


<p>LATVIA</p> <p>Country Outline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GDP: 32.000 mil. euros / - GDP Per capita: 16.037 euros - Areas of marked S&T specialisations: <p>Contact Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name / Position: Mr. <u>Renars Reklaitis</u> / <u>Technology transfer manager</u> / - Phone no. / e-mail: +371 67089050 / <u>renars.reklaitis@rtu.lv</u> 	<p>National Flag</p> 
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Introduction: *Please provide a short introduction paragraph of your country by focusing on Science, Technology and Innovation.*

1. Policies and Strategies in Science, Technology and Innovation

According to the Action plan of Science, Technology and Innovation 2014 – 2020 there are 5 specialisation areas in Latvia:

1. Knowledge intensive bio-economics.
2. Bio-medicine, medicine technologies, bio-pharmacy and bio-technologies.
3. Smart materials, technologies and engineering systems.
4. Smart energy.
5. ICT

Some important figures by 2020:

- R&D financing – 1,5% from GDP;
- High and medium technology sectors – 31% in export (2012 – 23%);
- Growth of productivity in processing sectors – 40% (base - 2011);
- Growth of employment in R&D - 40% (base - 2013)

2. National Programmes and Initiatives

* List of National Programmes open to the world

Programme Title	Contents
Latvia-Lithuania-Taiwan cooperation programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cooperation Type: Joint Research ▪ Funding Organisation: Ministries of education and science of the countries ▪ Call Opening/Closing Date: every year ▪ Participation Qualification: Researchers ▪ Project Duration: Up to 3 years ▪ Funding Scale and Funding Scheme: Open ▪ Research Fields: All ▪ Matching fund from Chinese government (if yes, what is funding process?) Chinese national council of research. ▪ Others:

3. Joint Activities with China in 2015

Joint Committee meeting Target participants - representatives of implementing ministries, universities and academies of sciences

* List of Programmes of Activities with China in 2015

Programme Title	Contents
Activity A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Activity (Programme) Outline: Date/Venue/etc.▪ Major topic or agenda▪ Target Participants▪ Relevant Information:

4. Others

* Key Research Organisations and Companies

Organisation Name	Detailed information
Organisation 1 (website)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Organisation type: University/Research Organisations/SME/()▪ Major Research Area/Product:▪ Major Activities with China:▪ Future Plans:▪ Contact Information:▪ Others:

* The organisations/companies should be present in China or having active cooperation programmes with China.