



# Monitoring and oversight of money in politics

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## Legal framework

Election Code

Law on Political organizations

The key elements of regulation on funding of political parties and political campaigns concern:

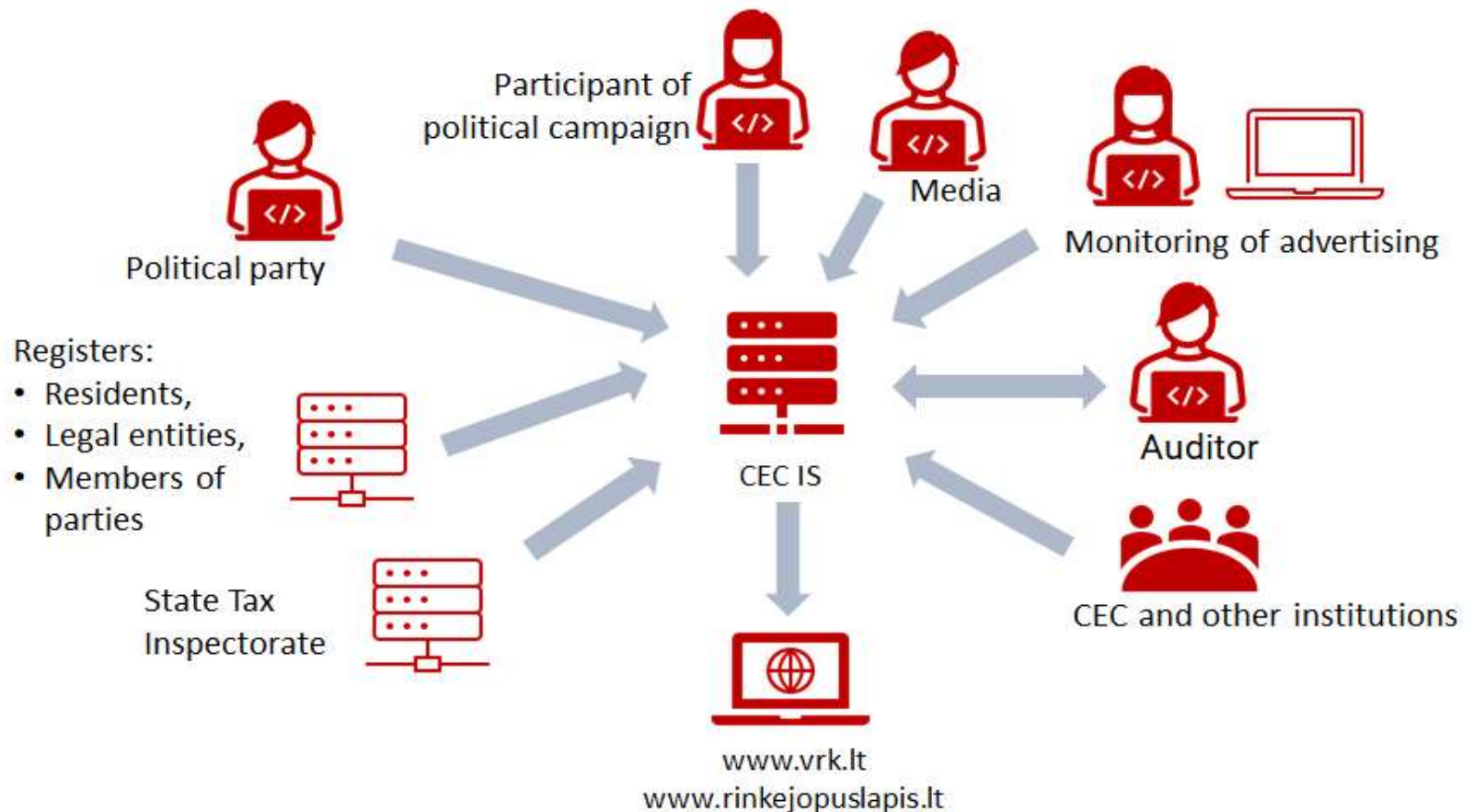
- ✓ legal sources of financing and limits of donations,
- ✓ legal expenditure and limits of political campaign expenditure,
- ✓ accounting and disclosure rules for the financing of political parties and political campaigns,
- ✓ requirements for political advertising,
- ✓ the oversight mechanisms by the CEC and other relevant institutions,
- ✓ **the use of an information system to collect, verify and publish data on the financing of political parties and campaigns.**



# Political finance e-reporting

Authorisation via E-Government Gateway

*e-banking, electronic identification device (cellphones, ID cards, etc.)*





## Reports and documents of political campaign



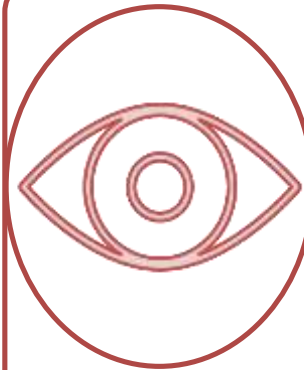
### Participant of political campaign

- ✓ Record journal
- ✓ Funding report
- ✓ List of donors
- ✓ Contracts
- ✓ Report on political advertising
- ✓ Social media accounts



### Media

- ✓ Prices and conditions
- ✓ Report on political advertising



### Monitoring of political advertising

- ✓ Report on political advertising



### Independent auditor

- ✓ Report on auditor findings

↑ Published of website of CEC ↑

Statement of bank account, invoices



## Functionality for participants of campaign

### Donations:

- ☞ a donor has a right to donate (depends on type of election)
- ☞ a donation meets the limit (10 average salaries, 17 990 Eur in 2024)
- ☞ candidate's funds fit the limit (20 average salaries, 35 980 in 2024)
- ☞ a donation doesn't exceed 10% of donor's or 20 % of candidate's income

### Expenditure:

- ☞ to control limits of expenditure
- ☞ to control debts

### Others

- ☞ control-checks
- ☞ access to monitoring information
- ☞ to generate all reports, which should be submitted to CEC
- ☞ to look over findings of independent auditor, to submit comments



# Income journal

Natural person/ Legal Entity:

Name, surname/Title:

ID code:

Type of funds (monetary/ in-kind/  
cash/ voluntary jobs):

Source of funds:

Date of document:

No of document

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Indicator	Number of records	Sum
Total:	32	17665.80
2. Accepted:	26	14165.80
3. Not accepted:	3	1750.00
4. Returned/Tranferred to state budget:	3	1750.00
5. Not addressed to STI:	1	50.00
6. Possible irregular funds:	1	2.80
7. Undecided if to accept:	0	0.00
8. Funds of candidates:	0	0.00
9. All donations of natural persons (small and regular)	22	12913.00
10.All funds of political party (public funding and other):	4	1252.80

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ID.	Date of document	No of document	Natural person/ Entity	Code of donor	Donor	Funding source	Type of funds	Sum
77263	2024-04-08	2292344964	N	<Removed>	<Removed>	FAA	Monetary	50.00
76057	2024-04-04	2287840226	N	<Removed>	<Removed>	FAA	Monetary	1000.00
76056	2024-04-04	1428	N	<Removed>	<Removed>	NA	Monetary	1000.00



## Information on political advertising

### Participant of political campaign

Social media accounts

Report on political advertising

Journal of expenditures

Invoices (hard copies), layouts of political advertising

Contracts

### Media

Prices and conditions

Report

### Monitoring

Election commissions  
(report, layouts)

Monitoring company  
(report, layouts)

Ads libraries

Society (complaints, notifications)



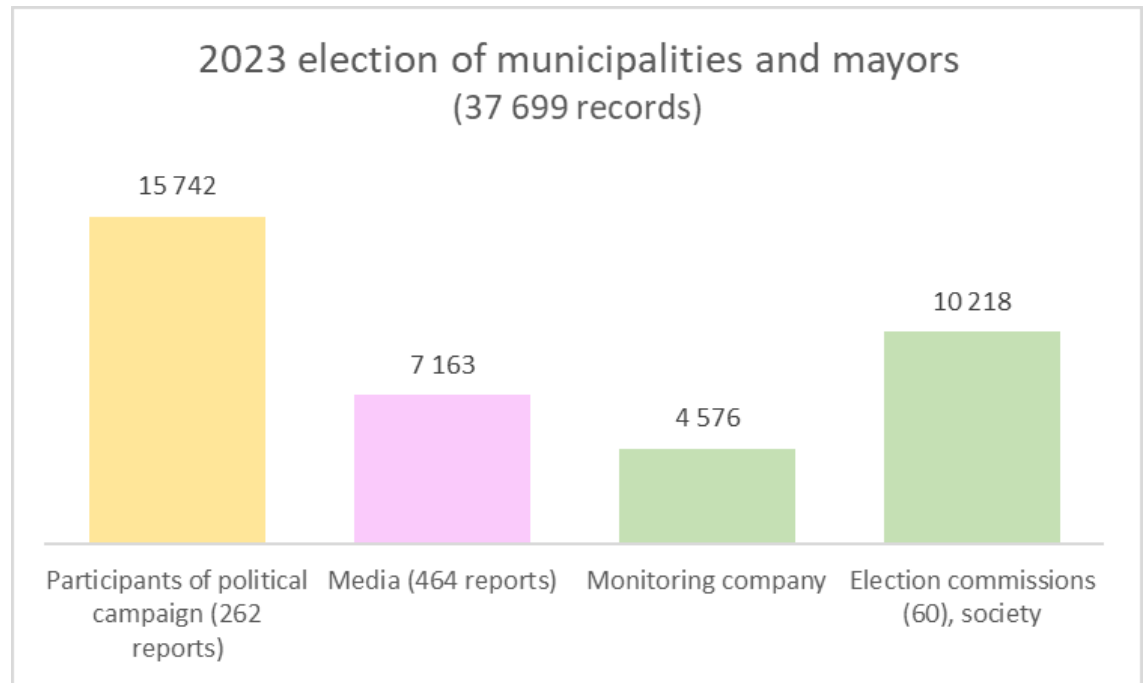
## Analysis tool

The information on political advertising is submitted by three different sources:

- ✓ participants of the political campaign,
- ✓ media,
- ✓ monitoring.

Advantages:

- finds matches and differences.
- identifies undeclared expenditure, hidden financing.



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Participants	Media	Monitoring company	Election commissions





Thank you!



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