Sustainable Development
Strategy of Latvia until 2030

The Ministry of Regional Development and Local Government of the Republic of Latvia

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• Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia until 2030 (Latvija2030) is the **hierarchically highest** long-term development planning document in Latvia *(Development Planning System Law)*

• Latvija2030 was approved by Saeima the Latvian Parliament in **June 10, 2010**
Latvija2030 position in the planning system of Latvia and reflection to Europe

European Sustainable Development Strategy → EU 2020 → Latvija 2030

The Common Agricultural Policy, Cohesion Policy etc. → EU Financial Perspective/ Budget → Latvian National Development Plan 2014-2020, inter alia Sector and Regional Development Priorities

National Budget
Vision about vision/individual and values
reserches and analysis
12 thematic “brain storms”
Evaluation of foreign experts
Questionnaires

Discussion reports:
Basic report about society
Competitiveness and resources
Spatial development
Energy and transport
Report of Vision group

Strategic dilemmas

“Latvija 2030.Your choice” – regional forums, youth un expert discussions

Scenarios of Latvia long-term development

“Latvija 2030.Your choice” – regional forums, involvement of youth

Resume and the 1st draft

“Take-off. Latvija 2030” – National forum in Kipsala (International Exhibition Centre), round table discussions

Latvija 2030 1st draft

Public discussion (27.04-17.07.2009) and the improvement of draft

Latvija 2030 project > NAP > Cabinet of Ministers > Saeima
Public participation

- Scientists, Researchers, Teaching Staff
- State Administration Specialists (Inter-ministry Working Group)
- Saeima Members
- Regional and Local Government Specialists
- Social Partners
- Entrepreneurs, Sector Associations
- Students and Pupils
- NGOs
- Total more than 600 “formulated” proposals in public discussion
- More than 100 proposals in Saeima
Public participation

• Public **participation of such scale** in the development of a document of national level is a new experience for Latvia and marks a new way for the society to participate in policy-making

• Latvija2030 was nominated for **Reinhard Mohn Prize 2011** (the criterion of which was vitalizing democracy through participation). Strategy was in the top 20 from more than 158 projects
The structure of Latvija2030

- Global Tendencies and Tendencies in Latvia
- Future Challenges (Threat and Potentialities)
- Long-term Objectives
- Action Directions (reduce threat, increase potentialities and threat/ limitations converted into potentialities)
- Possible Solutions (comply with strategic development principles)
Principles for the Selection of Priorities and Mutual Interaction (capital approach)

1. Development of Culture Space
   - Efficient management of resources. New forms of civil participation. Society with high...

2. Investments in Human Capital
   - Strong national identity, culture, creativity is emerging.

3. Change of Paradigm in Education
   - Involvement of all available human capital. Raising of productivity. Change of paradigm in education.

4. Innovative and Eco-efficient Economy
   - Intellectual and creative potential transforms into economic benefits.

5. Nature as Future Capital
   - Use of the capital of location. The image of Latvia as "green country" is forming. Riga - metropolis of Northern Europe.

6. Perspective of Spatial Development

7. Innovative Government and Participation of the Society
   - Biological diversity is preserved, services of eco-systems and renewable energy resources are used in innovative way.
Capital as – national treasure or value approach method

- the concept of capital used in wide meaning
- difficult to express directly in monetary terms
- an assessment of the present condition of the resources
- offers a vision of the best way of applying resources in responding to global challenges
- the main capital – people: their skills, knowledge and talents
- capital and the source of growth:
  - nature,
  - environment
  - space of Latvia
  - cultural heritage and creativity
  - the ability to co-operate and to do something jointly
- the core of sustainable development of Latvia: improvement of the productivity of human, economic, social and nature (including location and space) capitals, thus responding to the challenges caused by global tendencies
Objective of Latvia

In 2030 Latvia will be a thriving country of active and responsible citizens. Everyone will have the opportunity to feel safe and belonging to Latvia, everyone here will have the opportunity to achieve his or her goals. The strength of the nation will lie in the inherited, discovered and newly created cultural and spiritual values, the richness of language and knowledge of other languages. It will unite the society for the creation of new, diverse and unique values in economy, science and culture, and these values will be appreciated, known and respected also outside Latvia.

Riga will be an important cultural, tourism and business centre in Europe. Urban-rural partnership will ensure high quality of life in whole territory of Latvia.

Latvia – our home – green and tidy place, which is easy to reach and regarding sustainability of which we are responsible before the future generations.
The spatial development perspective puts emphasis on three main aspects:

- accessibility and mobility,
- settlement as the economic development, human life and work environment,
- spaces of national interest – unique specific territories, which are significant for the development of the whole country.
### Strategic Indicators of Latvija2030

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<td>Number of inhabitants (mill.)</td>
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Implementation Model of Latvija2030

Sustainable Development Commission of the Saeima
National Development Council
Sustainable Development Institute Latvija2030

2010
2013
2020
2027
2030

EU 2020 Strategy, VASAB, SBSR, LDS of the European Union

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
activities of social partners and NGOs

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