

Facilitating Ratification of the U.N. Convention against Corruption

Public private coalition in Lithuania



To support national anti-corruption efforts and promote active dialogue among key stakeholders, UNDP in partnership with the Lithuania's Special Investigation Service, Transparency International's Lithuanian Chapter and private sector companies, Constructus, Mazeikiu Nafta and Statoil, have initiated a project to evaluate the adequacy of a country's legislation to implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

Lithuania signed the UN Convention against Corruption on December 10, 2003 in Merida, Mexico. This project aimed to review relevant national laws and legislation, and to formulate a list of follow-up activities needed to bring the Lithuanian legal system in line with the provisions stipulated within the treaty. This work was carried out by an expert working group consisting of national government, private sector, and civil society representatives. The project was launched in December 2005 and concluded in May 2006.

Lithuania ratified the Convention against Corruption on December 21, 2006. While the Convention is an important instrument for international cooperation, its ratification also served as a timely opportunity to review and update the parts of national legislation relating to corruption prevention as well as forge strategic partnerships among Government, the private sector and civil society necessary to enact important legal changes.

The businesses, Constructus, Mazeikiu Nafta and Statoil, contributed \$30,000 towards implementation the project activities.

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