



**“Transparency International” Lithuanian Chapter
ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT**

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Institutional shareholders

“Transparency International“ Lithuanian Chapter (TILC) was established in 2000.

	Shareholder	Contribution 31/12/2012	Contribution 31/12/2011	Contribution 31/12/2010
1.	VšĮ Atviros Lietuvos fondas	100 LTL	100 LTL	100 LTL
	Total:	100 LTL	100 LTL	100 LTL

Objectives and nature of TI Lithuania and achievements during the financial year

"Transparency International" Lithuanian Chapter (TI Lithuania) is a non-profit, non-political organization. It is a national chapter of the global “Transparency International” network and was established on the 6th of June, 2000. The founder of this organization is the Open Society Fund Lithuania.

The objective of TI Lithuania is to encourage and organize civil initiatives for transparency and anti-corruption in Lithuania.

TI Lithuania activity goals:

- Promoting civic engagement and supporting transparency and anti-corruption initiatives in Lithuania;
- Initiating and conducting research to analyze levels of transparency, accountability and corruption in Lithuania;
- Providing teaching tools and educational programs related to the issues of transparency and anti-corruption, and to educate society in general;
- Collecting and disseminating information and data related to the fight against corruption.

We work on:

- Implementation of the requirements of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) in Lithuania;
- Ensuring whistleblowers receive comprehensive protection;
- Ensuring greater access to information and data along with higher standards for accountability in both the public and private sectors;
- Promoting the civic integrity of youth through education and using education as a way to fight corruption.

We analyze:

- Legal loopholes in existing and proposed legislation;
- Potential opportunities to reinforce anti-corruption regulation;
- The effectiveness of national and institutional anti-corruption programmes and tools;
- Potential of corruption in public procurement;
- Corruption in state and municipal institutions as well as in the private sector;
- The level of public access to information in state and municipal institutions;

We focus on:

- Media transparency and accountability;

- Transparency of public finances and public procurement;
- Transparency of political parties and political campaigns;
- Creation and support of online transparency initiatives;
- Civic education and civic empowerment;
- Promotion of youth integrity and their inclusion in integrity and anti-corruption initiatives;

Employees

On the last day of the reporting period (31th December 2012) there were 5 employees at the institution.

Institutional activity: executed projects in accordance with the operational institutional objectives

Program for civic empowerment and inclusion:

Promoting participation in public life through the Transparency International advocacy and legal advice centers

Project duration: September 2009 – October 2012

Project budget: 60 114 EUR (207 561, 62 LTL)

Source of funding: European Commission (via the University of Konstanz)

About the project

The purpose of this regional project was to evaluate the legal advice provided by “Transparency International” to citizens and to create the best practice model. The project aimed to promote the activeness of civil society, to amplify the effectiveness of anti-corruption initiatives and to develop activities for advocacy aimed at legal system reforms at both national and regional (EU) levels. The project was made in order to promote the popularity of Advocacy Legal Advice Centers (ALAC) as a “from-below” tool as well as a mechanism for civil participation. By developing ALAC’s methodology and searching for new forms of collaboration with citizens it is sought to achieve greater civic empowerment to fight against corruption.

Main project results during 2012

The works related to setting up the new online platform (www.skaidrumolinija.lt) for reports and inquiries from citizens continued. Final programming tasks and improvements were implemented and focus groups testings were held. In addition, meetings with various institutions were organized in order to discuss possibilities for collaboration. The website was launched in the fall of 2012, while the special phone line and voice mail were introduced in the spring of 2012 as a special line of communication: “Skaidrumo Linija” (Transparency Line).

In addition, a publicity campaign was prepared in the summer of 2012, which included various advertisements, presentational video, instructional video (explaining how to use the website), press releases, etc. When introducing the new website, TI Lithuania worked closely with 15min.lt, which reserved an advertising place specifically for Skaidrumolinija.lt free of charge.

Last but not least, during the Lithuanian Parliamentary elections in the fall of 2012 TI Lithuania collaborated with The Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Lithuania and the Police department, publishing

reports received from citizens at both institutions concerning the violation of electoral procedures. As a result, this practice helped to expand the practical application possibilities of www.skaidrumolinija.lt

“SPEAK UP!” – INVOLVING CITIZENS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN EUROPE

Project duration: December 2012 – May 2015

Project budget: 152525,71 EUR (526640,77 LTL)

Source of funding: European Commission (via the “Transparency International” Secretariat), TI Lithuania (10,5% co-financing)

About the project

This regional project included 6 European countries with the main purposes of:

- ✓ promoting the activeness of civil society in fighting specific instances of corruption,
- ✓ strengthening the legal consultation of the public (via the Advocacy Legal Advice Centers (ALAC))
- ✓ broadening the possibilities to systemically implement actions for advocacy towards legal system reform

Main project results during 2012

The first project planning steps were taken, especially relating to the publicity of the project - the development of ideas concerning the animated video for Skaidrumo Linija (Transparency Line) and the series of radio broadcasts “Transparency Line” on “Žinių Radijas” started.

In addition, legal advice for citizens was provided not only by visiting the TILC office in Vilnius, but also by phone and via the online platform www.skaidrumolinija.lt.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVE : TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL & IACC JOINT INITIATIVE

Project duration: 2011 - 2012

Project budget: 15000 EUR (51792 LTL)

Source of funding: Transparency International Secretariat

About the project

In October 2011, TI Lithuania and partners from the “International anti-corruption conference” and “Ashoka” launched a "Social Entrepreneurship Competition" for the participants of Transparency International Summer School on Integrity 2012.

Main project results during 2012

The call for applications to fund innovative projects aiming to promote transparency and accountability was issued following the Summer School in July 2012. In November 2012, three winning projects were announced, receiving funding up to 5000 EUR (projects receiving financial support were from Turkey, Romania and Yemen). Further information about this social entrepreneurship initiative may be found here: <http://transparencyschool.org/youthaction/>

www.ManoSeimas.lt

Project duration: 2012 - 2013

Project budget: 3595,74 EUR (12415,35 LTL)

Source of funding: Open Society Foundation (Hungary), individual contributors (www.aukok.lt)

About the project

The purpose of www.manoseimas.lt is to provide people with a possibility to better understand how the Lithuanian Parliament voted during the term of 2008-2012. The website provides users with a list of 10 questions on selected public issues in order to provide an object comparison between personal opinions and the voting results of different parties and politicians. This allows users to find out what the position of members of Parliament and political parties on these select issues was, and compare this position to their personal opinions.

Main project results during 2012

The website www.ManoSeimas.lt was launched in August 2012. During the electoral period the website was visited by around 25.000 users. The project team developed the methodology for matching calculation, website content, its visual and functional designs, a list of 10 selected topics.

Information accessibility, media accountability:

BREAKFAST OF JOURNALISTS

Project duration: December 2011 – December 2012

Project budget: 56 520 EUR (195152,26 LTL)

Source of funding: Open Society Institute

About the project

In 2012, TI Lithuania continued the initiative “Žurnalistų pusryčiai” (Journalist Breakfast) started in 2009. The purpose of this initiative is to promote media transparency and accountability in Lithuania by creating a platform for discussion, sharing impressions of good practice and practical learning. Numerous meetings and discussions with media experts from abroad have been organized, and innovative intensive training for journalists and students of journalism was developed.

Main project results during 2012

During 2012, TI Lithuania organized 13 events for journalists and journalism students, including 4 discussions, 3 trainings for media students in Vilnius and Kaunas, 3 trainings for journalists in Vilnius, 2 trainings in regions (Kaunas and Palanga) and 1 full day seminar.

Among the speakers and trainers were Kevin Anderson, Diane Kemp, Jane Whyatt, Milorad Ivanovic, Katerina Kitidi, Pavel Antonov, Henrik Kaufholz, Blaž Zgaga and others.

TI Lithuania organized a discussion about the Visaginas power plant and the Concession treaty with the company “Hitachi”. The aim of the discussion was to raise questions about access to information in terms of

the decision making process about nuclear policy in Lithuania and the role and extent of civic engagement with the process. Participating in the discussion were Vilius Bernatoniš („Tark Grunte Sutkiene“, Lithuania), expert on access to information Lydia Medland (organisation „Access Info Europe“, Ispanija), expert on energetics Reinis Aboltins („Providus“, Latvia), journalist Anvar Samost (chief editor of „Postimees“, Estonia) ir Herkus Gabartas, the head of the legal department of the company „Visagino atominė elektrinė“.

CREATION OF A MEDIA OWNERSHIP DATABASE

Project duration: June 2012 – December 2012

Project budget: 5200 USD (4143 EUR, 14304,95 LTL)

Source of funding: Open Society Institute

In 2012, TI Lithuania started the creation of a media ownership database www.stirna.info aiming to collect all the information related to media owners (internet, radio, television and printed press) and presenting it in a user friendly and comprehensive manner. All this information was then collected by state institutions in Lithuania and was not easily accessible online.

STUDY VISIT TO NORWAY (FREEDOM OF AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION)

Project duration: 17th December 2012 – 18th December 2012

Project budget: 724,05 EUR (2 500 LTL)

Source of funding: Embassy of Norway in Vilnius

About the project

TI Lithuania representatives went to Norway, meeting Norwegian representatives from selected public institutions and non-governmental organizations working on the issues of freedom of and access to information in the country. The purpose of this visit was to get acquainted with the experiences in Norway, the strengths and weaknesses of existing regulations as well as how they work in practice.

TI Lithuania representatives sought to learn how Norwegians exercise their right to information and what is the practice and challenges of the public official documents e-journal.

Main project results during 2012

In two days TI Lithuania representatives had meetings with 5 institutions. They met with representatives from the Parliamentary Ombudsman, officers from Ministry of Justice (who work on issues of information accessibility and supervise the public e-journal), representatives of the Norwegian Press Association and the Agency for Public Management and e-Government (DIFI), also visiting the national chapter of Transparency International in Oslo.

Anti-corruption education:

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ON INTEGRITY 2012

Project duration: 2011-2012

Project budget: 60210,78 EUR (207895,78 LTL)

Source of funding: Embassy of Finland in Vilnius, Embassy of the United States in Vilnius, Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania, The Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, “Transparency International” secretariat, summer school participation fees.

About the project

Since 2010, TI Lithuania has been organizing the annual International “Transparency International” Summer School on Integrity (www.transparencyschool.org) aiming to provide student leaders from across the region with the opportunity to learn first-hand from professionals working in the field of fighting corruption. The School seeks to provide students with a peer-to-peer learning and integrity-building platform that links international experiences of transparency and integrity to the current situation in post-communist countries and beyond. Participants of the Transparency International Summer School on Integrity learn about the causes of corruption and practical ways in which societies can become more transparent and accountable.

Main project results during 2012

86 participants from 36 different countries participated in the third Summer School on Integrity. During a week of intensive trainings by leading anti-corruption professionals, the School sought to create an environment that would bring discussions about transparency and integrity from a high public policy level into the classroom and everyday life of students.

INTEGRITY MATTERS

Project duration: October 2012 – March 2013

Project budget: 2316,96 EUR (8 000 LTL)

Source of funding: British Embassy in Vilnius

About the project

TI Lithuania youth initiative “Sąžiningumas svarbu” (Integrity Matters) aims to engage the Lithuanian youth in a dialogue about transparency, ethics, accountability and integrity. TI Lithuania uses a ready-to-use municipal elections simulation model adapted from (and subsequently tested) the TI Latvia model. Based on municipal elections in a fictitious town of Phantazimeria, this model actively engages all participants by providing them with different roles. Interactive simulation exercises modelling municipal council elections and anti-corruption challenges that come along provide an interactive and unconventional form in engaging youth in a discussion about corruption, integrity, whistle-blowing, freedom of information and other related issues.

The interactive and engaging approach chosen for the initiative allows TI Lithuania to not only engage students in a learning process, educating them on how elections work in general, but also provides many incentives for productive discussions afterwards. Project coordinators working with groups of students were trained to facilitate events by raising questions instead of imposing answers, therefore challenging the participants themselves to review prevailing stereotypes, think critically and move out of their “comfort thinking zone”. This way, TI Lithuania aims to not only provide education but to also encourage independent and critical thinking, thus encouraging the development of civic, integral mindset.

Main project results during 2012

TI Lithuania organized 8 municipal council election simulations in different schools in Lithuania, reaching nearly 240 students.

PROMOTING YOUTH INTEGRITY

Project duration: September 2012 – June 2013 (also January 2012 – May 2012).

Project budget: 2496,5 EUR (8 620 LTL)

Source of funding: L'Institut français de Lituanie

About the project

In the period from September 2011 to May 2012, with financial support from *L'Institut français*, TI Lithuania implemented the first initiative Promoting Youth Integrity at Schools. During this period, TI Lithuania visited 17 schools in Vilnius, Klaipėda and Kėdainiai, reaching nearly 700 students. During these meetings, students were invited to the screenings of the documentary film „Afghanistan: On the Dollar Trail“, by the French journalist and documentary filmmaker Paul Moreira, which provided a platform and incentives for discussions about transparency. By adapting to the needs and interests of different audiences, TI Lithuania was able to cover many issues from a range of topics, covering academic integrity, civic responsibility, corruption in sports, the courage to blow the whistle and the courage to support such whistleblowers. Also, interactive discussions on specific issues that were in the public spotlight at that moment were initiated to encourage a critical approach to widely discussed political issues and other publicly discussed problems related to corruption. This approach allowed adapting the discussions to a contemporary context and raising relevant questions. TI Lithuania also used infographic visuals to present the latest anti-corruption research data and presented the latest interactive accountability tools, thus pushing the audience to not only discuss these problems, but also think of possible solutions to some of them or to at least consider their personal input in the process of accountability and integrity.

When preparing for the new school year in September, this initiative was expanded to include more Lithuanian cities and towns (combining those meetings with local events organized in the framework of the National Integrity Study).

Main project results during 2012

During this period (two high school terms in Spring and Autumn), TI Lithuania organized meetings with 4 classes of high-school students and with students from the University of Applied Social Sciences.

TRANSPARENCY WORKS

Project duration: November 2011 – April 2012

Project budget: 21194,7 EUR (73181,05 LTL)

Source of funding: Embassy of the United States in Vilnius, Open Society Institute (Hungary)

About the project

„Skaidrumo dirbtuvės“ (Transparency Works) was an event held in Lithuania following an unconference model. It attracted representatives from various backgrounds: IT specialists, state officials, journalists, academics, business, civil society and non-governmental organizations. During the event, participants shared their ideas and experiences about innovative ICT solutions and their role in making the government more open, transparent and accountable.

Main project results during 2012

On 29-30th March in 2012 TI Lithuania organized the Transparency Works event in Vilnius. The main focuses of this event were online transparency initiatives and access to information. It was attended by nearly 200 people from various sectors in Lithuania and abroad.

Public officials, IT specialists, businessmen, non-governmental organizations and academics shared their experiences and knowledge about internet-based initiatives and their role in making data public. The "unconference" format chosen for the event allowed participants to suggest topics for presentations and choose discussions according to their interests and needs. Moreover, the event served as a platform to link like-minded people for the development of new initiatives.

TRANSPARENCY WORKS II: HACKS FOR TRANSPARENCY

Project duration: October 2012 – November 2012

Project budget: 10086,62 EUR (34827,08 LTL)

Source of funding: Transparency International Secretariat, Embassy of the United States in Vilnius

About the project

Transparency International hackathon "Hacks for Transparency" was held in six different locations around the world, including Vilnius, on the 6th and 7th of October in 2012. During the two days event online transparency enthusiasts from Lithuania and abroad developed ideas in order to facilitate communication between citizens and government representatives, and to provide easily accessible data related to public finances and decisions made by public officials and politicians.

Main project results during 2012

"Hacks for Transparency" took place in CAC (Contemporary Arts Center) in Vilnius and attracted more than 40 programmers, designers and other enthusiasts from 9 countries: Kenya, Georgia, Ukraine, Latvia, Estonia, Portugal, Germany, Italy and Lithuania. At the same time, this event was also held in Indonesia, Colombia, Morocco, Hungary and Russia. More about the event: www.transparencyworks.lt

ANTI-CORRUPTION FILM FESTIVAL „DRAŠUS ŽODIS“ (BRAVE WORD)

Project duration: May 2012 – June 2013

Project budget: 2143,19 EUR (7400 LTL)

Source of funding: Embassy of France in Lithuania, British Embassy in Vilnius, individual donations (via donations portal www.aukok.lt).

About the project:

The anti-corruption movie festival “Drašus žodis” (Brave word) is the first and so far only film festival in Europe with the purpose of speaking about the problem of corruption in an interesting and enticing way, discussing its forms, causes and impact on individuals, as well as on society as a whole.

In spring 2013, the festival will be organized for the third time. With the help of this annual event TI Lithuania is aiming to demonstrate and discuss the grave consequences of corruption and the possible actions each of us can take to fight it.

The high attendance recorded during the first two festivals demonstrated a growing public interest in this topic, as well as a demand to screen such movies not only in the capital, but also in other cities in Lithuania. All the screenings are free of charge.

Main project results during 2012

TILS conducted publicity and fundraising via the www.aukok.lt platform for the project, and an additional fundraising event was organized together with the partners “Invest in Lithuania” and “Piano Man bar”. In addition, TI Lithuania started selecting and reviewing films, preparing the festival program.

Public finance and institutional monitoring:

NATIONAL INTEGRITY SYSTEM

Project duration: October 2010 – December 31, 2012

Project budget: 63 483,31 EUR (219 195,17 LTL)

Source of funding: European Commission (via Transparency International Secretariat)

About the project

This project was part of the regional project “National Integrity System” which included 25 European countries. The whole project was coordinated by the Transparency International Secretariat, and TI Lithuania coordinated and conducted its share of activities in Lithuania.

The purpose of this project was to evaluate how the national integrity systems function in participating countries and what measures could be taken for their improvement. During the first year of the project, TI Lithuania prepared the Lithuanian National Integrity System research, analyzed the level of transparency of main state institutions and the public sector, their accountability and ethics mechanisms. Recommendations for reforms aimed at fighting corruption were given. The second phase of the project was intended for anti-corruption changes at national and regional (EU) levels.

Main project results during 2012

In 2012, the publication “Lietuvos atsparumo korupcijai tyrimas” (National Integrity Study of Lithuania) was published and policy papers were prepared. Moreover, beginning in September, TI Lithuania organized 20 “Miesto skaidrumo dirbtuvės” (City Transparency Camp) meetings with citizens, municipal officers and civil society representatives in various cities.

During these events TI Lithuania presented the newest research in the area of anti-corruption and transparency as well as interactive tools aimed at increasing transparency: www.skaidrumolinija.lt, www.parasykjiems.lt,

www.manoseimas.lt. Participants had opportunities to share their ideas about transparency and open government and raise relevant questions.

The National Integrity Study is available in libraries in major Lithuanian cities and can be downloaded here: <http://transparency.lt/research/national-integrity-study/>; the policy papers on integrity in public procurement and transparency of the funding of political parties can be downloaded here: http://transparency.lt/media/filer_public/2013/03/15/lt_political_parties_money_power_and_anticorruption_measures.pdf and http://transparency.lt/media/filer_public/2013/03/15/lt_public_procurement_and_transparency.pdf.

As part of its advocacy activities, TI Lithuania coordinated integrity initiative for law students called “I will be an honest lawyer”, reaching all national universities offering legal studies in Lithuania. Moreover, TI Lithuania conducted a study on anti-corruption hotlines in Lithuania, seeking to advocate for more comprehensive protection for whistleblowers. Seeking to contribute to the creation of more effective anti-corruption measures in public institutions, TI Lithuania conducted a study on existing anti-corruption measures in the Lithuanian public sector and provided recommendations on how they could be improved. Before the Parliamentary elections, TI Lithuania encouraged political parties to prepare concrete anti-corruption plans by conducting a survey of the most popular parties, asking them what their anti-corruption plans in selected areas were. By drawing conclusions from the results, TI Lithuania invited politicians to better plan and pay more attention to the pending issues.

ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EU STRUCTURAL FUNDS

Project duration: October 2012 – January 2013

Project budget: 22 443,2 LTL (6 500 EUR)

Source of funding: Slovak Governance Institute

About the project

The aim of this project was to pilot test the evaluation matrix created to assess the effectiveness, integrity and impact of projects funded by EU structural funds. The evaluation matrix and the evaluation methodology were previously developed by the Slovak Governance Institute. TI Lithuania selected twelve EU – funded projects in Lithuania at random and applied the evaluation matrix to carry out an evaluation in practice. During this process, TI Lithuania reviewed the existing evaluation methodology, prepared a report on the challenges of putting the matrix to use in practice and drafted proposals for further development in the future.

Main project results during 2012

TI Lithuania prepared and sent questionnaires to companies implementing EU–funded projects and coordinating agencies, asking them to provide more information about all of the 12 selected projects. After analyzing the answers, TI Lithuania started drafting its report. Simultaneously, a review of existing relevant research and an overview of media reports were prepared.

CURBING CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: ANALYZING PROCUREMENT CONDUCTED IN UNANNOUNCED TENDER PROCEDURE

Project duration: 2012 January – April

Project budget: 1448,1 EUR (5 000 LTL)

Source of funding: Royal Danish Embassy in Lithuania

About the project

The overall purpose of this initiative was to provide clear visual data on the practice of unannounced public procurement in Lithuanian municipalities and make it public, thus inviting other stakeholders to monitor public procurement. At the same time, advocacy on this issue was directed to create incentives for positive changes and limit the practice of unannounced tenders.

According to the definition used by the Public procurement office, unannounced tenders comprise of two different public procurement procedures. The first one is a negotiated procedure without the publication of a contract notice (abbreviated to a negotiated procedure without notice) and the second one is a simplified procedure without notice. Both of these procedures have extremely limited provisions for transparency that are generally required under EU and national procurement law to prevent corruption and discrimination. Even though none of these procedures are considered to be corrupt by definition, the risks of corruption, unfair competition and ineffective public spending are considered to be significantly higher when using unannounced tenders. Negotiated procedures without notice allow the contracting authority to simply negotiate a contract with one or more providers, without any advertisement and usually without any kind of competition. Simplified procedures mean that the contracting authority is following internal rules for the bid and these rules do not necessarily correspond to the rules set by the Public Procurement Office.

However, there is no data presenting how often organizations use these procedures while carrying out public procurement.

Main project results during 2012

In January, TI Lithuania prepared a request for information from the Public Procurement Office asking for data on all public procurement projects in Lithuanian municipalities from years 2006-2011, particularly focusing on unannounced public procurement.

The data obtained was analysed and TI Lithuania drew upon the *pro bono* support from a young sociology expert for assistance in further data processing. Numerous charts and tables were prepared looking for the most compelling data visualisation options before the final analysis was prepared for publication. Finally, TI Lithuania negotiated with professional infography specialists and had a local infography company prepare visualised data (maps, diagrams, etc.) *pro bono* for media and advocacy purposes. In the end, the map visualising unannounced public procurement tendencies in different municipalities was used for the cover story of a national business newspaper.

EU FUNDS WATCH

Project duration: 2012 November – 2013 July

Project budget: 13817 EUR (47707,34 LTL)

Source of funding: European Anti-Fraud Office via the Transparency International Czech Chapter

About the project

This is part of the international project “EU Funds Watch” started at the end of 2012. The project is funded by the European Anti-Fraud Office and coordinated by Transparency International Czech Republic. Project partners include Transparency International chapters in Estonia and Hungary. The general objective of the project is to collect, analyse and exchange practices for preventing fraud and corruption in the implementation and use of EU funds in participating countries, aiming to increase the overall knowledge of risks in managing EU funds.

The main goal of the risk assessment and prevention evaluation analysis “Corruption Risks in Implementation of EU Fundings” carried out by TI Lithuania is to analyse the risks of corruption and fraud of the entire EU structural funds system in Lithuania, focusing on procedural issues and the preventative tools used that are available.

Main project results during 2012

While preparing to carry out its research, TI Lithuania started drafting its methodology and began analyzing relevant legislation and other existing research data. Preparations for the first meeting of partners to the project and the seminar “Which best anti-corruption practices can be used for public procurement in Lithuania” - due to take place in Vilnius in January 2013 - were also started.

PRIVATE SECTOR PROGRAMME:

INCREASING BUSINESS ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG LITHUANIAN COMPANIES

Project duration: 30th November 2011 – 30th July 2012

Project budget: 11353,1 EUR (39 200 LTL)

Source of funding: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

About the project

The aim of this TI Lithuania initiative is to encourage Lithuanian business companies to take steps in order to increase transparency, accountability and ethics of their activities. The initiative also aims to create and offer concrete instruments for accountability to representatives from Lithuanian companies participating in the project that would help achieve changes in their respective organizations.

With this initiative, TI Lithuania and participating companies tried to underline the risks related to ethics and transparency. TI Lithuania also tried to demonstrate that business ethics and transparency are the backbones of sustainable business - providing effective risk control instruments and increasing companies' perspectives for success.

This initiative was carried out while implementing the project “Gates: companies' social and environmental innovations“. The project was implemented by the United Nations Development Programme in Lithuania with the Lithuanian Business Employers' Confederation, the Trade Union “Solidarity“ and the NGO Information and Support Center. The project was funded by the European Social Fund.

Main project results during 2012

2012 TILS organized a series of meetings with partner companies to better understand the specifics of these companies, their expectations and to also prepare possible analysis identifying corruption risks. Risk monitoring reports were prepared and expert workshops for companies were organized in accordance with the results obtained. TILS representatives presented employees with practical tasks, involving them in drafting a new and organizing an interactive review of the old ethics code.

By consolidating the experience gained from the project, TILS identified possible common business transparency standards which could be used by Lithuanian private sector in the future.

PREPARATION OF THE STRATEGY FOR TI LITHUANIA

Project duration: 31th September 2012 – 31th December 2012

Project budget: 3000 EUR (10358,4 LTL)

Source of funding: „Transparency International“ Secretariat

About the project

The aim of the project was to create a strategy for TI Lithuania in order to achieve greater effectiveness and sustainable development of the organisation.

Main project results during 2012

Several workshops were organized in 2012 in order to better map TI Lithuania's activities in various thematic fields. The Board of TI Lithuania was closely involved in this process and was helpful in projecting TI Lithuania's activities and structural development. Moreover, TILS sent out strategic questionnaires to more than 80 direct stakeholders: partners, organizations, donors etc. This was aimed at better informing the process in formulating strategic goals for TI Lithuania. Finally, TILS prepared an outline and a plan for the future strategy.

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