



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION POLICY OF LATVIA FOR 2016–2020

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION OF LATVIA AIMS AT CONTRIBUTING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF **AGENDA 2030** IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN LATVIA'S PARTNER COUNTRIES, THEREBY PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ERADICATION, THE RULE OF LAW AND GOOD GOVERNANCE.

UNITED NATIONS AGENDA 2030 FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

is a global commitment to a development framework anchored around 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved by 2030 – ending poverty, reducing inequalities and injustice, and protecting our planet. The goals follow the principle of leaving no one behind.

POLICY RESULTS



- Latvia promotes good governance, inclusive economic growth and security in the prioritised regions.
- To meet its international commitments, Latvia seeks to raise development cooperation funding to 0.33% of its GNI by 2030.
- An increasing public support in Latvia for the implementation of development cooperation policy.

PRIORITY AREAS IN LATVIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

- Development and capacity building of public administration
- Business development and strengthening export capacity
- Conflict prevention and resolution, peace and security
- Promotion of democratic participation and development of civil society
- Education
- Fostering public awareness of development cooperation

OVERALL, LATVIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION POLICY INTEGRATES THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, GENDER EQUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

LATVIA'S FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION CONSISTS OF (data for 2016):

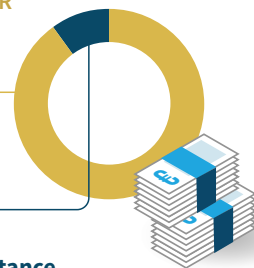


Multilateral assistance

Contributions to EU budget, the European Development Fund, UN agencies and other international institutions and initiatives



Bilateral assistance



PRIORITY COUNTRIES IN BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION:



- EU Eastern Partnership region**, especially Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine
- Central Asian region**, especially Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

Countries where **Latvian troops or civilian experts have been deployed by the state**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN FORMULATION OF GUIDELINES



- ▶ **5** thematic "brainstorm" sessions for experts
- ▶ Population surveys on future priorities
- ▶ Consultations with the **OECD** experts
- ▶ **22** public authorities and civil society organisations involved in drafting
- ▶ Discussions at the **Advisory Council on Development Cooperation Policy**
- ▶ Open public consultations
- ▶ Proposals from over **60** institutions and organisations in three coordination rounds

MAIN LINES OF ACTION:



- Provide maximum support for sustainable development in the **EU's Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries**
- Step up implementation of Latvia's **priorities in development cooperation as part of multilateral cooperation**, especially in the EU, UN, the World Bank group and the OECD
- Enhance **professionalism, coordination** and operational sustainability among Latvian policy makers and implementers
- Increase transparency** of Latvia's development cooperation and its compliance with international **reporting standards**
- Raise public awareness** about the importance of development cooperation, participation and support for policy implementation
- Facilitate linkage and coordination between **development cooperation, economic, and security policies**

WHAT THE LATVIAN PUBLIC THINKS?



It's important to help the developing countries



Assistance should be increased



Assistance to developing countries is an effective means to prevent illegal migration



Peace and security should be ensured in developing countries as soon as possible

EUROBAROMETER DATA, 2016

