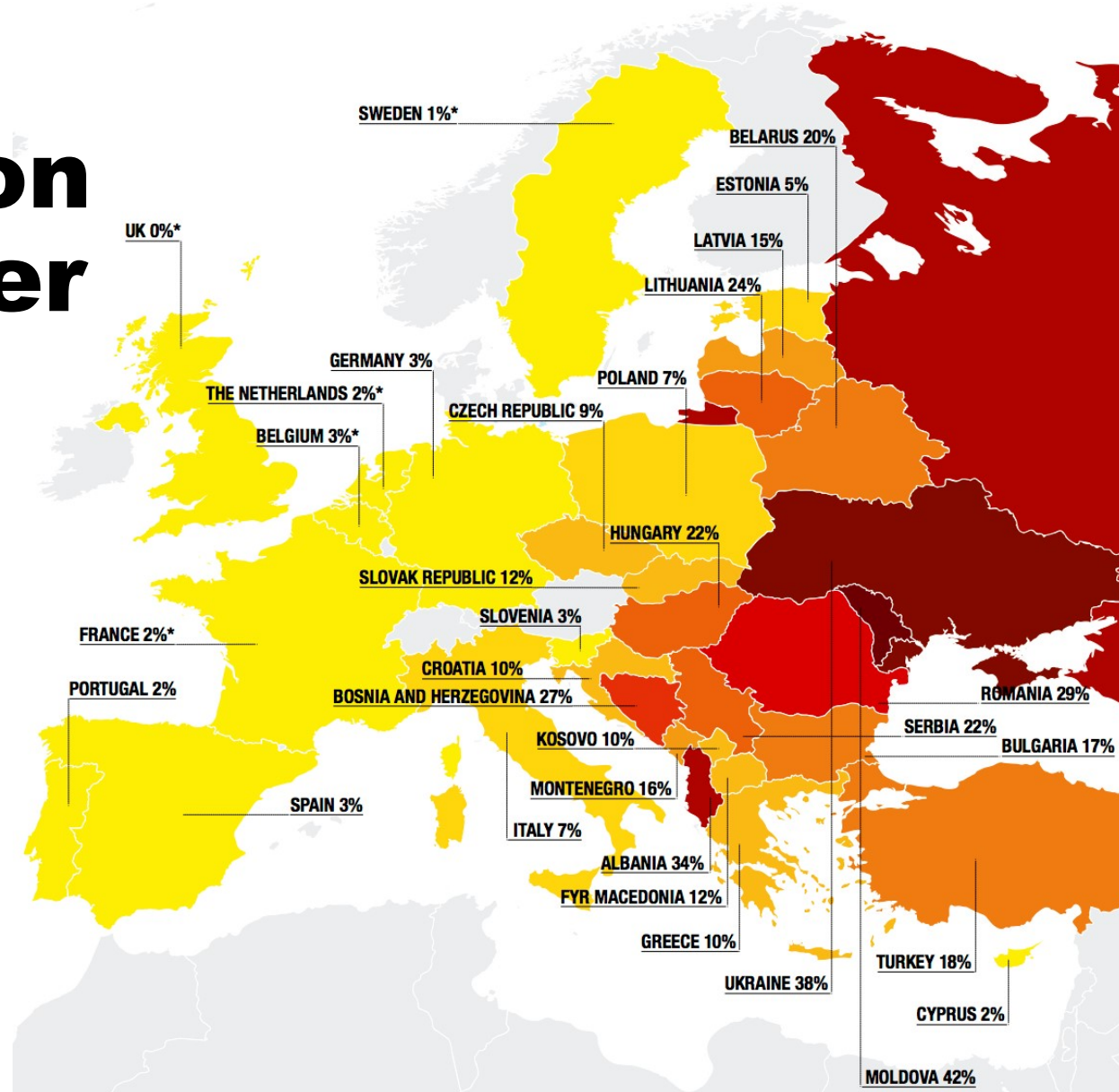
Results for Latvia

Institution	Index/Survey/Assessment	2019	2018
Bertelsmann Foundation (Germany)	Sustainable Governance Index (SGI)	70	70
	Transformation Index (TI)	57	57
Economist Intelligence Unit (UK)	Country ratings	55	55
Freedom House (US)	Nations in Transit Ratings	68	68
Global Insight (US)	Country Risk Ratings	59	59
International Institute for Management Development (Switzerland)	IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook	49 ↑	45
The PRS Group, Inc., (US)	PRS International Country Risk Guide (ICRG)	41 ↓	52
V-Dem	Varieties of Democracy Project	66	66
World Economic Forum (WEF)	WEF Executive Opinion Survey (EOS)	43 ↓	49



BRIBERY RATES ACROSS EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

Global Corruption Barometer



Have you paid a bribe in the last 12 months?
Source: Transparency International, 2017



APPROACH BY DELNA



1. Corruption is excessively expensive and has victims.
2. Any bribery embeds corruption in the system.
3. Fighting corruption often requires joint action by authorities, business and civil society.
4. Whistleblowing is an effective way to detect and prove corruption.

DELNA'S PROGRAMMS



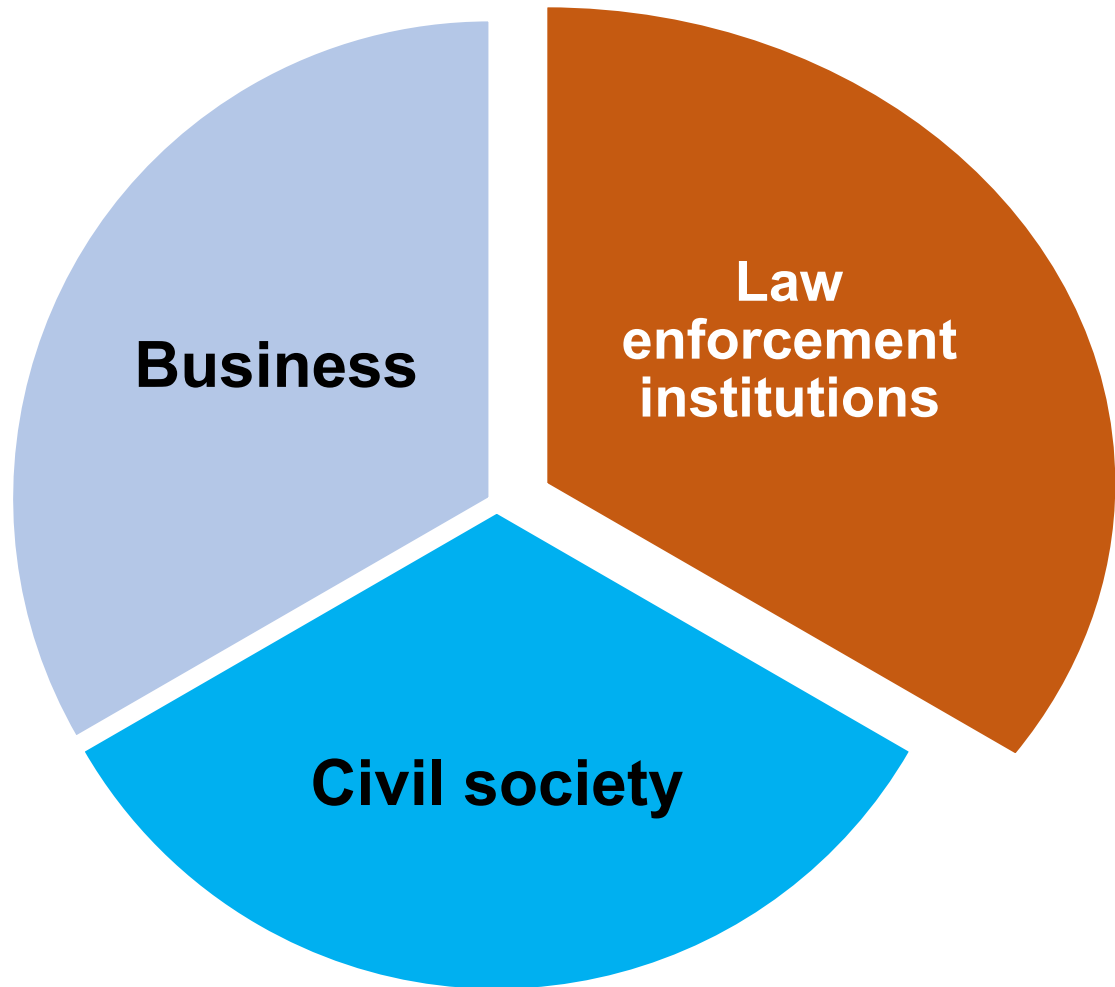
1. **Advocacy, awareness raising, research**
(open data, conflict of interest, political party financing, anti-money laundering, lobbying transparency, transparency of public procurement etc.)
2. **Whistleblowing and whistleblower protection**
3. **Monitoring and capacity building of law enforcement institutions**
4. **Alliance Against Corruption in Latvia**
(business integrity)

CAPACITY BUILDING AND EDUCATION



1. **Professional training** for 600 officials from 30 law enforcement and control institutions on aspects of tackling corruption, shadow economy and money laundering. *In cooperation with Latvia's Public Administration School, academics, lawyers and Prosecution Office.*
2. **E-learning module** for public officials *in cooperation with Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau (KNAB) and Public Administration School.*
3. **Summer school** for civil society on monitoring public procurement and EU funds *with involvement of KNAB.*
4. **Training** on developing effective internal whistleblowing channels in institutions.

ALLIANCE AGAINST CORRUPTION IN LATVIA



- *KNAB*
- *State Police*
- *State Revenue Service*
- *State Audit Office*
- *Competition Council*

**«Anti-corruption hackathon»
MARCH 2019**

TRUST BUILDING AND INFORMATION SHARING

Other cooperation platforms:

1. Anti-fraud coordination service (AFCOS)
2. KNAB Public Advisory Council



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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT MONITORING

Case study #1: Delna's involvement in public procurement monitoring in Riga municipality



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WHISTLE BLOWING



Case study #2: Construction of Ventspils concert hall - 15 million EUR allocated in potentially corrupt way

SUMMARY



1. Whistleblowing is an effective way to detect corruption.
2. Citizen engagement can help to identify corruption in public procurement.
3. Fighting corruption often requires a joint action by authorities, business and civil society.

THANK YOU!

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