Prevention of Corruption and Information Technologies

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What creates corruption?

- $C = M + F - A - E$

- Corruption =

  Monopoly of power **+** Freedom of action,
  - Accountability (Supervision, control, **transparency**) **– E**thical behaviour

  [Klitgaard – *Political Corruption* *&* Howard Whiton]

Role of transparency in decreasing corruption risks

- Internal anti-corruption measures:

  - clear separation of competence;

  - clear procedures;

  - openness about the activities:

    *within an institution;

    * information to be provided to the public;

  - introduction of "one stop agencies".

Corruption Prevention and Combating Programme for 2004-2008

- Tasks:

  - extending provision of information and services electronically;

  - provision of information about state and municipal budgets on the Internet;

  - openness about administrative rules and procedures in public institutions and informing the visitors about the work of the institution;

Other tasks of the programme:

- ensuring public access to court decisions;

- building the capacity of law enforcement institutions;

- developing efficient internal control systems.

■ **Results of implementation of the programme**

Examples of good practice

- Electronic procurement;
- Electronic declarations to tax authorities (State Revenue Service);
- Selected municipalities (Riga and Liepaja city councils);
- Implementation of electronic signature.

Main challenges

- **Neutrality of civil servants;**

- **Lack of financial and other resources for implementation;**

- **Complexity of implemented measures and duplication of efforts.**

Corruption risks related to implementation of new information technologies

- Procurement of information technologies– one of the most corruption risk prone areas;

- Measures to prevent corruption risks.

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