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Latvia 2018-19

REVIEW PROCESS



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The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) provides its 35 Member countries with a forum to work together, share experiences and seek solutions to common problems.

We work with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change. We analyse and compare data to predict future trends. We set international standards on a wide range of subjects, from agriculture and tax to chemicals safety.

The common thread of our work is a shared commitment to market economies backed by democratic institutions and focused on the well-being of all citizens.

PEER REVIEWS

With the support of the OECD Secretariat, countries examine and assess one another's performance in order to improve their policies. The reviews provide an independent, fact-based assessment and targeted recommendations to encourage further reforms from a whole-of-government perspective. Reviews are conducted to:

- Help countries measure their progress in terms of domestic and international commitments,
- Promote dialogue between countries and peer learning,
- Enhance countries' accountability to the public and to one another.

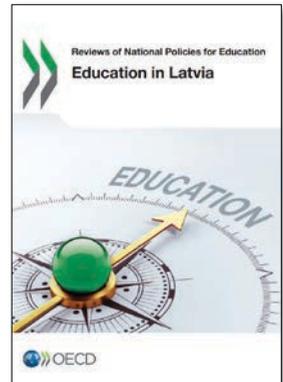
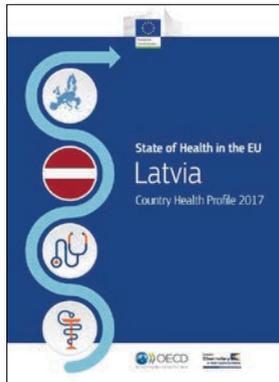
Latvia and the OECD

Latvia joined the OECD in 2016. Its Permanent Representation and national experts are actively involved in the OECD's thematic groups.

The OECD recently published several reports on Latvia's policies. Member countries have reviewed and approved the recommendations, on an equal basis.



OECD Secretary-General Ángel Gurría and Prime Minister of Latvia Māris Kučinskis marking the accession of Latvia to the OECD on 2 June 2016 in Paris, France.



The OECD publishes an *Economic Survey of Latvia* every two years, and policy reviews on a regular basis. The *Better Life Index* compares the quality of life in the Latvia with that in other member countries.



Environmental Performance Reviews

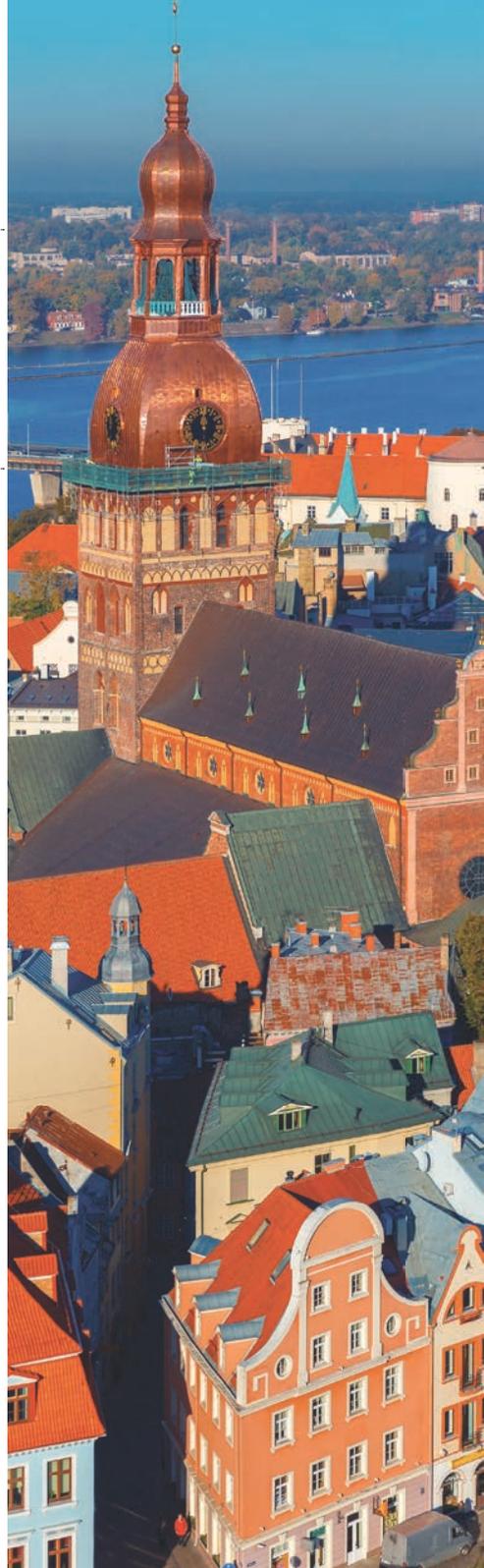
Since 1992, the OECD has conducted over 80 Environmental Performance Reviews of its Member countries and selected partner countries.

WHAT'S IN THE REVIEWS?

- **The Assessment and Recommendations** summarise the main findings of the review and present policy recommendations to help the country improve its environmental performance.
- **Key environmental trends** describe the country's progress in using energy and natural resources efficiently; reducing the carbon intensity of its economy; managing its natural asset base; improving the environmental quality of life.
- **Environmental governance and management** reviews the country's environmental governance system and legislation framework, and how the country ensures compliance with environmental regulations.
- **Towards green growth** presents the country's efforts to mainstream environment into the country's economic policy and to promote the greening of the economy, for example through the use of taxes and other pricing instruments.

Each country also chooses two topics for in-depth analysis. Latvia selected:

- Waste, materials management and circular economy
- Biodiversity



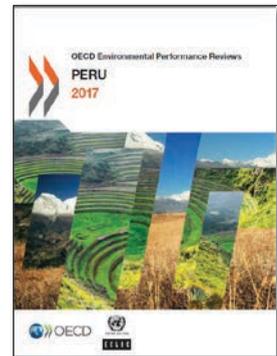
« The OECD is holding a mirror up to our faces, not only showing us what we are currently doing right, but also what is open to improvement: for example, with respect to the quality of our water, soil, and air. »

Sharon Dijksma, Minister for the Environment of the Netherlands

« The report gives us an external viewpoint on the problems we are discussing, and it helps us put them in the right perspective. It will also help us in practice, as a roadmap to improve our environmental policies. »

Ezio Costa, Executive Director of the Chilean NGO FIMA.

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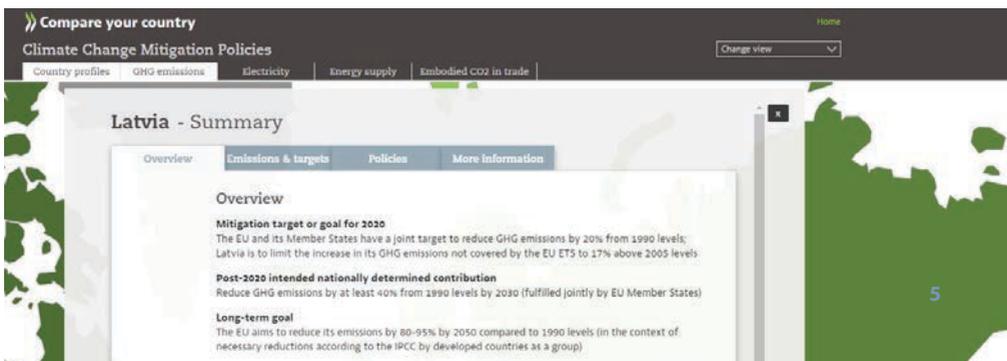


TO BE PUBLISHED IN 2018: Czech Republic, Hungary.

IN 2019: Australia, Turkey, Indonesia, Denmark.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

Latvia started providing environmental data to the OECD in 2014. The OECD database began to display environmental data on Latvia in 2015.



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Overview

Mitigation target or goal for 2030
The EU and its Member States have a joint target to reduce GHG emissions by 20% from 1990 levels; Latvia is to limit the increase in its GHG emissions not covered by the EU ETS to 17% above 2005 levels.

Post-2030 intended nationally determined contribution
Reduce GHG emissions by at least 40% from 1990 levels by 2030 (fulfilled jointly by EU Member States)

Long-term goal
The EU aims to reduce its emissions by 80-95% by 2050 compared to 1990 levels (in the context of necessary reductions according to the IPCC by developed countries as a group)

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Key steps of the review

REVIEW PREPARATION AND INFORMATION COLLECTION

Feb. to
Aug. 2018

- **Questionnaire replies**, in co-operation with relevant ministries and agencies.
- **Data and documentation compilation.**
- **Preparation of the review mission**, involving a team of analysts and specialists, including experts from two reviewing countries.

REVIEW MISSION

15-19
October
2018

- **Meetings with environmental policy stakeholders:** representatives of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, other ministries, government agencies, as well as independent experts, representatives of NGOs, industry, trade unions and sub-national governments.
- **Field visit** on a chosen in-depth theme.



Review mission in Rotterdam, Netherlands 2015



Field visit in Edmonton, Canada 2017

POLICY MEETING

March
2019

- **High-level discussion** of the main findings and recommendations of the EPR.

DRAFT REPORT

mid-April
2019

- **The draft report is made available** to the government of Latvia and representatives of the OECD Working Party on Environmental Performance.

PEER REVIEW

13-15 May
2019

- **Presentation of the report to the Working Party** with a high-level delegation from Latvia.
- **Delegates discuss** and ask questions about the subjects covered in the review.
- **Approval of the review's Assessment and Recommendations**, which reflect the collective views of OECD Member countries.



Working Party on Environmental Performance

Every OECD Member country and the European Commission are represented in the Working Party on Environmental Performance (WPEP).

The review's Assessment and Recommendations are endorsed by the Working Party. The report is published under the responsibility of the OECD Secretary-General.

LAUNCH

Sept./Oct.
2019

- **The report is published** and made freely accessible on line to civil society and the media.
- **Press conference**, publication of the *Highlights* brochure and other online communication tools.



Environmental Performance Reviews provide an independent assessment and targeted recommendations aimed at improving policies that impact the environment.

The OECD proposes to conduct the first-ever Environmental Performance Review of Latvia in co-operation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development.

OECD Member countries will approve the recommendations of this report in May 2019.

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