Riga Tram

**RELEVANCE**

**SECTOR**

_Extension of the tram system in Riga_

**PROCUREMENT**

Extension of the tram system in Riga

**EXPECTED # OF BENEFICIARIES**

Estimates from 2015-2016, number of passengers on the new tram route:

- 19,000 passengers / day in 2023
- 27,000 passengers / day in 2048

**KEY STATS**

**TRAM SYSTEM IN RIGA:**

- 8 tram routes cover a total distance of 101 km
- 1984 was the last time that a completely new tram route infrastructure was built in Riga

**IN 2017:**

- 32.7 million passengers used the tram system in Riga, almost 90,000 passengers/day

**MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Requirement of inclusion of independent and high-level technical expertise in Public Procurement Commissions for complex infrastructure projects at the national and local level
- Introduction of measures for increasing foreign competition in complex infrastructure procurements in small markets
- Introduction of mandatory, secure and reliable whistleblowing systems for companies and their employees in all EU-funded procurement projects

**IRREGULARITIES**

- Procurement documents tailored for one bidder in the 1st procurement (“Development of construction plan for a new tram infrastructure section”)
- Suspicion of document forgery in the 2nd procurement (relaunched tender “Development of construction plan for a new tram infrastructure section”)
- Excessively restrictive bid requirements and questionable validity of technical evaluation criteria in the tendering and awards of the 3rd procurement (“On the delivery of low-floor trams”)

**COSTS**

€ 97.4 million

- EU Cohesion Funds: €70 million
- Riga Traffic (CA): €27.4 million

**MONITORING REPORTS**

[download the periodic monitoring reports at: https://delna.lv/lv/intergritates_pakts_2016/uzraudzitie-iepirkumi/]

**PROJECT**

**LOCATION**

LATVIA

- Riga

**TIMELINE**

- 01/01/2016: Start of IP project
- 26/11/2016: Signature of IP by contracting authority
- 12/01/2017: Cancellation of the 1st procurement
- 14/04/2018: Launch of the 2nd procurement
- 18/01/2019: Suspension of the 2nd and 3rd procurement and appointment of new procurement commission
- 12/12/2018: Launch of the 3rd procurement
- 02/05/2019: Monitored project terminated
- 2022: Original end of project

**MAIN RESULTS**

- Early detection and prevention of irregularities and single-bidding situations in the 1st and 3rd procurements and saving of public resources
- Better institutional processes and stronger cooperation between procurement oversight authority and civil society monitor in addressing corruption risks in the procurement cycle
- Increased government’s willingness to introduce Integrity Pacts to monitor EU-funded procurements in Latvia’s municipalities