

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2023

Transparency International Lithuania (TI Lithuania) is a non-profit, non-political, non-governmental organisation dedicated to implementing transparency and anti-corruption initiatives. We have been operating in Lithuania since 6 June 2000.

In this Annual Activity Report, we present in detail the initiatives we have implemented in 2023, as well as our main achievements.

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OUR ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2023



We helped:

- More than **70 thousand people** independently seek more transparency through skaidrumas.lt, manoseimas.lt, stirna.info, manovalstybe.info and other online tools.
- **46 schools** bring together at least **13 thousand community members** to decide how to use almost **53 thousand euros** of their school budget.
- More than **5100 students and teachers** improve their knowledge of how to better implement participatory budgeting during four “Participatory Budgeting Workshops”.



We involved:

- More than **8 thousand people** into discussions on transparency and integrity by organizing and participating in various events.
- Various partners into discussions on measurable anti-corruption change by organizing **110 advocacy meetings**.
- At least **420 representatives** from various sectors into **Whistleblower Protection and Participatory Budgeting Forums**.



We contributed to:

- More measurable **corruption prevention** and better availability of **open data**.
- The activities of the initiative “**Clear wave**”, **Open Government Partnership** and **National Health Agreement** working groups.
- The activities of the **Open Spending EU coalition** and **UNCAC coalition**.



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We found out:

- From January 2021 to August 2023, lobbyists declared **2.5 times as many declarations** (1963) as those who experienced lobbying influence (792). The majority of declared lobbying activities relate to the Law on Pharmacy.
- Lithuania **does not have an AI transparency standard** to help understand which algorithmic tools are used by public sector bodies and for what purposes.
- In the last five years, **44 out of 60 municipalities** in Lithuania have implemented participatory budgeting at least once. In total, citizens have already decided on the use of **8 million euros** in this way.
- In order to ensure effective protection of whistleblowers, insufficient attention is paid to **ensuring personal confidentiality** and fostering a culture of openness within organisations.
- During the 2023 spring session, almost half (65) of the MPs published **694 meetings** with interest groups and registered lobbyists.
- Lithuania scored 76 out of 100, **ranking third out of 11 EU countries** among the best EU countries in terms of information on the use of Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) funds.
- The electoral candidates for the municipal elections promised to focus on **increasing transparency and openness** in decision-making related to public finances and asset management, **promoting public involvement in decision-making**, and improving the accessibility and quality of services provided by **municipal institutions**.
- In almost a decade, **the overall level of transparency** of Lithuanian municipalities **has increased one and a half times** (from 56 out of 100 in 2014 to 85 in 2022).



We gathered:

- **323 volunteers and interns** into our alumni network.
- **110 youth leaders, academics and experts from 50 countries** for the fourteenth Transparency International School on Integrity.

I. INFORMATION ON TI LITHUANIA

This part of the report presents the organisational structure of TI Lithuania, its strategic goals, and objectives.

The objectives, nature, and results of the institution's activities during the financial year

Transparency International Lithuanian Chapter (TI Lithuania) is a non-profit, non-political organisation. 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 aim of TI Lithuania is to promote and organise civic initiatives for transparency and anti-corruption in Lithuania.

Our main priorities are:

1) Engaging citizens in anti-corruption and transparency initiatives and creating new partnerships:

- developing initiatives that promote transparency and intolerance of corruption;
- involving community leaders and institutional partners in TI Lithuania activities;
- supporting and protecting individuals advancing anti-corruption efforts.

2) Developing standards:

- developing and promoting transparency standards.

3) The sustainable operation of TI Lithuania:

- a strong and exemplary organisation;
- sustainable growth.

At the end of the reporting period – 31 December 2023 – TI Lithuania team consisted of **6 employees**. **10 volunteers** and interns helped with the implementation of various initiatives.

We would like to thank the following TI Lithuania interns and volunteers for their support in 2023: Teja Jankaikytė, Lukrecija Neverovskaja, Deina Venckūnaitė, Kevin Zupkas, Barbara Sharrock, Ieva Mackutė, Kotryna Dacytė, Gintarė Burbaitė, Gita Petrikaitė, Jurgis Leonavičius.

EMPLOYEES

In 2023, a total of 10 staff members contributed to the activities of TI Lithuania: Sergejus Muravjovas, Ingrida Kalinauskienė, Ieva Duncikaitė, Deimantė Žemgulytė, Aistė Rinkevičiūtė, Edita Semionovaitė, Gabija Žukauskaitė, Libertas Aleksandravičius, Diana Uckutė and Skirmantas Bikelis.

More information about the TI Lithuania team can be found [here](#).



A moment from the 14 November 2023 discussion "Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector in Lithuania: How much do we know about it?"

SHAREHOLDERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS 2023 M.

TI Lithuania shareholders: Aurimas Perednis, Sergejus Muravjovas, Rūta Žiliukaitė ir Ingrida Kalinauskienė.

TI Lithuania board members: Arūnė Matelytė, Džina Donauskaitė, Eimantas Vytuvis, Karolis Granickas, Kristina Norvainytė. More information can be found [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. PERFORMANCE REPORT

| Item no. | Items | Current reporting period | Previous reporting period |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| I. | INCOME | 298278 | 286491 |
| 1. | Income from services provided, goods sold | 82852 | 45594 |
| 2. | Income from financing | 214882 | 234267 |
| 3. | Other incomes | 544 | 6630 |
| II. | EXPENSES | 357356 | 298814 |
| 1. | Services provided, cost of goods sold | 65542 | 42195 |
| 2. | Operating costs | 288676 | 254352 |
| 3. | Other costs | 3138 | 2267 |
| III. | OPERATING RESULT BEFORE TAX | (59078) | (12323) |
| IV. | PROFIT TAX | | |
| V. | NET OPERATING RESULT | (59078) | (12323) |

**The amounts indicated correspond to the organization's financial statements as of the date of preparation and submission to the Register of Legal Entities.*

The organization's acquired and transferred fixed assets during the financial year:

In 2023, TI Lithuania did not acquire or transfer any fixed tangible assets.

The organization's expenses during the financial year, including expenses for salaries:

| | Expenses | Amount, EUR |
|----|--|----------------|
| 1. | Salaries | 187 873 |
| 2. | Depreciation of fixed assets | 1 446 |
| 3. | Program and project implementation, event expenses | 62 224 |
| 4. | Business trip and travel expenses | 37 672 |
| 5. | Other expenses | 68 141 |
| | Total: | 357 356 |

The organization's expenses for administrative costs not covered by project funds:

| Expenditures | | Amount, EUR |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Salaries | 38 433 |
| 2. | Other expenditures | 104 042 |
| Total: | | 142 475 |

Information about the head of the public institution, the institution's expenses for the head's salary, and other payments to the head of the public institution

The director of Transparency International Lithuanian Chapter, Ingrida Kalinauskienė, was paid €45,915.

The institution's expenses for each member of the collegial bodies for salaries and other payments to members of the institution's collegial bodies

No such payments were made in 2023.

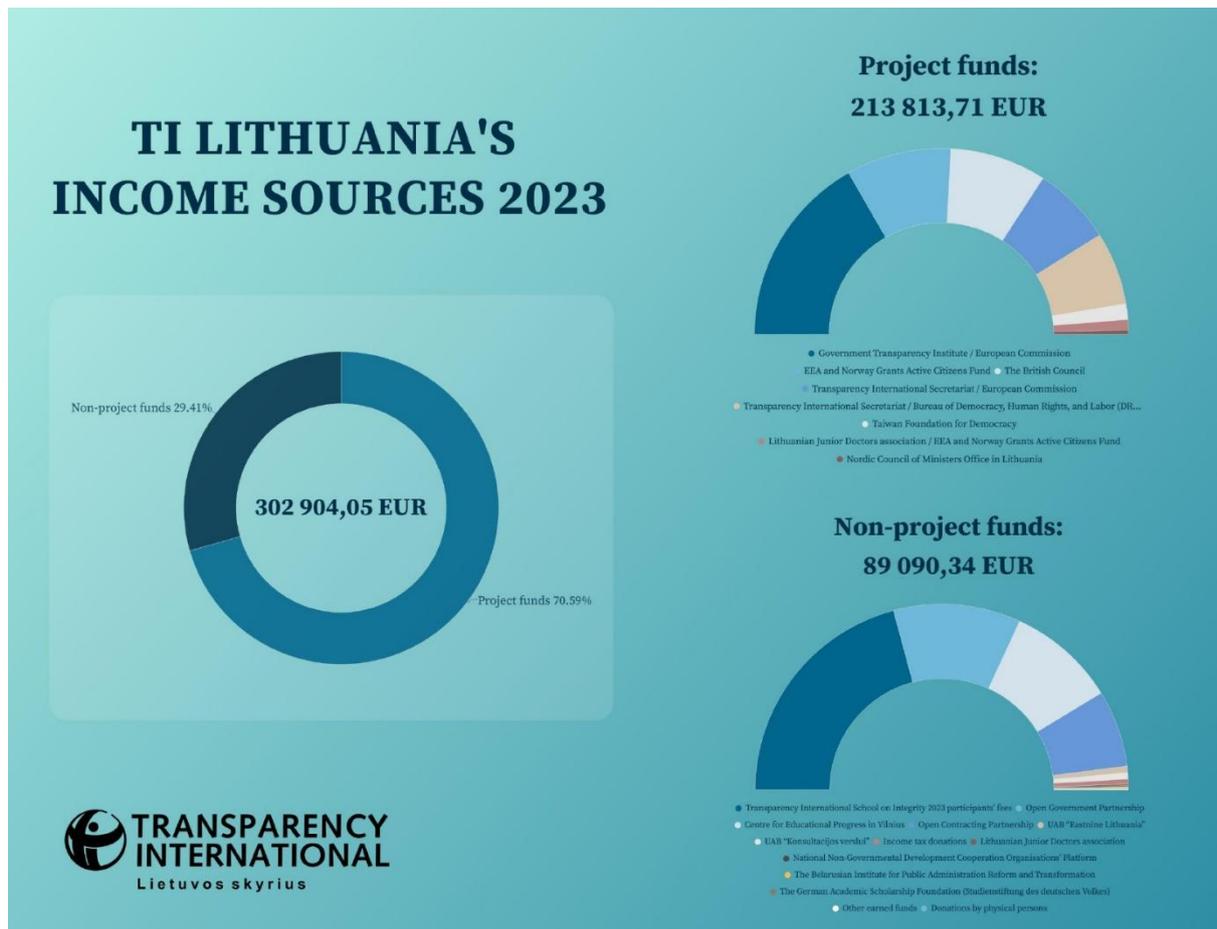
The institution's expenses for payments to persons related to the public institution's shareholders

No such payments were made in 2023.

III. REPORT ON RECEIVED FUNDS

This section of the report provides a detailed list of income received during 2023. For more information about the funds received by TI Lithuania in previous years, you can find it [here](#) (under the "Our funding" section).

The appendices (at the end of the report) contain information on project income and changes in TI Lithuania funds.



TI LITHUANIA'S INCOME SOURCES 2023 01 01 - 2023 12 31
Income, EUR
Percentage

| PROJECT FUNDS | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|
| Government Transparency Institute / European Commission | 71,588.58 | 23.63% |
| EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund | 38,753.24 | 12.79% |
| The British Council | 35,686.00 | 11.78% |
| Transparency International Secretariat / European Commission | 29,478.42 | 9.73% |
| Transparency International Secretariat / Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL), U.S. Department of State | 27,092.25 | 8.94% |
| Taiwan Foundation for Democracy | 5,877.22 | 1.94% |
| Lithuanian Junior Doctors association / EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund | 3,838.00 | 1.27% |
| Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania | 1,500.00 | 0.50% |
| Subtotal: | 213,813.71 | 70.59% |
| NON-PROJECT FUNDS | | |
| Transparency International School on Integrity 2023 participants' fees | 37,125.75 | 12.26% |
| Open Government Partnership | 19,632.18 | 6.48% |
| Centre for Educational Progress in Vilnius | 16,800.00 | 5.55% |
| Open Contracting Partnership | 11,910.41 | 3.93% |
| UAB "Eastnine Lithuania" | 1,000.00 | 0.33% |
| UAB "Konsultacijos verslui" | 1,000.00 | 0.33% |
| Income tax donations | 769.18 | 0.25% |
| Lithuanian Junior Doctors association | 200.00 | 0.07% |
| National Non-Governmental Development Cooperation Organisations' Platform | 200.00 | 0.07% |
| The Belarusian Institute for Public Administration Reform and Transformation | 170.00 | 0.06% |
| The German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes) | 150.00 | 0.05% |
| Other earned funds | 129.82 | 0.04% |
| Donations by physical persons | 3.00 | 0.00% |
| Subtotal: | 89,090.34 | 29.41% |
| Total: | 302,904.05 | |

IV. CARRIED OUT INITIATIVE

In 2023, TI Lithuania carried out 12 initiatives: "Towards Local Transparency 2.0", "Youth Integrity Initiatives", "iMonitor: Public Finance Transparency", "Citizens Budgets", "Strengthening Enforcement Capacities of Public Authorities", "COVID-19 Procurement in Lithuania: Business Transparency", "Political Integrity", "Bilateral Exchange Initiative", "Strengthening CSO Access to Public Data", the "Transparency International School on Integrity", the "Transparency Fellowship" Program, and "Algorithmic Transparency".

This section of the report presents all initiatives, including their duration, allocated budget, funding sources, descriptions, and key outcomes in 2023 (the initiatives are listed in order of their budget size).

TOWARDS LOCAL TRANSPARENCY 2.0

Initiative duration: September 2020 – May 2023

Total budget: €166,500

Funding source: EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund, TI Lithuania (10% co-financing)

The goal of this initiative is to enhance the transparency and accountability of municipal politicians, public administration institutions, and other organizations operating in the regions, as well as to improve the inclusion of local community representatives in decision-making processes.

TI Lithuania implemented this initiative in collaboration with partners: 10 partner schools, the Faculty of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts at Kaunas University of Technology, LCC International University, the Lithuanian Junior Doctors' Association, and Citizens Foundation Iceland.

In 2023, TI Lithuania, together with the Prosecutor General's Office, organized the fourth [Whistleblower Protection Forum](#), attended by over 280 representatives of various public sector institutions. During the forum, TI Lithuania presented a qualitative study on whistleblower protection in Lithuania. Based on 16 qualitative, semi-structured interviews with experts in this field, the study identified the main challenges related to whistleblower protection in Lithuania: insufficient confidentiality safeguards, weak protection against retaliation, and a lack of organizational culture that encourages reporting and open communication.

Additionally, TI Lithuania updated the website www.manovalstybe.info. TI Lithuania reviewed publicly available sources to understand who managed municipally owned enterprises. By comparing this information with election data, it was revealed that nearly half of the heads of municipally owned enterprises in 2022 were associated with political parties and alliances.

In 2023, TI Lithuania also conducted a [transparency assessment of municipalities](#). Municipalities scored 85 out of 100 points, compared to 69 points in 2018 and 56 points in 2014. Municipalities began publishing more information about their employees, the interests of municipal politicians, and the

heads of administrations. Nearly all municipalities (57 out of 60) disclosed opportunities for residents to participate in decision-making processes.

YOUTH INTEGRITY INITIATIVES

Initiative duration: June 2022 – June 2024

Total budget: €102,018.23

Funding sources: British Council, "EDU Vilnius", Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania, EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund, TI Lithuania (co-financing)

The aim of this initiative is to encourage leaders in Lithuania's schools to implement participatory budgeting in their communities by deciding how part of their school's funds will be used, thereby fostering greater community involvement in decision-making processes.

In 2023, TI Lithuania supported 46 Lithuania's school communities in implementing participatory budgeting initiatives, during which students decided how to allocate amounts ranging from €200 to €3,500.

The following schools participated in the initiative: Avižieniai, Gargždai "Vaivorykštė", Kalveliai "Aušra", Prienai "Žiburys", Švenčionys District Pabradė "Rytas", Vilnius Ozas, Vilnius Pilaitė, Vilnius Radvilų, Vilnius Salininkai, Vilnius Simono Daukanto, Vilnius Simono Konarskio, Vilnius Vytautas the Great, Vilnius Vladislavas Sirokomlė, Vilnius St. Christopher, Vilnius Žemyna, Vilnius District Bezdonys Julius Slovackis, Vilnius District Nemenčinė Gediminas Gymnasium, Kaunas Žaliakalnis, Prienai "Revuona", Šiauliai "Rasa", Vilnius Antakalnis, Vilnius Baltupiai, Vilnius Barbora Radvilaitė, Vilnius Emilija Pliaterytė, Vilnius Gabija, Vilnius Jonas Basanavičius, Vilnius Maironis, Vilnius Petras Vileišis, Vilnius "Rytas", Vilnius "Sietuva", Vilnius Simonas Stanevičius, Vilnius Vydūnas, Vilnius St. Christopher, Vilnius Taika, Vilnius District Šumskas Progymnasium, Kaunas Waldorf School, Vilnius King Mindaugas, Vilnius Lazdynai, Vilnius Naujamiestis, Vilnius "Saulėtekis", Vytautas Magnus University Classical Education School, Vilnius Pranas Mašiotas, Vilnius Šeškinė, Vilnius "Žiburys" Primary Schools, VGTU Engineering Lyceum, and Vilnius Volungė Kindergarten-School.

To better involve students in school decision-making and enhance their civic literacy, the initiative engaged students in discussions about school needs, taught them how financial decisions are made in schools and municipalities, and guided them to submit proposals and vote on how to allocate part of their school's budget.

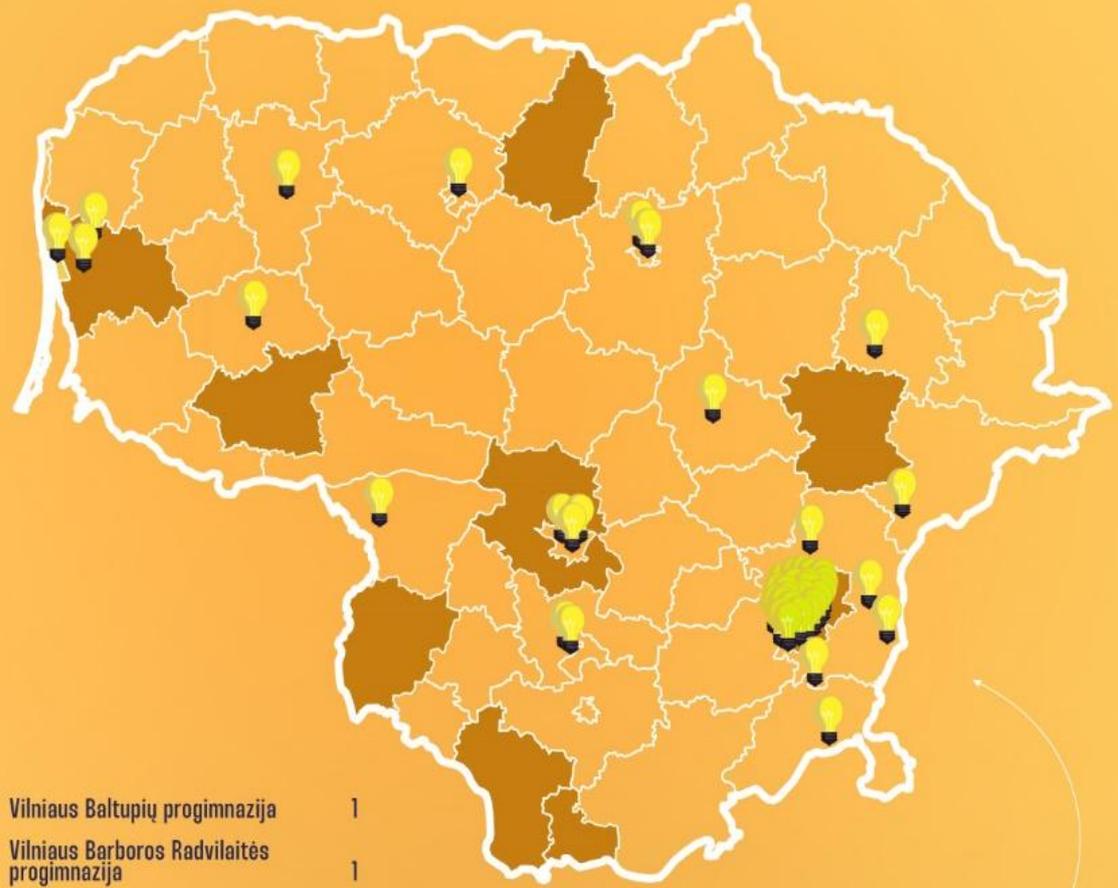
TI Lithuania also conducted Participatory Budgeting Workshops, where more than 5,100 students from over 40 schools gained knowledge on financial literacy, fraud detection, public speaking, and creative space renovation.

For more information about participatory budgeting in schools, visit: www.transparency.lt/tema/dalyvaujamosis-biudzetas/.

DALYVAUJAMASIS BIUDŽETAS LIETUVOS MOKYKLOSE

Nuo 2019 m. padėjome **62** mokyklų bendruomenėms jau **98** kartus nuspręsti, kaip panaudoti dalį mokyklos biudžeto lėšų

| | |
|--|---|
| Vilniaus Simono Konarskio gimnazija | 5 |
| Gargždų „Vaivorykštės“ gimnazija | 4 |
| Prienų „Žiburio“ gimnazija | 4 |
| Vilniaus r. Kalvelių „Aušros“ gimnazija | 4 |
| Eitminiškių gimnazija | 3 |
| Vilniaus Antakalnio progimnazija | 3 |
| Vilniaus Vladislavo Sirokomlės gimnazija | 3 |
| Kauno Žaliakalnio progimnazija | 2 |
| Šakių „Žiburio“ gimnazija | 2 |
| Šiaulių „Rasos“ progimnazija | 2 |
| Šilalės Simono Gaudėšiaus gimnazija | 2 |
| Švenčionių r. Pabradės „Ryto“ gimnazija | 2 |
| Ukmergės senamiesčio progimnazija | 2 |
| Vilniaus Gabijos progimnazija | 2 |
| Vilniaus Gedimino technikos universiteto inžinerijos licėjus | 2 |
| Vilniaus Lazdynų mokykla | 2 |
| Vilniaus Maironio progimnazija | 2 |
| Vilniaus Ozo gimnazija | 2 |
| Vilniaus Pilaitės gimnazija | 2 |
| Vilniaus Radvilų gimnazija | 2 |
| Vilniaus „Ryto“ progimnazija | 2 |
| Vilniaus Salininkų gimnazija | 2 |
| Vilniaus „Sietuvos“ progimnazija | 2 |
| Vilniaus šv. Kristoforo progimnazija | 2 |
| Šalčininkų r. Jašiūnų „Aušros“ gimnazija | 1 |
| Kauno Valdorfo mokykla | 1 |
| Klaipėdos Gedminų progimnazija | 1 |
| Klaipėdos r. Veiviržėnų Jurgio Šaulio gimnazija | 1 |
| Panevėžio r. Pajstrio Juozo Zikaro gimnazija | 1 |
| Panevėžio „Vyturio“ progimnazija | 1 |
| Prienų „Revuonos“ pagrindinė mokykla | 1 |
| Šalčininkų Jono Sniadeckio gimnazija | 1 |
| Telsių „Ateities“ progimnazija | 1 |
| Utenos Adolfo Šapokos gimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Aleksandro Puškino gimnazija | 1 |



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| Vilniaus Baltupių progimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Barbaros Radvilaitės progimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Emilijos Pliaterytės progimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Jono Basanavičiaus progimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus karaliaus Mindaugo mokykla | 1 |
| Vilniaus Naujamiesčio mokykla | 1 |
| Vilniaus Petro Vileišio progimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Prano Mašiotų pradinė mokykla | 1 |
| Vilniaus r. Avižienių gimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus r. Bezdonių Julijaus Slovackio gimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus r. Mickūnų gimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus r. Nemenčinės Gedimino gimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus r. Šumsko pagrindinė mokykla | 1 |
| Vilniaus „Saulėtekio“ mokykla-daugiafunkcis centras | 1 |
| Vilniaus Simono Daukanto gimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Simono Stanevičiaus progimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Sofijos Kovalevskajos gimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Šeškinės pradinė mokykla | 1 |
| Vilniaus šv. Jono Pauliaus II gimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus šv. Kristoforo gimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Taikos progimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Vydūno progimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Vytauto Didžiojo gimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus Volungės darželis-mokykla | 1 |
| Vilniaus Žemynos gimnazija | 1 |
| Vilniaus „Žiburio“ pradinė mokykla | 1 |
| Vytauto Didžiojo universiteto klasikinio ugdymo mokykla | 1 |

TO SAVIVALDYBIŲ DALYVAUJAMUOSIUS BIUDŽETUS RENGIŲ ARBA ŠIAIS MOKSLO METAIS PLANUOJA RENGTI MOKYKLOSE.



Remiantis savivaldybių pateikta informacija į „Transparency International“ Lietuvos skyriaus 2023 m. rugpjūčio mėn. užklausą.

IMONITOR: PUBLIC FINANCE TRANSPARENCY

Initiative duration: May 2023 – May 2025

Budget: €89,485.73

Funding sources: European Commission (via the “Government Transparency Institute”), TI Lithuania (10% co-financing)

The aim of this initiative is to promote the honest, transparent, and efficient use of public funds, with a particular focus on reducing anti-corruption risks in public procurement. This initiative combines data-driven risk assessment of public procurement and monitoring of implemented contracts to promote cooperation between civil society and public sector institutions, thereby contributing to more effective monitoring and control of public procurement.

In 2023, TILS began preparations for the implementation of the initiative, together with partners from Spain (Catalonia) “Colpis”, Hungary “Government Transparency Institute”, Italy “Monithon”, and Romania “SAR”.

During this initiative, residents will have the opportunity to independently monitor the implementation of public procurement, thus getting involved in increasing the transparency of public finances and developing public procurement risk assessment skills.

CITIZEN’S BUDGETS

Initiative duration: May 2022 – February 2024

Total budget: €83,256

Funding sources: EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund, TI Lithuania (10% co-financing)

The goal of this initiative is to strengthen citizen participation and engagement in decision-making and consultations with local-level public administration institutions through participatory budgeting initiatives in municipalities.

TI Lithuania is implementing this initiative in partnership with 6 municipalities, "Citizens Foundation", the GovTech Lab, the Faculty of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts at Kaunas University of Technology, and LCC International University.

In 2023, TI Lithuania conducted and presented the fourth [review](#) of participatory budgeting in Lithuania’s municipalities. The review revealed that over the past five years, 44 out of 60 municipalities in Lithuania have implemented participatory budgeting at least once. Through this approach, residents have collectively decided on the allocation of €8 million. In the past year alone, over 106,000 residents

in 37 municipalities voted to select 158 projects aimed at improving municipal infrastructure and living environments.

TILS, in cooperation with the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania, the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, the British Council in Lithuania, and the Ministry of Education, Science, and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania, organized the sixth Participatory Budgeting Forum.

The aim of the forum was to share best practices and lessons learned and to bring together a community of professionals interested in these topics. During the forum, representatives from the municipalities of Kaunas, Molėtai, and Tauragė, the Rasų and Karoliniškės districts of Vilnius City Municipality, the organization “Open Source Politics”, GovTech Laboratory, “Vilniaus Planas”, Bezdonys Julijus Slovackis Gymnasium in Vilnius District, Vilnius Ryto and Maironio Pro-Gymnasiums.

STRENGTHENING ENFORCEMENT CAPACITIES OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

Initiative duration: November 2023 – November 2025

Budget: €85,632.10

Funding sources: European Commission (via the Transparency International Secretariat), TI Lithuania (10% co-financing)

The goal of this initiative is to improve the quality and usability of available data, enhance the capacity of government institutions to identify, investigate, and effectively prevent international corruption and other financial crimes, ensure their timely detection, and strengthen collaboration among competent institutions.

TI Lithuania is implementing this initiative in collaboration with the Transparency International and Transparency International EU with national chapters in France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain.

In 2023, TI Lithuania began preparatory activities for the implementation of the initiative, conducted an analysis of secondary data, including previously conducted studies and available data, and carried out advocacy efforts aimed at improving the accessibility and quality of data.

COVID-19 SUPPORT TRANSPARENCY

Initiative duration: June 2021 – April 2023

Budget: €52,570.17

Funding source: Transparency International Secretariat

The goal of this initiative is to better understand how funds allocated to combat COVID-19 and support post-pandemic recovery are being spent and to promote fair, transparent, and efficient public procurement practices.

In 2023, TI Lithuania, in collaboration with the Open Spending EU Coalition (OSEUC), published an assessment of how 11 European Union (EU) countries disclose information about the use of Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) funds. The EU has allocated up to €672.5 billion to mitigate the economic and social impacts of the pandemic, with Lithuania set to receive €2.225 billion in grants and up to €3 billion in loans.

The study consisted of two parts. The first part assessed how much information countries disclose about the use of RRF funds. The second part evaluated how user-friendly the presented data is.

Lithuania ranked among the top EU countries in terms of transparency in disclosing information about the use of recovery and resilience funds. Lithuania scored 76 out of 100 points, placing third among the 11 countries assessed. More information: www.transparency.lt/2023-rrf.

Additionally, TI Lithuania and OSEUC launched an interactive tool to help other EU countries evaluate the transparency of their information about the use of these funds: www.transparency.lt/rrf.

POLITICAL INTEGRITY

Initiative duration: January 2022 – December 2023

Total budget: €45,747.85

Funding sources: European Commission (via the Transparency International Secretariat), TI Lithuania (10% co-financing)

The goal of this initiative is to promote transparency and openness in politics, reduce potential corruption risks, and create an interactive database that journalists, voters, and other interested parties can use for free. Additionally, it aims to conduct regular (biannual) reviews of parliamentary members' meetings with interest groups and registered lobbyists.

To encourage more transparent and open decision-making in Lithuania, TI Lithuania updated the interactive tool www.manoseimas.lt. This tool allows users to quickly and easily check how parliamentary members disclose their schedules, including meetings with interest group representatives, participation in events, and meetings with other politicians.

In 2023, TI Lithuania enriched the tool with data on parliamentary members' meetings during the autumn 2022 and spring 2023 sessions. The analysis revealed that the autumn 2022 session was the most active since the beginning of the parliamentary term. During this session, half (69) of the MPs disclosed 739 meetings with interest groups and registered lobbyists. During the spring 2023 session, nearly half (65) of the MPs disclosed 694 such meetings. More information is available [here](#).

TI Lithuania also hosted a discussion titled "*Political Integrity: How to Ensure Open Decision-Making?*" to evaluate whether politics and decision-making in Lithuania have become more transparent and open as well as to discuss current challenges and to set goals for achieving inclusive and open lawmaking. The event was hosted by Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen, Speaker of Parliament. The event recording is available [here](#).

During the discussion, TI Lithuania presented an analysis of lobbying data, which revealed that from January 2021 to August 2023, lobbyists disclosed 1,963 declarations—2.5 times more than the 792 declarations made by individuals affected by lobbying efforts. The most active lobbying efforts focused on the Law on Pharmaceutical Activities. A summary of the results is on the next page, with more information available [here](#).

In 2023, TI Lithuania also surveyed political parties and committees about their anti-corruption goals and priorities during the municipal election campaigns. Between February 13–22, 33 out of 48 participating political parties and committees responded to the TI Lithuania questionnaire. They identified nepotism (30 out of 33), political party favoritism (28 out of 33), and undue influence (25 out of 33) as the most common corruption-related issues in Lithuania's municipalities. Election participants pledged to focus on increasing transparency and openness in decisions related to public finances and asset management, fostering public participation in decision-making, and improving the accessibility and quality of services provided by municipal institutions. A summary of the results is provided below, with more detailed information in Lithuanian available [here](#).

BILATERAL EXCHANGE INITIATIVE

Initiative duration: July 2023 – February 2024

Budget: €5,976.75

Funding source: EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund

The goal of this initiative is to understand when and which civic technologies are most effective, how to begin developing and implementing them, and how to measure the success of their impact.

In 2023, TI Lithuania launched preparatory activities for the implementation of the initiative. Key institutions and target groups in Iceland were identified, and a preliminary program for visits was prepared. During virtual meetings with colleagues from the "Citizens Foundation" and the Transparency International Iceland, the most important issues for Lithuania and Iceland were identified. These included topics related to civic technology tools, data-driven decision-making in municipalities, and broader themes such as transparency, anti-corruption efforts, and good governance.

STRENGTHENING CSO ACCESS TO PUBLIC DATA

Initiative duration: November 2023 – January 2024

Budget: €4,200

Funding sources: EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund, TI Lithuania (10% co-financing)

The goal of this initiative is to improve access to data stored in state registries for civil society organizations (CSOs) and to encourage higher-quality, data-driven insights and recommendations from CSOs.

In 2023, TI Lithuania formed an informal coalition of civil society organizations and actively raised the issue of data openness and accessibility in the country. The aim was to highlight the role of CSOs as "public watchdogs" and intermediaries between citizens and government representatives, focusing on activities that strengthen democracy, transparency in governance, and national security.

To advance its advocacy objectives, TI Lithuania engaged with Lithuanian and international experts and representatives of responsible institutions through in-person and virtual meetings.

Below, we present the key initiatives implemented by TI Lithuania in 2023 under service contracts:

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ON INTEGRITY

Initiative duration: January – December 2023

Total budget: €43,002.97

Funding sources: Transparency School participant fees, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Since 2010, TI Lithuania has been organizing the annual Transparency International School on Integrity (www.transparencyschool.org). The goal of the school is to equip young global leaders with knowledge on how to implement anti-corruption initiatives, enhance transparency, and promote accountability in their countries.

In 2023, the 14th edition of the School on Integrity was held, marking the first in-person gathering since the onset of the pandemic. The event welcomed 110 young leaders, academics, and experts from nearly 50 countries, making it the largest event of its kind globally. Since 2010, the school has brought together over 1,700 participants interested in anti-corruption and transparency from around the world. The school is organized by TI Lithuania in collaboration with Mykolas Romeris University and was hosted at the National Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis School of Art.

Experienced anti-corruption and transparency experts from countries including Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, China, Colombia, Poland, Mexico, Nigeria, the Netherlands, South Africa, Georgia, Taiwan, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Germany shared their insights with the participants.

During the week-long program, participants attended intensive anti-corruption courses, exploring the causes of corruption and working with lecturers to identify ways to enhance transparency and reduce corruption in their own countries.

More information: www.transparencyschool.org.



OGP-TRANSPARENCY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Initiative duration: May 2023 – July 2023

Budget: €19,632.18

Funding source: Open Government Partnership

The goal of the OGP-Transparency Fellowship program is to provide public and non-governmental sector leaders from various countries with a deeper understanding of Lithuania's experience in anti-corruption and good governance, including its key challenges and success stories.

In July 2023, young leaders working in the public and non-governmental sectors from Armenia, Moldova, Georgia, and Ukraine visited Vilnius as part of the program.

During the 4-day visit, participants, together with TI Lithuania representatives, visited institutions and organizations such as Debunk.org, the Prosecutor General's Office, the GovTech Lab, the Special Investigation Service, and the Chief Official Ethics Commission. They also participated in meetings with: Eimantas Vytuvlis, TI Lithuania Board Chair and anti-money laundering expert; Paulius Martinkus,

Head of Strategy at Vilniaus Šilumos Tinklai (Vilnius Heating Network) and Chair of the Boards of the State Forest Enterprise and the Agricultural Data Center; Dr. Rūta Žiliukaitė, TI Lithuania shareholder. Participants also attended the Transparency School on Integrity.

The OGP-Transparency Fellowship program is implemented in collaboration with the Open Government Partnership.



ALGORITHM TRANSPARENCY

Initiative duration: May 2022 – November 2023

Budget: €10,000

Funding source: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Lithuania

The goal of this initiative is to better understand how public sector institutions in Lithuania use algorithmic tools for automated decision-making. The initiative aims to provide the public with more information about (1) the availability of publicly accessible information regarding the use of algorithmic tools for decision-making in public sector institutions in Lithuania and (2) the extent to which public sector institutions in Lithuania actively use algorithmic tools.

In 2023, TI Lithuania conducted an exploratory transparency study titled *"Searching for Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector."* The study revealed that Lithuania currently lacks an artificial intelligence (AI) transparency standard to help understand which algorithmic tools are being used by public sector institutions and for what purposes. More broadly, the country lacks a strategic vision,

clear commitments, and a responsible institution to mitigate the risks posed by AI technologies and maximize their benefits.

TI Lithuania presented and discussed these findings during an expert discussion titled "*Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector in Lithuania: How Much Do We Know About It?*" A summary of the results is provided below, with more detailed information available [here](#).

V. ANNEXES

Annex No. 1

A detailed breakdown of project funding is provided, indicating the donors from whom financing was received during the reporting period and the activities for which it will be used.

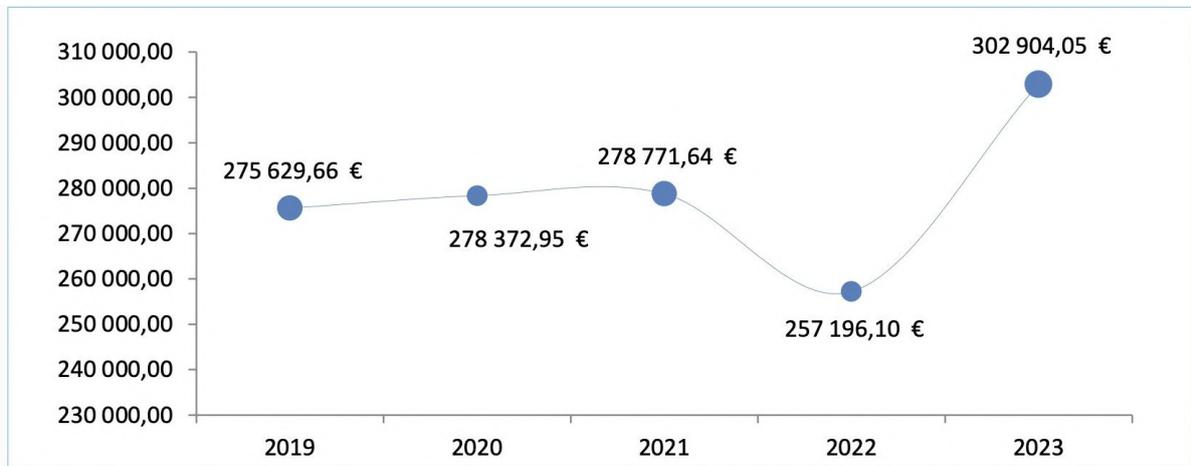
| Funds Received and Their Sources in 2023 (The initiatives are listed below) | Funds Recognized as Received During the Reporting Period (EUR) | Types of Expenses |
|---|---|---|
| Government Transparency Institute / European Commission Public Finance Transparency | 71,588.58 | Project administrative expenses, salaries, project publicity expenses, design expenses, travel expenses, other project expenses. |
| British Council Participatory Budgets in Schools | 35,686.00 | Project administrative expenses, salaries, design expenses, participant travel expenses, meeting and event platform expenses, other project expenses. |
| EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund Citizens' Budgets | 29,972.16 | Project administrative expenses, salaries, office Supplies, Project Publicity expenses, design and programming expenses, participant travel expenses, other project expenses. |
| Transparency International Secretariat / U.S. Department | 27,092.25 | Project administrative expenses, salaries, design and |

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| <p>of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor COVID-19 Procurement in Lithuania: Business Transparency</p> | | programming expenses, other project expenses. |
| <p>Transparency International Secretariat / European Commission Strengthening Enforcement Capacities of Public Authorities</p> | 17,126.42 | Project administrative expenses, salaries, project publicity expenses, design and programming expenses, other project expenses. |
| <p>Transparency International Secretariat / European Commission Political Integrity</p> | 12,352.00 | Project administrative expenses, salaries, office supplies, project publicity expenses, design and programming expenses, participant travel expenses, other project expenses. |
| <p>Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Transparency School on Integrity</p> | 5,877.22 | Design expenses, travel expenses, other project expenses. |
| <p>EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund Bilateral Exchange Initiative</p> | 5,479.75 | Participant travel expenses, accommodation expenses, salaries, other project expenses. |
| <p>Young Doctors' Association / EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund Development of Patient-Centered Healthcare Institutions</p> | 3,838.00 | Project administrative expenses, salaries, other project expenses. |
| <p>EEA and Norway Grants Active Citizens Fund Strengthening CSO Access to Public Data</p> | 3,402.00 | Salaries, design expenses. |
| <p>Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania Participatory Budgeting Initiatives</p> | 1,500.00 | Project administrative expenses, salaries, project publicity expenses, participant travel expenses, other project expenses. |

Total:

213,813.71 EUR

Annex No. 2 TI Lithuania Funds and Their Changes Over the Past Five Years:





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