

# **OPEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

RANKING OF TRANSPARENCY IN 100 LARGEST SLOVAK TOWNS AND THE EXAMPLES OF ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES IN SLOVAK MUNICIPALITIES

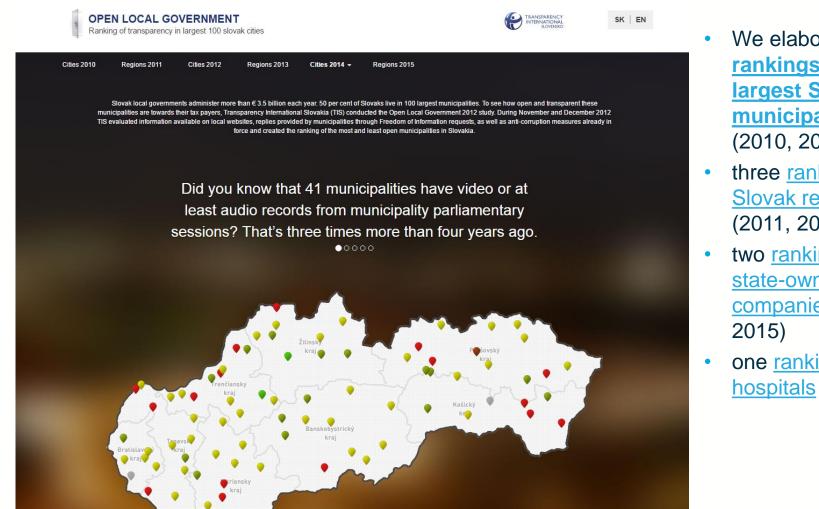
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#### **TRANSPARENCY RANKINGS**



- TIS is the largest and most influential anticorruption NGO in Slovakia. TIS is a part of the global Transparency International movement, working in over 100 countries around the world.
- Mission of TIS is to reduce corruption by increasing transparency and reducing red tape. The anti-corruption strategy of TIS is based on a close dialogue with partners from the private sector, civil society and the public sector.
- One of the strongest tools for these aims are transparency rankings which allow us to compare transparency level in public bodies and push for introduction and implementation of anti-corruption measures and to increase transparency in the public sector.

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- We elaborated three rankings of 100 largest Slovak **municipalities** (2010, 2012, 2014);
- three rankings of **Slovak regions** (2011, 2013, 2015),
- two rankings of state-owned companies (2012,
- one ranking of hospitals (2013)

#### **TOTAL RANKING**





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Ranking of transparency in largest 100 slovak cities





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Cities	2010	Regions 2011	Cities	2012	Regions 2	2013	Cities 20	14 -	Regions	2015						
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2.	Prievidza			88 %	59 %	96 %	32 %	56 %	79 %	63 %	94 %	70 %	100 %	50 %	71 %	A-
3.	Rožňava			83 %	81 %	79 %	47 %	81 %	36 %	47 %	89 %	49 %	67 %	50 %	70 %	B+
4.	Bratislava			74 %	83 %	50 %	37 %	85 %	79 %	66 %	44 %	77 %	100 %	75 %	69 %	B+
5.	Banská Bys	trica		100 %	90 %	63 %	68 %	48 %	79 %	43 %	0 %	46 %	100 %	31 %	69 %	B+
6.	Bratislava -	Petržalka		85 %	79 %	69 %	37 %	56 %	89 %	35 %	37 %	92 %	67 %	50 %	67 %	B+
7.	Vranov nad	Topiou		94 %	62 %	52 %	47 %	56 %	64 %	68 %	72 %	64 %	67 %	50 %	66 %	B+
8.	Šaľa			83 %	86 %	96 %	21 %	56 %	29 %	43 %	44 %	63 %	67 %	88 %	66 %	B+
9.	Smižany			87 %	86 %	30 %	0 %	85 %	39 %	41 %	44 %	70 %	67 %	50 %	62 %	в
10.	Michalovce			90 %	45 %	75 %	16 %	71 %	64 %	38 %	100 %	29 %	67 %	38 %	61 %	в

### **CATEGORIES OF QUESTIONS**

#### Martin



		Compare City vs. Slovakia
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Total: Grade:	72 % A-	
City finances 2006-20	11 (Slovak only)?	
Územný plán mesta	UzemnePlany.sk	Contra the second

Population: 58166

E-mail: mesto@martin.sk,info@martin.sk

Chief of staff: JUDr. Katarína Katinová

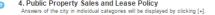
Chief auditor: Dušan Laššák

Web: http://www.martin.sk/

Region: Žilinský kraj Address: Mestský úrad Martin, nám. S. H. Vajanského 1, 036 49 Martin Mayor: Andrej Hrnčiar (NEKA) Chief of staff's e-mail address: katarina.katinova@martin.sk, prednosta@martin.sk

Chief auditor's email address: dusan.lassak@martin.sk

Categ	ategory of questions		Comment	Rating
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00	2. Public Participation Policy Answers of the city in individual categories will be displayed by clicking [+].			55 %
00	3. Public Procurement Policy Answers of the city in individual categories will be hidden by clicking [-].			<b>92</b> %
	Express in percentages the financial volume of e-auctions in the whole public procurement from January 2013 till July 2014.	less than 25 %	5	
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	Are the results of public procurement schemes available on the official website?	yes	https://martin.ebit.sk/index.php?zobraz=drazby&d=3&idmenu=3 aj súhrnné správy http://www.martin.sk/verejne-obstaravanie/ds- 1384/p1=18694	
	Is the archive of public procurement notices from (at least) past 2 years available on the official website?	yes	https://martin.ebit.sk/index.php?zobraz=drazby&d=3&idmenu=3	
	Is the archive of the results of public procurement schemes from (at least) past 2 years available on the official website?	yes	https://martin.ebit.sk/index.php? idmenu=3&d=3&zobraz=drazby&p=1&odkel=0	
	What is the average number of competitors in all e-procurements (all published in the bulletin) between January 2013 and July 2014?	5 and more	7.1	
	What is the amount of the accepted objections and controlled errors in public procurement from September 2012 to July 2014?	none		
00	4. Public Property Sales and Lease Policy			21 %





- The least • transparent area remained the public property sales and lease.
  - Just 13 out of 100 cities publish the results of the public property sales contests and only 2 publish complete minutes from these contests on their websites.

#### WHAT WE EVALUATED



# Evaluated categories

- Access to information
- Budgeting
- Human Resources
- Housing and Social ServicesEtc..

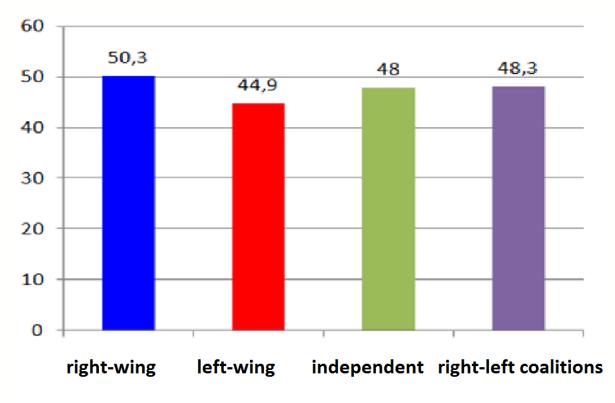
# Sources

- municipal website
- Freedom of Information Act questionnaire
- FOIA through third person
- Data from Public Procurement Office website and tender.sme.sk

#### DATA COMPARISON



- The average ranking: **47%**
- It is almost the same level as in 2012, but +7% in comparison with 2010



 The towns with the mayors supported by the rightist parties in the last elections achieved in average 6 more percent compared to the candidates supported by the left.

### DATA COMPARISON



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### FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



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#### Transparency Recommends

#### Budgeting

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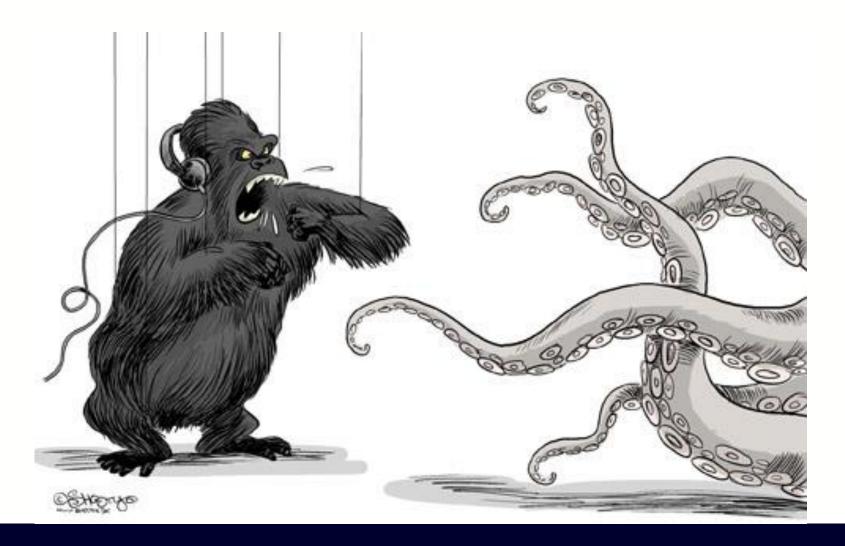
- · Publish budget proposal including brief commentary justifying the entries.
- Follow the same procedure for budget amendments as for adoption of budget itself (publish online, allow for public discussion).
- · Publish online current budget; permanently publish past budgets (at least 3 latests budgets).
- Publish permanently and online Register of planned investments for current year, and past three years.
- Publish municipal Annual Financial Statement including information on loans. Phrase it in generally accessible, non-technical langauge.
- · Publish online and permanently information on salaries and bonuses of elected representatives.
- Contracts, invoices, and orders should be published in a way that allows for easy search options and use of data for further analylis.
- Hold competitive selection process for clerks.
- For elected officials, impose a **ban on nominating** immediate relatives and business partners into municipal businesses.



- Did you know that 41% municipalities have video records from municipality parliamentary sessions? That's three times more than four years ago.
- Did you know that 22% municipalities have the Code of Ethics for elected representatives, while in 2010 it was just 6?

### **BEST PRACTICES**





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#### Bratislava – Nové Mesto

- In 2010, Nové Mesto reached <u>only 20 %</u> in the area of public participation.
  - The district didn't have the first-contact center;
  - It wasn't possible for the public to react to any point at the sessions of the Local Parliament without prior approval of the councilors;
  - there was a deep lack of information about decisions of the Local Parliament on the website.
- Since then the situation has changed significantly and in 2014 Nové Mesto reached <u>100%</u> in this area.

### **OPEN FOR PUBLIC**



#### Videozáznamy z rokovania zastupiteľstva

Mestská časť Bratislava Nové Mesto podstúpila na prelome rokov 2012 a 2013 audit transparentnosti, z ktorého záverov vznikol dokument <u>80 krokov pre transparentnú Bratislavu - Nové Mesto</u>. Jednou z úloh bolo zverejniť na stránke mestskej časti všetky dostupné videozáznamy z rokovania miestneho zastupiteľstva, ktoré boli dovtedy prístúpné zo stránky TV Bratislava. Cieľom bolo zabezpečiť záujemcom jednoduchší a transparentnejší prístup k informáciám z miestneho zastupiteľstva. Jednotlivé záznamy sú členené podľa rokov, kedy sa dané zastupiteľstvo konalo.

#### Archív videozáznamov

Záznamy z roku 2013 Záznamy z roku 2012 Záznamy z roku 2014 Záznamy z roku 2015







the Local Parliament and its bodies, as well as the archive of these minutes are available <u>on the</u> website.

The <u>video</u> records of parliamentary sessions from past four years can be also found on the website.

### THE MESSAGE FOR THE MAYOR

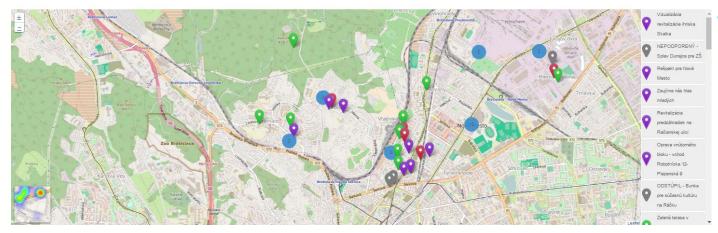
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- The municipality is involved in the project <u>The</u> <u>Message for the</u> <u>Mayor</u> which is run by NGO.
  - The message for the Mayor is the website that receives messages from citizens who report problems in their neighborhood and send them to municipalities that have the power to deal with them.

### PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING







The District of Bratislava - Nové Mesto as one of the first municipalities in Slovakia started the project relating to participatory budgeting in 2013.

The goal of the project is **to involve inhabitants in improving the life in the district** and deciding on how the money from the municipal budget should be distributed.

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### ŠAĽA





- One of the most progressive Slovak towns in the sphere of transparency is <u>Sal'a</u> (25 thousand inhabitants).
- Šaľa was putting electronic auctions into practice.
- The investments to the software, license and support reached level 26thosand euros during the first year.
- The savings in Sala were estimated at 30% of original prices or 2.3 million euros in first three years.

#### ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING SYSTEM

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The good practice from Šaľa and other Slovak towns was an inspiration for the national government of Prime Minister Iveta Radicova which approved the obligatory e-auctions in the whole public sector in 2011.

The obligation was replaced in 2013 by <u>Slovak</u> <u>Electronic contracting</u> <u>system</u> (which included eauctions). The Slovak municipalities **are obligated to use the system** for widely available goods, services and works.

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- Since October 2014 to July 2016 there have been organized more than 41 thousand e-auctions of goods, services and works.
- The savings reach more than 82 million euros and almost 18 % in comparison with opening prices.

### **BEST PRACTICES**



#### ŠAĽA

- Another important innovation which was tested in <u>Sala</u> was connected with the public oversight at a budgeting area. Back in 2005, several local activists and politicians started to publish the list of municipal contracts on their own website.
- The group was frustrated with the Mayor's opaque dealings and decided to regularly use the information law to ask for contracts which they would immediately upload to their own website. A year later, they gained enough popularity to take majority in a town council, and the Mayor's position. In 2007, Sala's Town Hall started publishing contracts and receipts online as the first municipality in Slovakia.

### ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING SYSTEM

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#### Centrálny register zmlúv

Centrálny register zmlúv (CRZ) je zoznamom zmlúv uzatvorených ministerstvami, ústrednými orgánmi štátnej správy, verejnoprávnymi inštitúciami a podriadenými organizáciami týchto inštitúcií, od 1.1.2011. Podľa <u>zákona 546/2010</u> nadobúda takáto zmluva účinnosť deň po zverejnení v CRZ. Zmluvy uzatvorené do 31.12.2010 nájdete v <u>starom zozname zmlúv</u>.

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16. Jún 2016	<u>Zmluva o pripoiení</u> 4300044548	395 000,00 €	Stredoslovenská energetika - Distribúcia, a. s.	Železnice Slovenskej republiky
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15. Jún 2016	<u>Zmluva o poskytnutí upratovacích služieb CPBA-ON- 2016/002768-001</u> CPBA_ZM_CPBA-ON-2016-002768-001_2016	211 567,00€	EDYMAX SE	MV SR
15. Jún 2016	Poskytnutie dotácie na obstaranie nájomných bytov 0023-PRB-2016	271 900,00€	Obec Dolné Vestenice	Ministerstvo dopravy, výstavby a regionálneho rozvoja SR



In 2010 the national center-right government passed an amendment of The Freedom of Information Act which focused on **publishing its contracts, receipts and orders automatically online**, without asking for them.

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Moreover, no
 government contract
 would come into effect
 unless it was published
 online. The law says such
 a contract is not even
 valid after three months
 since it was signed if it
 was not published.

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- We estimate that 2700 Slovak municipalities published over million contracts in total on their own websites within the 4-year period.
- The journalists and • citizens at large discovered a lot of inefficient and sometimes outright corrupt payments only thanks to information being published online.

### **IS TRANSPARENCY SO IMPORTANT?**





- Public oversight can save the money (Šaľa, The case of seafood for the Government Office)
- Benchmarking (different prices of fuel in public transport companies)
- Public interest in **oversight increases with possibilities** (8% Slovak citizens have checked the contracts of public bodies online)
- Transparency becomes an important topic before every election
- Pro-transparent mayors are **successful** (Mayor of Martin won a UN Public service award and became a member of parliament)

#### **MUNICIPALITIES AS AN INSPIRATION**



**11** *think it is important to remind us that we are drawing inspiration from municipalities, which showed us that having contracts, orders and receipts published online does not cause any problems, on the contrary, it raises the trustworthiness of town leadership and also ensures effectiveness and accountability when dealing with municipality resources."* 

Lucia Žitňanská, the Minister of Justice

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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