

**Invitation to the online conference
"Integrity Pact pilot in the European Union. Results and perspectives"**

23rd November 2021, 10am – 12 pm (CET)

24th November 2021, 10am – 12 pm (CET)

The Stefan Batory Foundation invites you to a two-day conference "Integrity Pact pilot in the European Union. Results and perspectives", which will be held on 23rd and 24th of November 2021 from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm (CET). The event will be broadcast live on the Batory Foundation's profiles on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). On the second day, the broadcast will be available in Polish and English.

In 2015, the European Commission launched a pilot of the Integrity Pact - a mechanism to prevent fraud in public procurement - in 11 European countries. In open competitions 18 tenders co – financed from EU funds were selected as well as 14 organizations which acted as social observers. In Poland, the investment "Works on the railway line No. 1 on the Częstochowa - Zawiercie section" was monitored by the Batory Foundation.

After six years, the pilot is over. We would like to summarize this unique project and answer the question of what the pilot showed us. Can the Integrity Pact be replicated on a larger scale in the future? Can Pacts be a good mechanism for participation and social supervision over tenders? How should the Pacts look in practice in order to encourage citizens to monitor public procurement? We want to answer these and other questions together with our guests during the two discussion panels summarizing the project.

On the first day of the conference, the discussion will be devoted to the conclusions of the Integrity Pact in Poland. The perspective of the observer, contracting authority, contractor and managing authority will be presented by representatives of all parties involved in the Integrity Pact in Poland.

On the second day, the topic of the conversation will be involving citizens in monitoring activities, which will be discussed by coordinators of the Integrity Pact pilot in Europe, observers from other countries and Polish stakeholders of the project.

DAY I - 23rd November, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Introductory speech: Marcin Waszak, ideaForum of the Stefan Batory Foundation

Discussion panel: (In Polish) Integrity Pact in Poland. What have we learned about the Pact and public procurement?

- Arnold Bresch, member of the management board of PKP PLK S.A .
- Wiesław Nowak, president of the management board of ZUE S.A .
- Marcin Szymański, deputy director in the Department of Infrastructural Programs of the Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy
- Marcin Waszak, ideaForum of the Stefan Batory Foundation

Moderator: Grzegorz Makowski, ideaForum of the Stefan Batory Foundation

The first panel will be broadcasted **in Polish** on Stefan Batory Foundation [Facebook profile](#) and [YouTube channel](#)

DAY II - November 24th, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Discussion Panel: The role of citizens in monitoring public procurement. Is the Integrity Pact a good formula for civic observation and participation?

- Mahmoud Farag, University of Zurich
- Rafael García Aceves, Transparency International Secretariat
- Irina Lonean, Transparency International Romania
- Katarzyna Kaźmierczak, mayor of the Poraj commune
- Grzegorz Makowski, ideaForum of the Stefan Batory Foundation

Moderator: Marcin Waszak, ideaForum of the Stefan Batory Foundation

The second panel will be broadcasted **in English** on Stefan Batory Foundation [YouTube channel](#) and **in Polish** on Stefan Batory Foundation [Facebook profile](#)

The Integrity Pact is a tool developed by Transparency International in the 1990s to prevent corruption in public procurement. Investments in which Pact is implemented are monitored by an independent social observer who checks at every stage whether it is carried out in a transparent and legal manner.

Find more at: <https://www.transparency.org/en/tool-integrity-pacts>