

Transparency International Denmark

Annual report 2012

A. Introduction.

2012 is the year where the NIS project was completed.

The board has had to prioritize activities in relation to the many possible mission areas and at the same time have had to turn against new tasks at home and abroad, the tasks of which have been in the areas we do not have a tradition to deal with the TI DK.

This year a number of our expectations for political action in government and parliament have been disappointed (private party funding and access to information legislation).

This is the reason why we TI DK in the past year have chosen to put much effort into a long-term strategy work, which should give us a solid foundation for propagating our demands for improvements in the Danish anti-corruption status.

B. External activities of the board.

The Board has actively participated in the press debate and has regularly commented on relevant matters and public discussions.

The Board has also participated in several international and national fora, including.

- Participation in the working group meeting in Berlin in May, where the method for TI's' OECD Progress Report on OECD Convention on Bribery was discussed.
- Participation in the meeting with the National Audit Office and the Fraud Squad, with presentations and in an OEC-review panel of the Department of Justice in September.
- Participation in the AMM / IACC in Brasilia in November.
- Attending meetings at the Foreign Ministry and the Danish Cultural Institute with Chinese and Indian delegations.
- Meeting with MP for registration of lobbying.

C. TI DK events.

A major event was held in October with the Danish Union of Journalists on Access to Information legislation. The event was held with good attendance (70 participants - 1/3 journalists, 1/3 students, 1/3 others) and had interesting discussions.

A successful TI DK-strategy seminar of the Board and with the assistance of external consultant was settled also in October.

In addition, in the autumn were held roundtable meetings with external experts on private political parties, corruption and anti-corruption in the private sector whistleblowing and TI DK's flerårs strategy.

A well-attended and publicly CPI-launch event in December was finally used for a presentation of a number of policy papers, which I will touch on later.

TI DK has started the publication of a periodic newsletter. All Board members contribute in the post every two months.

D. Policy papers and reports.

CPI 2012.

Denmark, Finland and New Zealand shared first place in the CPI 2012 with a score of 90, helped by the widespread adoption of best practices and codes of conduct in the public sector.

Exporting Corruption.

Transparency International each year the state of the real enforcement of the OECD Anti-bestikkelseskonvention in the 34 countries that have implemented the Convention.

TI-DK Policy papers.

TI DK in autumn 2012, released four policy papers, which deals with public law, private sector, whistleblowing and private party funding. Policy papers are all based on the NIS study by Transparency International, Denmark published in early 2012 and is publicly available on our website. Therefore, a few words about that here.

Public access to Information Act.

Denmark is lagging behind when it comes to openness in government. There has long been a need for a revised offentlighedslov in Denmark, which is in line with international standards and reflect the technological development. Right now, the government has submitted a bid for a new Public and there is already an agreement with the Liberals and Conservatives on it. The agreement is definitely not in all respects satisfactory.

The private sector.

It is Transparency International Denmark believe that corruption in all its forms is harmful to society and the private sector. Particularly, we believe that bribery is financially burdensome, but also other forms of corruption have negative economic consequences for society, including in the form of price-raising cartels, monopolies and kickbacks.

Whistleblowing.

Corruption is usually carried out secretly and are typically not discovered because people choose not to reveal it. Whistleblowers are among the few people who are able to report cases of corruption and identify risk of future corruption crimes - both in public bodies who misuse public funds and private enterprises, for example, committing accounting fraud. whistleblowers play a vital role in exposing corruption, fraud and mismanagement.

Private party funding.

TI Denmark is working to close the gaps that can lead to corruption and abuse of power. The European anti-corruption unit (GRECO) shall Danish rules about party support inadequate and has repeatedly pointed out that Denmark does not fulfill its international obligations under the current rules. TI Denmark's task is to continue to emphasize the need for new, customized rules on transparency in the private political parties and to ensure that politicians and the government complies with the international standards, we have joined us.

E. Organisational issues.

There have been 9 Board since the last Annual General Meeting and a Board seminar and a strategy seminar.

TI's Institutional Network and Strengthening Program (INSP) has provided support for TI DK's strategy and capacity development, and support for the development of a customized fundraising strategy.

TI DK has established a new intranet to strengthen our internal communications of the Board and for fixing a common repository function.

TI DK has received a small grant for a special assessment work on the national whistleblower situation. A report on the matter has been handed over to the TI-S.

F. Strategy 2013 -2017.

The Board has just agreed a 5-year strategic plan.

The strategic plan for TI DK 2013-2017 is an elaboration of previous years single strategic plans, which are hereby assembled and integrated into a multi-year perspective.

The entire Board and the Secretariat participated in the process of developing the above vision for TI DK. The strategy has been discussed in several strategy meetings, board meetings and workshops with external stakeholders, and has a 5-year perspective. In addition, volunteers and the Secretariat conducted a number of surveys of focus areas.

The 5 year strategy will result in annual work plans and in this context, be subject to ongoing evaluation and updating.

The strategy was approved at TI DK's board meeting on 10 January 2013 and its main elements are as follows:

TI DK's **vision** as a national Transparency International Chapter to work to strengthen a non-corrupt Denmark characterized by a high degree of integrity and transparency.

TI DK's **mission** is to be the leading knowledge and networking center for corruption. We will work to create powerful alliances with like-minded organizations at home and abroad with leading experts in the anti-corruption area - both in theory and in practice. TI DK will build the country's biggest anti-corruption network of leading experts who continually ensure the compilation of the

latest knowledge on corruption and anti-corruption and make this knowledge available to decision makers, stakeholders and the public.

Specifically working TI DK for:

- to build knowledge about anti-corruption areas through partnerships with like-minded organizations,
- to contribute to the national and international efforts against corruption, and monitor its implementation,
- to systematically collect knowledge and inform against corruption
- to participate and be opinion leaders in the public debate concerning corruption
- the incoming stream in dialogue with decision-makers and advocates
- to participate in the Transparency International's international program work and cooperation with other national TI Chapters.

Strategic focus areas.

The following items specify the priority areas and objectives that TI DENMARK want to work with within the 5-year strategy period.

- TI DK working for the establishment of an advisory institution for both public and private sectors, where you can turn for advice and guidance as a whistleblower.
- TI DK works to improve Danish companies insight into and understanding of the corruption risks they should be aware of - especially in international markets.
- TI DK will advocate for the establishment of precise rules for private political parties to ensure transparency in relation to the financing of political parties, election campaigns and candidates.
- TI DK will contribute to the implementation of an integrity study of the municipal and regional levels in Denmark on a common methodological framework.
- TI DK will strengthen the law on public access to the modernization of public law and thereto related legislation.

TI DK, following on the recommendations of the completed National Integrity Systems Study also work for:

- Establishment of a public judgment database.

That particular on the public and the press and university staff to establish a generally accessible and digitized judgment database.

- Registration of MPs' duties and economic interests.

That the political parties in practice makes it mandatory for all members of Parliament to register their duties and economic interests in a public register.

- Establishing a record of lobbying.
- Clarification and transparency on the acceptance of gifts.

More institution-specific guidelines and instructions for acceptance of gifts.

- Increased involvement of civil society organizations.

That one continues this tradition by establishing a minimum period of at least four weeks for receipt of responses from stakeholders and specifically that TI DENMARK actively involved in anti-corruption work both nationally and internationally.

Organizational objectives.

These can be summarized under four main headings:

- TI DK will establish a permanent secretariat with 2-3 permanent staff and a number of project staff.
- TI DK will work to increase membership to 250 individual members and 50 support members
- TI DK will collaborate with a wider group of volunteers
- TI DK will establish at least 3 active networks of experts

G. Conclusion.

Transparency International is a very strong brand that obligation and you can not take for granted that one gets to be the standard bearer for. It must constantly be earned. I hope though, that in the past year has lived up to this requirement. In any case, TI DK quite a different organization today than 8 years ago. Hopefully it has been a development for the better, not least because of the efforts of the Secretariat and fellow Board members. I therefore conclude by thanking my fellow Board members and the Secretariat, which has provided a great and selfless efforts TI DK through time - THANK YOU!