

**For over seven years now we've been helping politicians to stay within the rules of democracy and not to squander public funds.**

Have a look at what we've achieved so far and what we're working on now.



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## FROM BOTSWANA...

### START



**2013:**

The Czech Republic is ranked 57<sup>th</sup> in the world for corruption. That's 27 places worse than Botswana. Can we catch up with that country?



### LEVEL 1

**2013: OFF TO WORK!**

We put together an anti-corruption organization, comprised of NGOs and politicians who want to change things. Our aim was clear. Get **9 laws** passed that would fight abuses of power.



### LEVEL 3

**2015:** When it comes to the crunch, politicians are hesitant. So, we set up over 100 meetings with them. We're on the campaign trail. And we get citizens involved in our lobbying.



### LEVEL 4

**2017: AND WE'RE GETTING RESULTS!**

In one electoral period, we've managed to help get 5 out of 9 laws passed. But that's still not enough. We have to push the remaining laws, as well as get others under way.



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## LEVEL 2

2013:

We approached 2500 parliamentary candidates, and 1500 of these promised to support our initiative. 165 became MPs and the government promised to incorporate our laws into its program.



## LEVEL 5

2019:

A number of laws are now in the process of being passed, and we've managed to protect the previous laws that were passed from the attacks of politicians. And we're also starting **Bulwarks of Democracy**, with the help of citizens we're keeping an eye on politicians so that they don't overstep the bounds of democratic government.



TO BE CONTINUED...



So far we've managed to get 5 anti-corruption laws passed. **These help citizens' oversight of public funds.**

1

The State publishes its contracts on the internet. In the Contract Register we can check how the State spends over 8 trillion CZK. A group of senators moved against the register with an appeal to the Constitutional Court. However, this was dismissed by the court, which confirmed that **The Contract Register law strengthens one of the most significant modern rights, which is to allow the public to effectively monitor political power.**

2

New rules come into effect for election finance and political parties. It's no longer so easy for parties to receive funds from anonymous donors who may want favors in return. Parties now have transparent accounts as well as limits on contributions and election campaigns.



# 3

Politicians must now publicize their property. And if they're working for the State, they have to file a property declaration every year. That allows us to check if they happen to become miraculously rich while in office.

# 4

In 2013, we convinced MPs to table a law that would prevent last-minute amendments to laws, such as an adjustment to public tender procedures in a law concerned with processing raw diamonds, or a hospital's status discreetly changed to a commercial company in a law concerning noise levels. That's all in the past.

# 5

We helped eliminate one of the ways in which owners of firms that draw on state subsidies were hidden. Anonymous company shares are automatically registered in their owner's name, which for the police is often the first step in discovering the true beneficiary of public funds. However, there still remain ways to conceal questionable practices, and so we're not letting up. Have a look at our further goals.



## GREATEST SUCCESS

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We prevented the largest restriction since 1989 of the right to information. In March 2018 the government proposed that citizens would lose the right to request information about ongoing court cases, as well as information concerning whether the Czech Republic had reneged on its commitments to the EU, and further issues. In the end the Parliament in March 2019 approved legislation that we supported and pushed, legislations that significantly mitigated the limitation of these rights. Additionally it confirmed measures that help citizens: requests for information that have been turned down will not have to be referred to a court, and governing bodies will even be able to order the provision of information, through a so-called "information order."



# Our goals for 2019

- We'll push through independent checks on municipalities' management of funds and also state and municipal firms by the Supreme Audit Office.
  - No subsidies for firms with anonymous owners.
  - Effective access to information.
  - An end to pork-barrel posts, or "jobs for the boys," in state companies – a new law for nominations to oversight bodies.
  - Independent investigation of corruption – restricting the influence of politicians on the State Attorney.
  - Oversight of Bulwarks of Democracy:
  - Support for laws already enacted, especially:
- Citizens have the right to information
  - Respect for international obligations
  - No political interference in the work of the police, prosecutors or oversight institutions
  - State firms managed professionally
  - Depoliticization of the civil service
  - Government with the trust of MPs
  - Referendums that respect the Constitution
  - Free, open and informed discussion of laws
  - Independent judicial decisions
  - No political pressure on public broadcasters
- Protection of the Contract Register and the elimination of broad exceptions
  - Correct implementation of rules for the financing of political parties



## MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS IN 2019

The main force behind Reconstruction of the State are organizations that deal with issues of good governance and transparent public administration



## DONORS



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*Democracy is responsibility.  
Politicians shouldn't silence the opposition.  
They shouldn't interfere in the work of the police.  
They shouldn't influence public broadcasters. It's  
necessary to give politicians the right directives.*

