

Public participation

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Public participation refers to the involvement of individual citizens, the general public and non-governmental organisations in the policy-making process. Public participation aims to ensure that decisions taken by the public administration are relevant to the needs of the public, are explained in a timely manner, and are understood by those who will be affected by them. Public participation brings a number of benefits, all of which are aimed at improving the quality of regulation: it identifies the real problem, assesses possible alternatives, identifies potential regulatory problems early, and ensures that the solutions developed are effective.

Members of the public can express their views on the drafting of planning documents and draft laws at the initial stage of their preparation, and at other stages when issues of public concern are being addressed. Any member of the public with an interest or concern in the matter may contribute. Every member of the public has the right to receive feedback on their proposal.

Public participation is pursued proactively by public authorities, which seek the most effective ways to involve and inform the public, in particular those affected or likely to be affected by the intended activities in question.

If citizens have suggestions for improving the laws and regulations under the competence of the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau, the bureau urges to send their suggestions via e-mail to pasts@knab.gov.lv.

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