

# Volt Malta Manifesto 2022

## Transparency of State



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## Introduction of Integrity Pacts

*"An Integrity Pact is both a signed document and approach to public contracting which commits a contracting authority and bidders to comply with best practice and maximum transparency. A third actor, usually a civil society organisation, monitors the process and commitments made. Monitors commit to maximum transparency and all monitoring reports and results are made available to the public on an ongoing basis."* - Transparency International.

- **Develop the legal framework to allow Integrity Pacts.**
- **Adopt Transparency International's Recommendations** on using Integrity Pacts.
  - *An Integrity Pact is signed for a particular project between the procuring entity undertaking the project, the monitor (Civil Society) and the bidders.*

## Main Elements of Integrity Pacts

- An undertaking by the procuring entity that its officials **will not demand or accept any bribes, gifts or payments of any kind** and maintain appropriate disciplinary, civil or criminal sanctions in case of violation.
- A statement by each bidder that it has not paid, and **will not pay, any bribes** in order to obtain or retain the contract.
- An undertaking by each bidder to **disclose all payments** made in connection with the contract in question.
- The explicit acceptance by each bidder that the commitments and obligations remain in force for the winning bidder **until the contract has been fully executed.**
- A **set of sanctions** for any violation by a bidder of its statements or undertakings.
- A mechanism for **dispute resolution.**
- The identification of an **independent external expert monitor.**

## Role of the Monitor

- To be **totally independent** of the procuring entity, and not bound by their directives,
- To be **given access to all bidding- and contract-related meetings/documents** for screening;
- To **supervise the whole bidding/contractor selection process** and contract implementation;
- To **report immediately any indications of wrongdoing** to allow the other party to fix the situation.

## Private-Public Partnership

- **Make Integrity Pacts mandatory** for all Private-Public Partnerships.
  - For existing Private-Public Partnerships, work toward adding Integrity Pacts.