



ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2021

Transparency International Lithuania (TI Lithuania) is a non-profit, non-political organization, which aims to implement transparency and anti-corruption initiatives. It is a national chapter of the global Transparency International network and was established on the 6th of June, 2000.

In the current annual report, we present the details of the initiatives implemented in 2021 as well as the most important achievements of the year.

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OUR ACHIEVEMENTS 2021

1. WE HELPED:

More than **81 thousand people** independently seek more transparency through transparency.lt, manoseimas.lt, manovalstybe.info, stina.info and other online tools.

More than **290 people** agree on anti-corruption priorities in their organizations.

Members of "Network of Schools for Integrity" include more than **1100 students** by sharing success stories and achievements during "Superhero Day".

13 schools bring together more than **4400** community members to decide on how to use the part of their school budget.

2. WE INVOLVED:

Twice as many people (12 thousand) as last year into discussions on transparency and integrity by organizing and participating in various events.

Together with the Lithuanian Journalism Centre, at least **760 people** participate in "Breakfast for Journalists".

Various partners into discussions on measurable anti-corruption change by organizing **130 advocacy meetings**.

At least 675 representatives from various sectors into **Whistleblower Protection, Business Integrity and Participatory Budgeting forums**.

3. WE CONTRIBUTED TO:

The improvement and more measured regulation of **prevention of corruption**, better **whistleblower protection**, clearer **use of GDPR** in the public sector, monitoring of **political advertising** on the internet, and transparency and accountability in the allocation of **EU funds for economic recovery**.

Greater transparency of the largest companies in Lithuania.

The activities of the initiative "**Clear wave**" as well as **Open Government Partnership and Inter-institutional FinTech** working groups.

4. WE FOUND OUT THAT:

During the last parliamentary term, Parliamentary committees discussed 865 pieces of legislation **5,6 thousand** times and almost **2 thousand people** had long-term permits to enter the Parliament.

The current Parliament started its term **more actively** than the previous one.

Twice as many heads of municipalities **published** whom they met during work, the number of meetings increased **two and a half times**.

43 politicians, state officials and their spouses in 2020 in Lithuania owned **83 media outlets**.

During the pandemic, **the scale of fraud** using FinTech companies has likely increased.

Every sixth COVID-19 procurement supplier discloses its anti-corruption measures

Lithuania **ranked better** in the Government Defence Integrity Index.

Participatory budgeting **increases** youth **civic and financial literacy**.

Every third municipality in Lithuania implements a participatory budgeting.

5. WE GATHERED:

298 volunteers and **interns** into our alumni network.

110 youth leaders from more than **60 countries** for the twelfth virtual Transparency International School on Integrity.

Every fifth school in Lithuania into the "**Network of Schools for Integrity**".



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I. INFORMATION ON TI LITHUANIA

The current report contains TI Lithuania's organizational structure, strategic goals and objectives.

Objectives and the nature of the TI Lithuanian Chapter 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 – to organize and promote civil initiatives for transparency and anti-corruption in Lithuania.

Our main priorities are:

- 1) promoting civic engagement and supporting transparency, anti-corruption initiatives and the creation of new partnerships:
 - creation of initiatives that promote transparency and zero tolerance towards corruption;
 - inclusion of public leaders and institutional partners to the activities of TI Lithuania;
 - ensuring comprehensive protection for whistleblowers.
- 2) creating standards:
 - creation and promotion of transparency standards.
- 3) sustainability of TI Lithuania's activities:
 - leading by example as a strong organization;
 - striving to maintain sustainable growth.

TI Lithuania's strategy for 2016-2020 can be found [here](#).

On the last day of the reporting period (December 31st, 2021) there were **8 employees** at TI Lithuania. **14 volunteers and interns** helped with the implementation of various initiatives.

We thank the following interns and volunteers for their help in 2021: Anastasia Kublashvili, Arnas Čekanavičius, Augustė Dumčiūtė, Gabija Račaitė, Kristina Sakalauskaitė, Milda Daukšaitė, Neringa Gališanskytė, Paulomė Das, Ragnar Pfanne, Rokas Citvaras, Rūta Marija Birutytė, Rūta Marozaitė, Valeriia Burlachenko, Vilija Jackeivičiūtė.

EMPLOYEES

In total, 10 employees contributed to the activities of TI Lithuania during 2021. You can find more information on them [here](#).



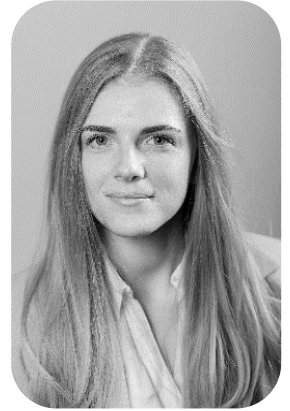
Sergejus Muravjovas
CEO



Ingrida Kalinauskienė
COO



Ieva Dunčikaitė
Project Leader



Deimantė Žemgulytė
Project Coordinator



Ieva Kimontaitė
Project Coordinator



Deividas Bačiulis
Project Coordinator



Povilas Rinkevičius
Project Coordinator



Gabija Račaitė
Project Coordinator



Linas Ikanevičius
Project Coordinator



Skirmantas Bikelis
Associate Lawyer

SHAREHOLDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Shareholders of TI Lithuania: Aurimas Perednis, Sergejus Muravjovas, Rūta Žiliukaitė and Ingrida Kalinauskienė.

Members of the board: Ainius Lašas, Justina Gineikienė, Marius Barys, Simona Laiconaitė and Vaidotas Beniušis.

You can find more information [here](#).

	Shareholder	Date of contribution	Amount of contribution
1.	Aurimas Perednis	2014-01-28	100 LTL / 28,96 EUR
		2018-06-07	21,04 EUR
2.	Sergejus Muravjovas	2014-01-27	100 LTL / 28,96 EUR
		2018-06-01	21,04 EUR
3.	Rūta Žiliukaitė	2018-04-30	50 EUR
4.	Ingrida Kalinauskienė	2021-12-23	50 EUR
Total:			200 EUR

II. ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

REPORT 2021

Item no.	Items	Current reporting period	Previous reporting period
I.	INCOME	292521	231902
1.	Income from services provided, goods sold	39207	49593
2.	Income from financing	247431	181405
3.	Other income	5883	904
II.	EXPENSES	278352	233667
1.	Services provided, cost of goods sold	24592	52262
2.	Operating costs	253295	175013
3.	Other costs	465	6392
III.	OPERATING RESULT BEFORE TAX	14169	(1765)
IV.	PROFIT TAX		
V.	NET OPERATING RESULT	14169	(1765)

* The amounts are in line with the organization's financial statements on the day of submission of the report to the Legal Entities Register.

Fixed assets acquired and disposed in 2021

In 2021 TI Lithuania acquired one computer (Lenovo ThinkPad E14, value 1560,90 EUR).
TI Lithuania did not dispose any long-term assets in 2021.

TI Lithuania's expenses during the financial year of 2021, including labour costs:

Expenditures		Amount, EUR
1.	Salaries	185771
2.	Depreciation of fixed assets	1260
3.	Implementation of programs and projects, organization of events	41578
4.	Work trips and travel expenses	602
5.	Other expenditures	49141
Total:		278352

Management expenses from non-project funds:

Expenditures		Amount, EUR
1.	Salaries	10966
2.	Other expenditures	12570
Viso:		23536

Details about the Executive Director of TI Lithuania: expenditures for salary

58 255 EUR for salaries (including all taxes) was paid to the Transparency International Lithuanian Chapter's Executive Director Sergejus Muravjovas in 2021.

Salary expenses for collegial body members

No expenses of this kind occurred in 2021.

Expenses for persons related to the institutional shareholders

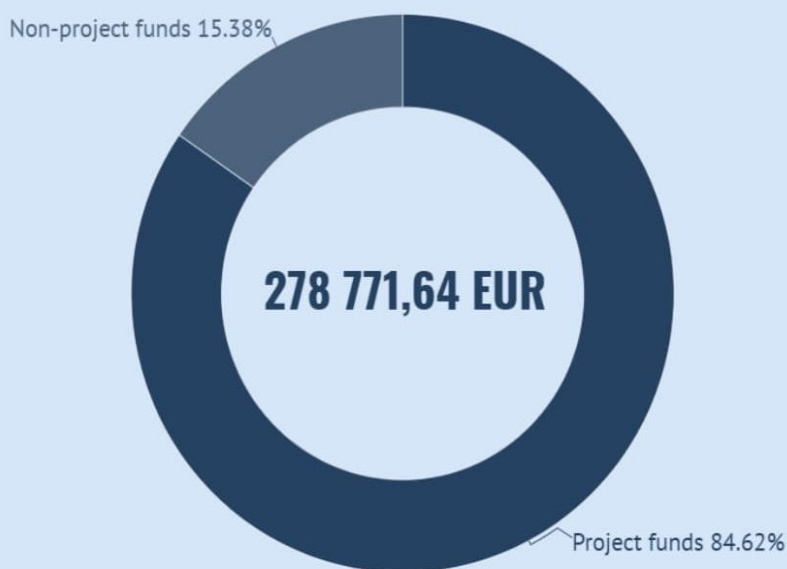
No expenses of this kind occurred in 2021.

III. ACCOUNTABILITY (FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY) REPORT 2021

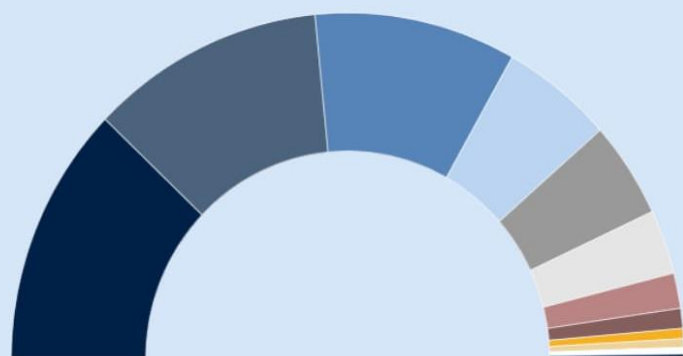
This part of the report presents a detailed breakdown of the revenue received over the course of the year 2021.

Additional information about TI Lithuania's funds from previous years can be found [here](#). The annex contains a detailed breakdown of the sources of revenue – displaying each donor and project funded activities.

TI Lithuania's income sources 2021

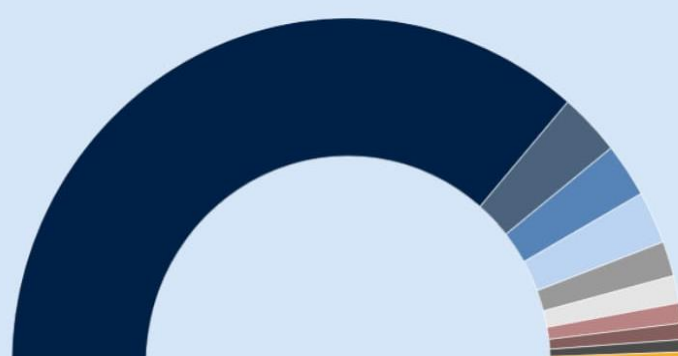


Project funds: 235 886,29 EUR



- Transparency International Secretariat / European Commission
- EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund
- German Embassy Vilnius
- The British Council
- Foundation "Pro Nova"
- Transparency International Secretariat / Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor
- Lithuanian Junior Doctors association / EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund
- Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
- Transparency International Russia / European Commission
- Transparency International Secretariat
- Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania
- Lithuanian Journalism Centre
- The Kazickas Family Foundation

Non-project funds: 42 885,35 EUR



- Transparency International School on Integrity 2021 participants' fees
- Open Contracting Partnership
- Income tax donations
- Susisiekimo paslaugos
- Vilnius Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts
- Association Investors' Forum
- UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- Transparency International Latvia
- Donations by physical persons
- European Humanities University
- Open Culture Foundation

TI LITHUANIA'S INCOME SOURCES 2021 01 01 - 2021 12 31:

	Income, EUR	Percentage
PROJECT FUNDS		
Transparency International Secretariat / European Commission	56 696,30	20,34%
EEA and Norway Grants "Active Citizens Fund"	52 447,50	18,81%
German Embassy Vilnius	45 073,00	16,17%
The British Council	25 000,00	8,97%
Foundation "Pro Nova"	20 975,00	7,52%
Transparency International Secretariat / Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labour (DRL), U.S. Department of State	14 003,42	5,02%
Lithuanian Junior Doctors association / EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund	7 676,00	2,75%
Taiwan Foundation for Democracy	4 327,87	1,55%
Transparency International Russia / European Commission	3 167,20	1,14%
Transparency International Secretariat	2 220,00	0,80%
Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania	1 875,00	0,67%
Lithuanian Journalism Centre / The British Council	1 425,00	0,51%
The Kazickas Family Foundation	1 000,00	0,36%
Subtotal:	235 886,29	84,62%
NON-PROJECT FUNDS		
Transparency International School on Integrity 2021 participants' fees	31 153,76	11,18%
Open Contracting Partnership	2 531,45	0,91%
Income tax donations	2 177,45	0,78%
Susisiekimo paslaugos	2 100,00	0,75%
Vilnius Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts	1 400,00	0,50%
Association "Investors' Forum"	1 100,00	0,39%
UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office	800,00	0,29%
Transparency International Latvia	650,00	0,23%
Donations by physical persons	495,87	0,18%
European Humanities University	300,00	0,11%
Open Culture Foundation	176,82	0,06%
Subtotal:	42 885,35	15,38%
Total:	278 771,64	

IV. INITIATIVES CARRIED OUT IN 2021

In 2021, TI Lithuania carried out 11 initiatives: “Integrity Pacts”, “Towards Local Transparency 2.0”, “Transparency International School on Integrity”, “Political Integrity”, “Fostering Integrity among Youths”, “Money Laundering Prevention”, “Developing patient-centred healthcare institutions”, “Media Transparency”, “Open Data”, “NGO Atlas”, “COVID-19 Procurement in Lithuania: Business Transparency”.

In this part of the report, we present all implemented initiatives including their duration, budget for the implementation, sources of funding and the main results in 2021 (the initiatives are listed according to the size of their budget).

INTEGRITY PACTS

Initiative duration: January 2016 – March 2022

Budget: 493 056 EUR

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

Integrity Pacts is a model offered by the international anti-corruption movement Transparency International, which aims to increase the level of transparency, accountability and good governance in public procurement. The initiative consists of incorporating an independent monitor into public procurement processes. TI Lithuania has been monitoring two projects by Vilnius City Municipality. More information can be found online at: www.nerieskrantines.lt

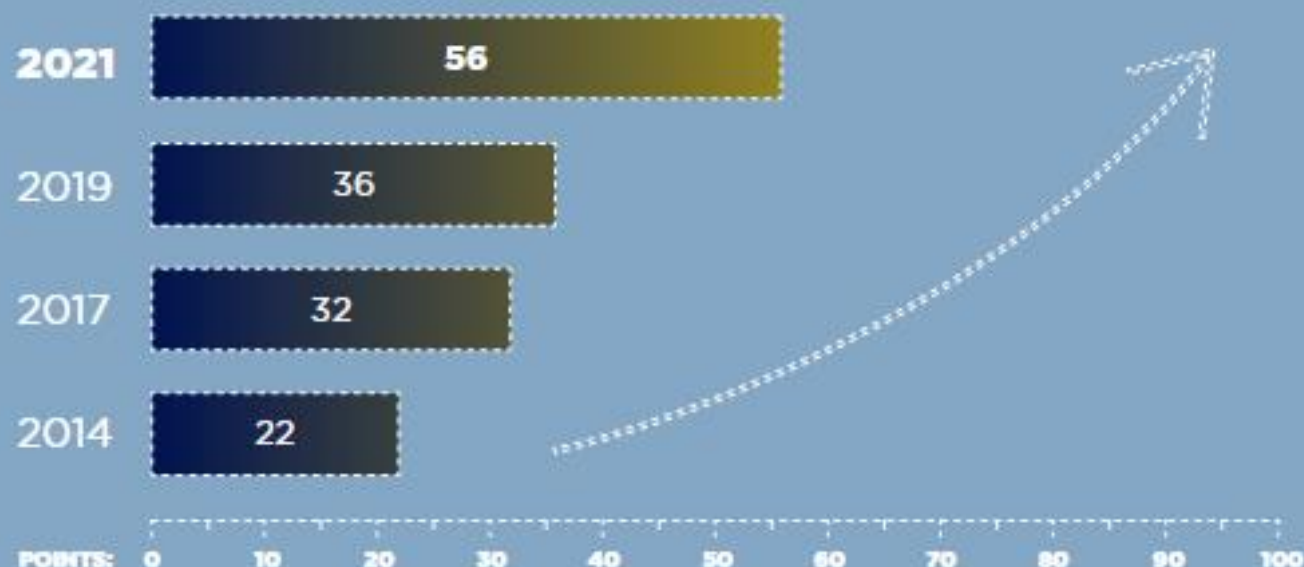
In 2021, TI Lithuania created a website www.nerieskrantines.lt for everyone interested in the transparency of public finances. This website provides TI Lithuania’s insights from the “Integrity Pacts” initiative which was implemented in Lithuania for the first time. Since 2017, TI Lithuania has been monitoring two Vilnius City Municipality projects of the modernization of the Neris quays and their procurements, which comprise the total value of about 15.1 million euros. In addition, in 2021, TI Lithuania assessed transparency of companies that signed largest procurement contracts in construction with Vilnius City Municipality between 2019 and 2021. The result was 11 points out of a 100. This result is five times lower than the assessment of the largest enterprises operating in Lithuania (56 points), which TI Lithuania also conducted during the initiative in 2021 (a brief overview of the results on the next page, more information: www.transparency.lt/en/business-transparency-2021).

Transparency International Lithuania
analysed each corporate website in search of
publicly available information on the company's
anticorruption programme, organizational
structure and financial reporting.

The report
evaluates the largest
companies in Lithuania
based on their income
records for 2020.

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Over the past 7 years,
the largest companies
in Lithuania have
become more
transparent.



In 2014, their average score was
points (out of 100),
whereas in 2021 it was

22

56



TOWARDS LOCAL TRANSPARENCY 2.0

Initiative duration: September 2020 – January 2023

Initiative budget: 166 500 EUR

Source of funding: European Economic Area and Norway's Active Citizens Fund, TI Lithuania co-funding (10 proc.)

The aim of this initiative is to increase the transparency and accountability of local government politicians, public administration institutions and other organizations operating in the regions, and to better involve local communities in decision-making.

TI Lithuania implements the initiative together with project partners: 10 partner schools, Kaunas University of Technology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, LCC International University, Lithuanian Junior Doctors Association and Citizens Foundation Iceland.

In 2021, TI Lithuania implemented participatory budgeting with seven partner schools, conducted and presented the overview of participatory budgeting in Lithuanian municipalities (a brief overview of the results – on the next page, more information: www.transparency.lt/en/every-third-municipality-in-lithuania-implements-participatory-budgeting).

TI Lithuania also reviewed the agendas of mayors, deputy mayors and heads of administration of all 60 of Lithuania's municipalities. Overall, during the second year of their term, the heads of municipalities announced 2268 meetings with interest groups. For the first time, all mayors made their agendas public (a brief overview of the results – on the next page, more information: www.transparency.lt/en/municipal-meetings).

In 2021, TI Lithuania, together with the General Prosecutor's Office, organized the Whistleblower Protection Forum that was attended by 429 representatives of various public sector institutions (ministries, state and municipality owned enterprises, municipalities, etc.) and involved about 80 representatives of various companies through public consultations. Also, together with the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania and the Ministry of the Interior, TI Lithuania organized the Participatory Budgeting Forum which was attended by 152 representatives of municipalities, schools, and ministries.

In cooperation with TI Lithuania, the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Lithuania carried out an assessment of the internal reporting channels of private sector companies. A questionnaire was sent to 92 companies to find out how many of them have internal whistleblowing channels in place, how they protect those reporting, and what challenges they face in ensuring that such channels function properly. The results showed that although more than 80 percent of the companies have internal reporting channels, more than 50 percent should make improvements (more information in Lithuanian: bit.ly/3zk95FR).

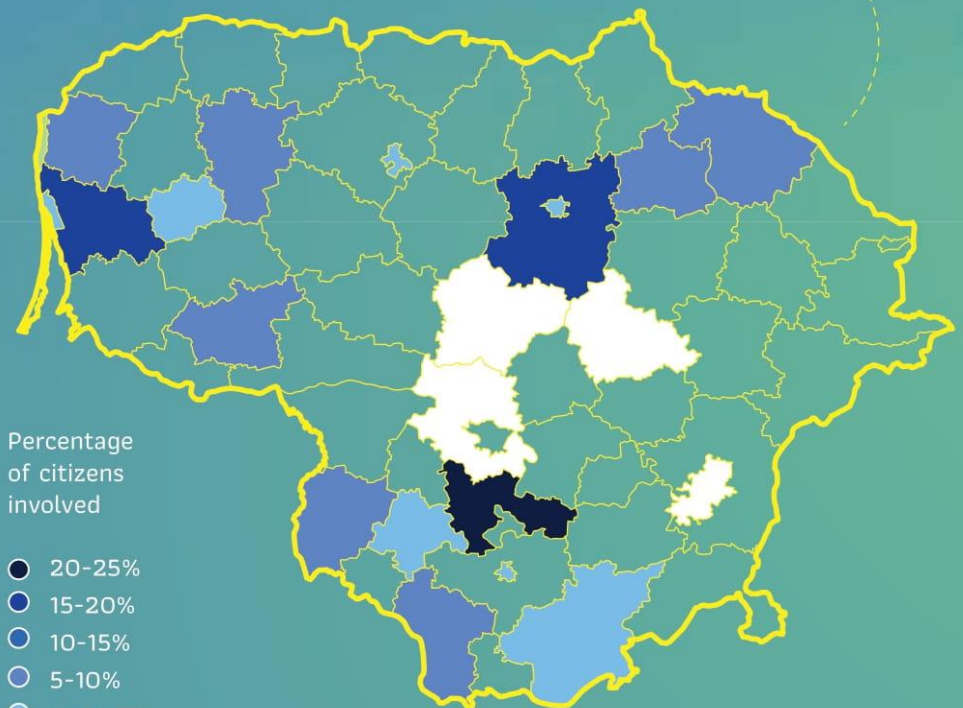
PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN LITHUANIA 2021



1. THREE TIMES MORE MUNICIPALITIES IMPLEMENT PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING.

2. ALMOST 40 THOUSAND CITIZENS IN 17 MUNICIPALITIES CASTED THEIR VOTE FOR THEIR FAVOURITE PROJECT.

Prienai District Municipality	●
Panevėžys District Municipality	●
Klaipėda District Municipality	●
Lazdijai District Municipality	●
Tauragė District Municipality	●
Kupiškis District Municipality	●
Vilkaviškis District Municipality	●
Kretinga District Municipality	●
Telšiai District Municipality	●
Rokiškis District Municipality	●
Šiauliai City Municipality	●
Rietavas Municipality	●
Varėna District Municipality	●
Alytus City Municipality	●
Marijampolė Municipality	●
Panevėžys City Municipality	●
Klaipėda City Municipality	●
Kaunas District Municipality	●
Kėdainiai District Municipality	●
Ukmergė District Municipality	●
Vilnius City Municipality	●
Palanga City Municipality	●



Percentage of citizens involved

- 20-25%
- 15-20%
- 10-15%
- 5-10%
- up to 5%

- Voting has not yet taken place
- Voting did not take place

Calculated using the official number of registered voters in municipalities published by the CEC. Please note that for PB some municipalities establish voting age of 16 years.

3. MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVE 17 PROJECTS ON AVERAGE.

4. MUNICIPALITIES HAVE ALLOCATED MORE THAN 1,6 MILLION EUR TO PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING.

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ON INTEGRITY

Initiative duration: January – December 2021

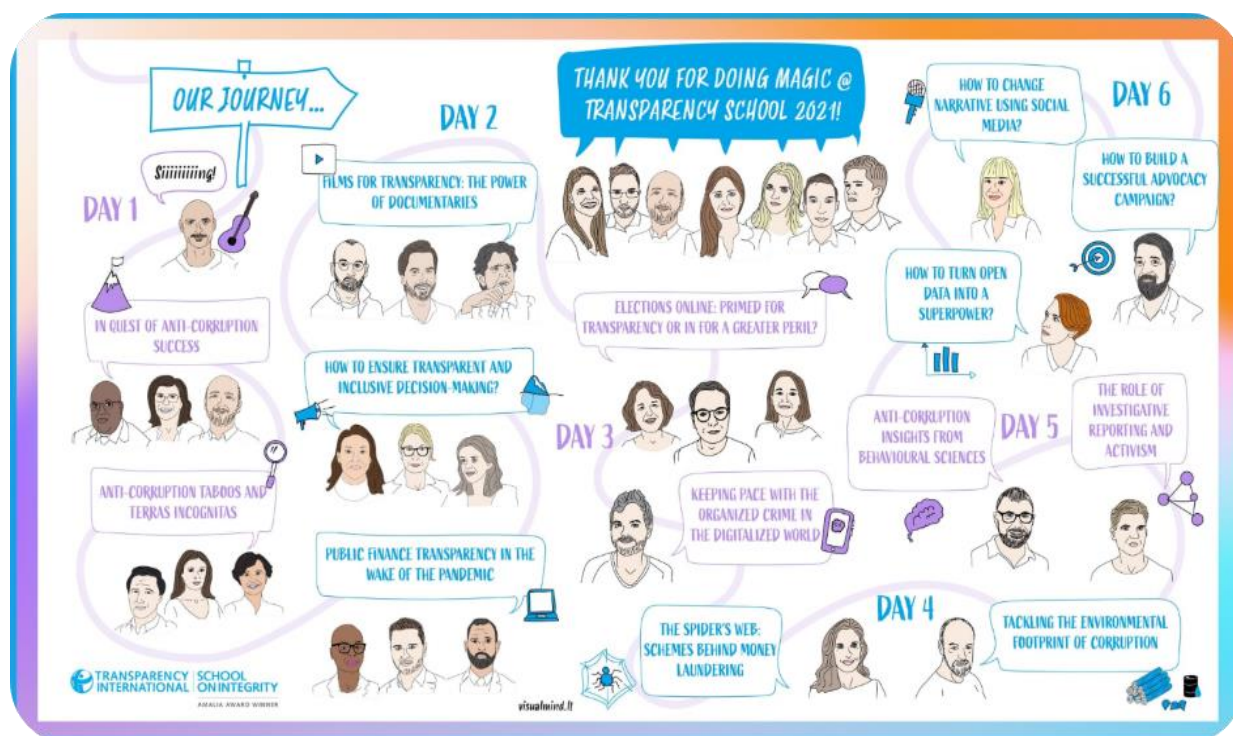
Initiative budget: 56 456,63 EUR

Source of funding: Transparency International School on Integrity participants' fees, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, Foundation "Pro Nova".

Since 2010, TI Lithuania has been organizing the annual Transparency International School on Integrity (www.transparencyschool.org) to provide global youth leaders with an enhanced knowledge of corruption and tools to increase transparency and accountability in their countries.

In 2021, 110 youth leaders from almost 60 countries participated in the 12th Transparency School on Integrity, which was held virtually. Since 2010, Transparency School on Integrity has gathered more than 1400 participants from more than 120 countries.

During a week of intensive training, participants attended lectures and workshops led by anti-corruption professionals from Lithuania and other countries. More information: www.transparencyschool.org.



Moments from the 12th Transparency School on Integrity

POLITICAL INTEGRITY

Initiative duration: January 2019 – March 2021

Initiative budget: 38 106,04 EUR

Source of funding: European Commission (via the Transparency International Secretariat), TI Lithuania (10% co-funding), Income tax donations.

The aim of this initiative – to encourage integrity and openness in politics and lessen the possible occurrences of corruption by creating an interactive database, which would be free of charge for journalists, voters and other interested people. Also, regularly (every six months) conduct an overview of the meetings of Parliament members with the registered lobbyists, seeking to encourage them to declare the most important meetings or those that seek to influence legislative projects.

To promote more transparent and open decision-making in Lithuania, TI Lithuania updated the www.manoseimas.lt interactive tool, where visitors can quickly and easily find out how members of the Parliament announce their agendas and report on meetings with various interest groups, participation in events, and meetings with other politicians.

In 2021, TI Lithuania updated the tool with data on long-term permits to enter the Parliament. The analysis carried out by TI Lithuania showed that 1789 people from at least 195 institutions had long-term access to the Parliament between 2016 and 2020. They discussed various questions in parliamentary committees' meetings about 9,6 thousand times.

A short overview of the results is on the next page, more: www.transparency.lt/en/long_term_permits.



The initiative
"ManoSeimas.lt" won the prestigious "World Summit Awards 2021" prize in the category of Government & Citizen Engagement.

WHO HAS A LONG-TERM ACCESS PERMIT TO THE PARLIAMENT?

2016-2020
PARLIAMENTARY
TERM

1. Long-term permits were issued to

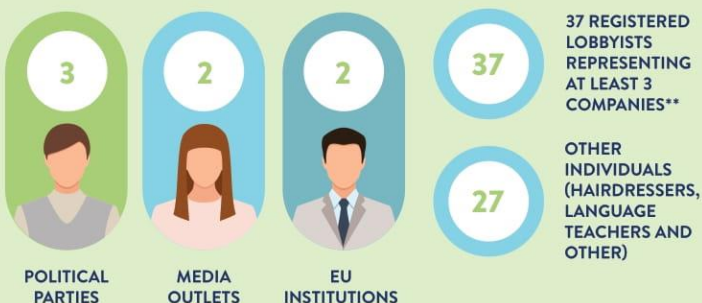
1789
PEOPLE FROM
AT LEAST **195**
INSTITUTIONS.



2960 PERMITS
WERE ISSUED.

A total of

2. At least one permit was issued to the representatives from:



* A part of those business enterprises (approx. 20 out of 23) could have been providing security, catering and other services to the Parliament.

** Most permits issued to the registered lobbyists did not indicate any legal entities they might have been representing.

3. Average duration of permits –

15 MONTHS.

In total

24 PERMITS
WERE ISSUED
FOR UNLIMITED
DURATION.

4. 1 OUT OF 2 PEOPLE,*

that received permits

DID NOT
ATTEND
COMMITTEES'
MEETINGS

during their permit(s)
period of validity.

* Potential service providers for the Parliament were not included into the count.

5. Individuals that received long-term permits discussed various questions in committees' meetings

ABOUT 9,6
THOUSAND TIMES.



This review provides data about long-term permits received in September 2020 from the Office of Seimas. Committees' data is publicly available and was collected in July 2020. Every effort has been made to clean and review the data obtained. However, due to the lack of data integrity and completeness, TI Lithuania cannot fully guarantee the accuracy of insights from the data matching.

FOSTERING INTEGRITY AMONG YOUTH

Initiative duration: August 2020 – March 2022

Initiative budget: 52 900 EUR

Source of funding: The British Council, Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania, Embassy of France in Lithuania, TI Lithuania co-funding

The aim of this initiative is to encourage Lithuanian municipal and school leaders to implement a participatory budget in their environment by jointly deciding on part of the use of their municipality's or school's funds, thus better involving the community in decision-making processes.

In 2021, TI Lithuania helped communities from 16 schools in Lithuania (Kalveliai “Aušra”, Klaipėda district Veiviržėnai Jurgis Šaulis, Panevėžys district Pajstris Juozas Zikaras, Prienai “Žiburys”, Šakiai “Žiburys”, Šalčininkai Janas Sniadeckis, Šilalė Simonas Gaudėšius, Vilnius Aleksandras Puškinas, Vilnius district Mickūnai, Vilnius Simonas Konarskis, Vilnius Saint Jonas Paulius II, Vilnius Vladislavas Sirokomlė gymnasiums and Kaunas Žaliakalnis, Klaipėda Gedminai, Ukmergė Senamiestis, Vilnius Antakalnis progymnasiums) to implement participatory budgeting initiatives, during which the students decided how to allocate between 100 and 1,500 euros. The initiative involved students into discussions about their school needs, preparation of projects aiming to increase their civic and financial literacy. In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, TI Lithuania together with schools implemented some of the activities virtually.

Moreover, TI Lithuania together with TI Estonia and Digidem Lab (Sweden) measured the impact of participatory budgeting initiatives in Klaipėda Gedminai progymnasium (5-8 grades), Estonia's Rapla gymnasium (10-12 grade) and Sweden's Bjurslättskolan (Gothenburg) school (from preschool to 6th grade) and presented the following results.

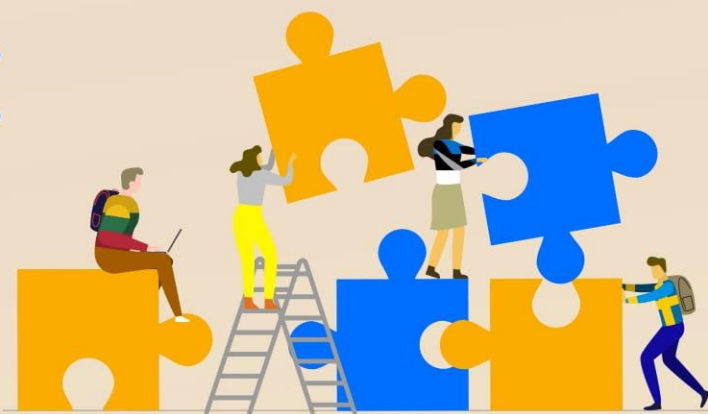
Data revealed that after the participatory budgeting initiatives, more students better understand how to collaborate with the school administration and get involved in school activities, irrespective of whether the implementation of the initiatives took place virtually or face-to-face (before the initiative in Lithuania – 42 percent, after – 54 percent, before the initiative in Estonia – 31 percent, after – 36 percent, before the initiative in Sweden – 55 percent, after – 66 percent).

After the participatory budgeting, two-thirds more students said they had a good understanding on how their school's budget works (before the initiative in Lithuania – 45 percent, after – 65 percent, before the initiative in Estonia – 27 percent, after – 44 percent). A short review of the results is on the next page. More: www.transparency.lt/en/participatory-budgeting-2021.

In 2021, TI Lithuania together with more than 1100 community members of the Network of Schools for Integrity shared good case participatory budgeting examples during “Superheroes Day”. Moments from the event: www.facebook.com/tilietuva/videos/424454509414270.

YOUTH CIVIC LITERACY:

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETS
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE?

1.

2/3 MORE STUDENTS IN LITHUANIA AND ESTONIA HAD A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THEIR SCHOOL BUDGET WAS COMPOSED



2.

1/3 MORE STUDENTS IN ALL COUNTRIES KNEW HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES



3.

CIVIC LITERACY OF STUDENTS INCREASED

"Everyone should be allowed to take part in decision-making processes"

A 4th grader from Sweden.

4.

7 OUT OF 10 STUDENTS IN ESTONIA, LITHUANIA AND SWEDEN LIKED PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING INITIATIVES

5.

6 OUT OF 10 STUDENTS IN ESTONIA, LITHUANIA AND SWEDEN WOULD LIKE TO DECIDE ON HOW TO SPEND A PART OF THEIR SCHOOL BUDGET EVERY YEAR

Until the end of the 2021 school year, at least 20 schools from Lithuania, 4 from Estonia and 1 from Sweden implemented participatory budgeting initiatives - allowing students to propose and decide on how to spend a part of their school budget (from 350 euros to 1500 euros). In three schools, we measured the impact of participatory budgeting. We involved around 820 students - from pre-school to senior year - online (Lithuania), offline (Sweden) and in a hybrid way (Estonia).

MONEY LAUNDERING PREVENTION

Initiative duration: July 2020 – June 2021

Initiative budget: 22 100 EUR

Source of funding: Transparency International Secretariat

The initiative aims to identify the biggest risks related to money laundering in the financial technology (FinTech) sector in Lithuania, to understand the scale of the problem, and how money laundering is prevented in Lithuania.

In 2021, TI Lithuania carried out a pilot study on money laundering prevention in the financial technology sector. For this review, TI Lithuania conducted 12 semi-structured qualitative interviews with representatives of institutions, supervisory bodies and FinTech associations, that are responsible for the prevention of money laundering, and submitted formal data requests to four Lithuanian institutions. In addition, TI Lithuania sent out a questionnaire to all known 230 FinTech companies and analysed corporate websites of 10 FinTech companies that paid the highest amount of taxes in Lithuania in 2020. TI Lithuania also organized a discussion during which the main insights of the study and the recommendations were presented. Nearly 280 representatives from various institutions and companies participated in the discussion. More information: www.transparency.lt/en/during-the-pandemic-the-scale-of-fraud-using-fintech-companies-has-likely-increased.

TI Lithuania also brought together more than 170 participants – banks, financial technology companies operating in Lithuania, representatives of various Lithuanian institutions, and journalists – for virtual trainings on money laundering prevention. During two seminars, experts from the United Kingdom – Graham Barrow and Ray Blake from “The Dark Money Files”, as well as Simon Bowers and Lionel Faull from “Finance Uncovered” shared their experience and knowledge.



Money laundering prevention in FinTech sector in Lithuania

- 1 The scale of **fraud** via FinTech companies has likely increased during the pandemic.
- 2 Supervisory institutions **have insufficient resources** to prevent rapid and illegal profiting by FinTech companies.
- 3 The current ability of FinTech companies to ensure proper **self-regulation** is questionable.
- 4 Companies with the highest risks are those working with **cryptocurrencies**.

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Insights from the report on the anti-money laundering prevention in FinTech sector.

DEVELOPING PATIENT-CENTERED HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS

Initiative duration: October 2020 – July 2022

Initiative budget: 20 150 EUR

Source of funding: Lithuanian Junior Doctors' Association (European Economic Area and Norway's Active Citizens Fund), TI Lithuania co-funding

The aim of this initiative is to promote the implementation of evidence-based, patient and worker-centered healthcare principles in Lithuanian healthcare institutions.

In 2021, TI Lithuania together with the Lithuanian Junior Doctors' Association (JGA) carried out first representative sociological surveys in Kaunas City Polyclinic (KMP) and Kelmė District Mental Health Centre (KRPSC). TI Lithuania and JGA interviewed patients and employees from both institutions, discussed survey results in order to better select and apply necessary measures that would contribute to better quality of services provided by medical institutions.

MEDIA TRANSPARENCY

Initiative duration: April – December 2021

Initiative budget: 46 498 EUR

Source of funding: Lithuanian Journalism Centre, German Embassy Vilnius

The initiative aims to deepen the knowledge on how publicity funds are spent at the national and local levels and what are the potential risks that may occur in these kinds of procurements. Another objective is to introduce journalists to the best media practices in Lithuania and foreign countries as well as to encourage discussions in the journalist community on professional ethics, transparency and accountability.

In 2021, TI Lithuania developed a methodology that would allow to better understand the risks associated with procurement of publicity and information provision services and would also help to gather more information about the tendencies of these particular tenders at the national level. Moreover, in 2021, TI Lithuania submitted formal data requests to three Lithuanian institutions and prepared to upload research data on the updated www.stirna.info website.

In collaboration with the Lithuanian Journalism Centre and the British Council, TI Lithuania organized four "Breakfast for Journalists" seminars for journalists in Lithuania, that gathered at least 760 participants.

OPEN DATA

Initiative duration: March 2020 – March 2021

Budget: 7 400 EUR

Source of funding: Transparency International Secretariat

The aim of this initiative is to encourage the conversation about the creation of a register of final beneficiaries in Lithuania.

Through this initiative, TI Lithuania aimed to advance the conversation about the creation and opening of a register of final beneficiaries in Lithuania and to better understand what measures are needed to do so. As such, TI Lithuania organized an expert round table discussion “Open data of company owners: expectations and opportunities”. The event gathered 40 representatives from public and private sectors, as well as open data, transparency and anti-corruption experts from Lithuania and beyond.



Ekspertinė apskritojo stalo diskusija

**„ATVIRI ĮMONIŲ SAVININKŲ DUOMENYS LIETUVOJE:
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NGO ATLAS

Initiative duration: January – December 2021

Initiative budget: 1 000 EUR

Source of funding: The Kazickas Family Foundation

“NGO Atlas” is the first register of NGOs in Lithuania, which provides an easy way to find any public entity, association or charity fund registered in Lithuania. Here users may filter organizations according to their field of work, city or municipality and track their accountability.

The NGO Atlas provides information on how many staff members an NGO typically employs, how long it has been running, how individuals and organisations can contribute to the work of the chosen NGOs. In 2021, TI Lithuania continued to develop the NGO website [NVOatlasas.lt](https://nvoatlasas.lt), which had more than 2000 organizations registered. More information: www.nvoatlasas.lt

COVID-19 PROCUREMENT IN LITHUANIA: BUSINESS TRANSPARENCY

Initiative duration: June 2021 – September 2022

Initiative budget: 41 992,65 EUR

Source of funding: Transparency International Secretariat, Open Contracting Partnership

The aim of this initiative is to better understand how COVID-19 relief and mitigation funds are being spent. As well as encourage honest and open public procurement.

In 2021, TI Lithuania carried out the second evaluation of COVID-19 procurement. Its aim was to understand how much information companies, from which public sector institutions bought supplies to fight COVID-19 in 2020, disclose on their finances, how they prevent corruption in its activities. Based on COVID-19 procurement data published by the Public Procurement Office (PPO), TI Lithuania identified TOP 40 Lithuania-based suppliers by overall COVID-19 related contracts value in 2020. TI Lithuania analysed their corporate websites from July to August 2021.

The analysis revealed that every sixth company discloses information on how it prevents corruption in its activities. The overall level of TOP 40 suppliers' accountability is 13 points out of 100.

Corporate websites were used to understand how much information companies provide on their anti-corruption programmes, shareholders, organisational structure and finances. One-third (12 out of 40) of the companies publish at least some of the information. Two thirds of companies (28 out of 40) received a score of 0.

A short review of the results is on the next page, more: www.transparency.lt/en/covid-19-procurement

COVID-19 PROCUREMENT:

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT SUPPLIERS' TRANSPARENCY?



TI Lithuania assessed transparency of top 40 Lithuania-based suppliers based on the total value of signed non-preliminary COVID-19 contracts during the year of 2020.

1. **DURING THE INITIATIVE, SUPPLIERS BECAME MORE TRANSPARENT.**



3. **EVERY 6TH COMPANY** discloses the business associations it belongs to.



2. **EVERY 6TH COMPANY** discloses its anti-corruption measures.



4. **7 OUT OF 10** companies received a score of

0

5. **THESE COMPANIES PROVIDED THE MOST INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC:**

81
POINTS

UAB Tradintek

86
POINTS

UAB Laborama
& UAB Medita

100
POINTS

UAB AmberCell
Solutions

Companies were selected based on the Public Procurement Office data on COVID-19 related procurements. Companies websites were evaluated in July-August of 2021. More: www.skaidrumas.lt/tiekejai

V. ANNEX

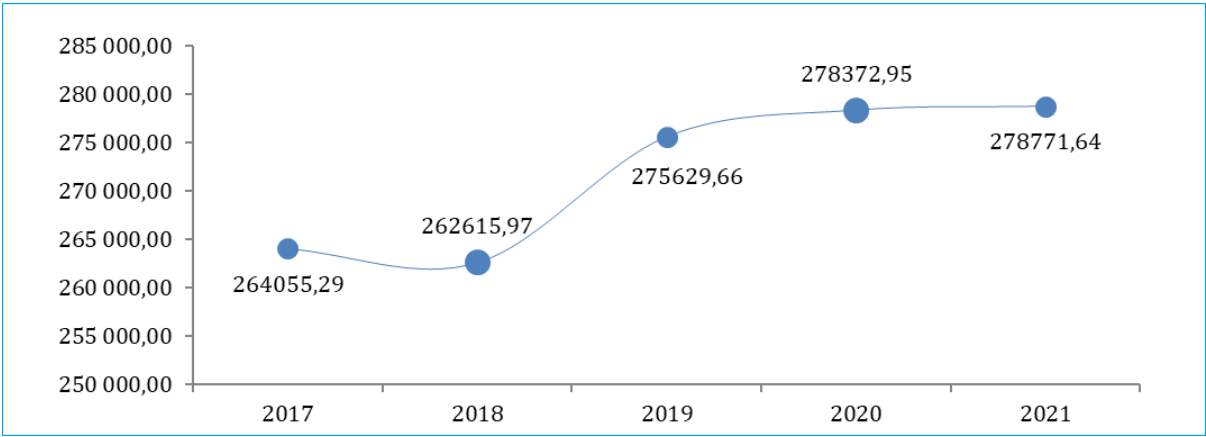
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A breakdown of project receipts is provided - from which donors the funding was received during the reporting period and which activities it will be used to implement.

The funds received and their sources during 2021 (refer to initiatives below)	During the reporting period, funds received (EUR)	Type of expenditure
Transparency International Secretariat / European Commission Integrity Pacts	56 696,3	Administrative costs of the initiative, salaries, stationery, promotion of the initiative, design and programming, other related costs.
EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund Towards Local Transparency 2.0	52 447,50	Project administrative costs, salaries, office supplies, project publicity costs, design and programming costs, travel of project participants, other project costs.
German Embassy Vilnius Towards Greater Media Transparency: Publicity Funds through the Magnifying Glass	45 073,00	Project administrative costs, salaries, office supplies, design and programming costs, expert fees, other project costs.
Foundation "Pro Nova" Transparency International School on Integrity 2021	20 975,00	Lecturers' fees, equipment, publicity costs, other project costs.
The British Council Participatory budgeting as a youth empowerment tool	15 000,00	Salaries, design and printing costs, meeting costs, other project costs.
Transparency International Secretariat / Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL), U.S. Department of State COVID-19 Procurement in Lithuania: Business Transparency	14 003,42	Project administrative costs, salaries, design and programming costs, meeting costs, other project costs.
The British Council Participatory budgeting in schools: building a habit of	10 000,00	Administrative costs of the initiative, salaries, design costs, travel of project participants, costs of meetings and event platforms, other related costs.

inclusive decision-making from an early age		
Lithuanian Junior Doctors association / EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund Developing patient-centered healthcare institutions	7 676,00	Administrative costs of the initiative, salaries, other related costs.
Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Transparency International School on Integrity	4 327,87	Design costs, other related costs.
Transparency International Russia / European Commission Implementation of international anti-corruption measures	3 167,20	Administrative costs of the initiative, salaries, stationery, participants' travel expenses, accommodation, catering and other related costs.
Transparency International Secretariat Open Data	2 220,00	Salaries, travel expenses, publicity costs, bureau costs
Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania Participatory budget initiatives	1 875,00	Administrative costs of the initiative, salaries, publicity costs, travel of project participants, other project costs.
Lithuanian Journalism Centre Breakfast for Journalists	1 425,00	Salaries.
The Kazickas Family Foundation NGO Atlas	1 000,00	Salaries, other project costs.
Total:	235 886,29 EUR	

Annex No 2. TI Lithuania funds and their changes over the last five years:





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