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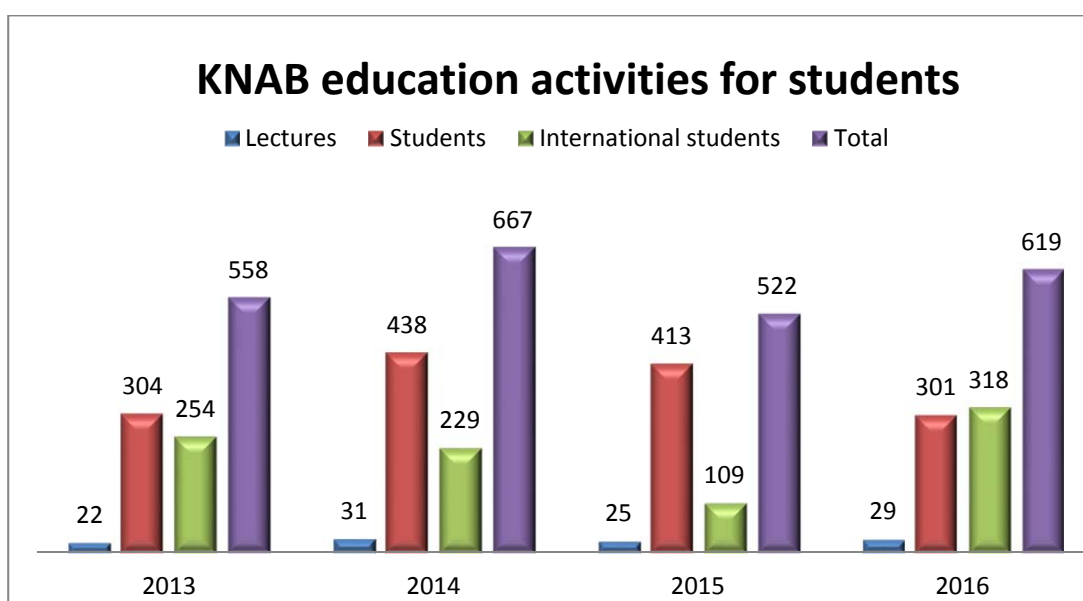
AWARENESS-RAISING MEASURES AND EDUCATION

LATVIA (EIGHTH MEETING)

On Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau's (hereinafter – KNAB) web-site teachers and pupils can find information materials in relation to anti-corruption lessons and teacher's manual. More info on web-site in Latvian language: <https://www.knab.gov.lv/lv/education/forschools/>

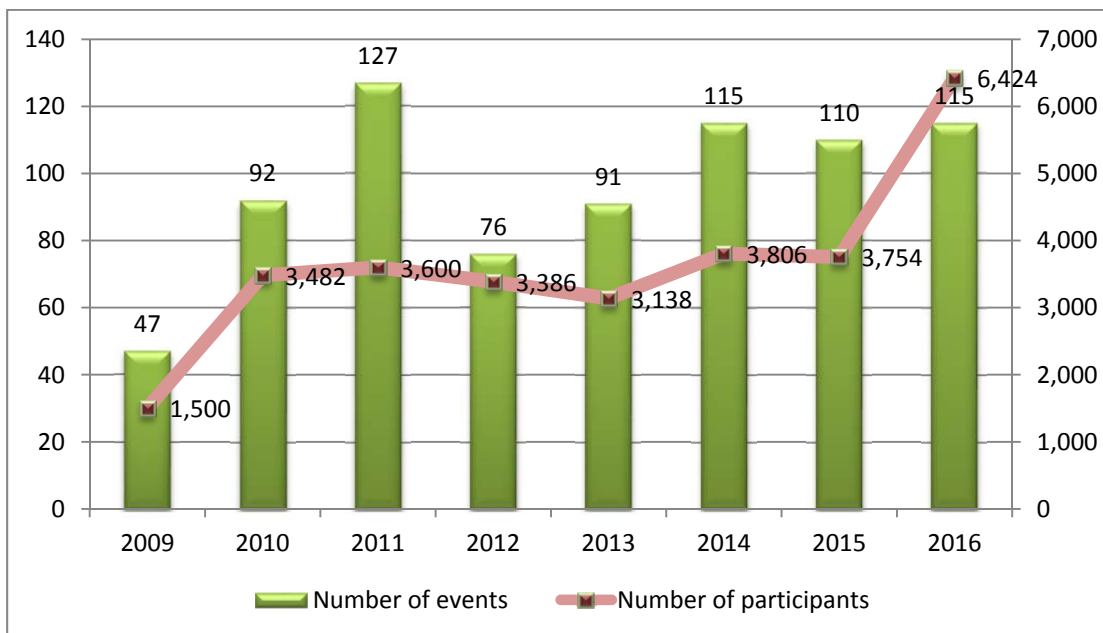
National Centre of Education elaborates curriculum development in general education, monitors its implementation and coordinates development of educational books. KNAB successfully cooperates with National Education Centre in order to introduce anti-corruption issues in primary and secondary schools official curriculum. It is planned to include anti-corruption issues such as corruption and conflict of interest in the official curriculum. Additionally both institutions work on drafting practical guide, handbook and short educational video clip's that shall be used during anti-corruption lessons.

In 2012 KNAB signed long term cooperation agreement with Riga Stradins University. According to the agreement future doctors have a lecture on corruption issues in health care system presented by KNAB experts. Lectures are foreseen for national and international students.



In 2016 KNAB experts have conducted 115 seminars for 6424 persons (most of them public officials) on such issues as c consequences of corruption, prevention of conflict of interest, lobbying, internal control measures in relation to corruption prevention and ethics.

Number of events arranged by KNAB and number of participants.



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AWARENESS-RAISING MEASURES

LATVIA (SECOND MEETING)

Apart from its two core activities– prevention and investigation – KNAB also is responsible for the education and information of the society. It is an increasingly important part of Bureau work. KNAB is responsible for education of the public in the areas of respect of law and ethics. KNAB is also in charge of informing the public on trends in corruption and cases of corruption detected, as well as overall steps taken to prevent corruption and enforcement of law. This information is published and updated on the web site of KNAB at www.knab.gov.lv.

First anti-corruption social campaign was launched by KNAB in 2007 with the aim to improve the public awareness of risks and negative consequences of corruption and promote intolerance towards different forms of corruption.

The advertising campaign embraced video spot with the slogan "Corruption is the Prostitution of the Entrusted Power" commissioned by KNAB and developed by the advertising agency "McCann-Erickson Riga" and other elements of the advertising campaign, including the website www.pretkorupcija.lv. The aim of the video spot, which was broadcasted on TV, was to highlight the essence of corruption: buying and selling of the power entrusted to public officials for private gain. Overall purpose of the campaign was to promote public opinion on corruption as an immoral action and to draw society's attention to the destructive effect of corruption.

Since then other methods of reaching the audience have been used: regular training seminars for public officials, in 2008 and 2010 KNAB organised open doors day. Three times drawing competition among school children was organised.

In 2010 KNAB carried out comprehensive corruption risk assessment in law enforcement institutions and provided recommendations to prevent identified risks.