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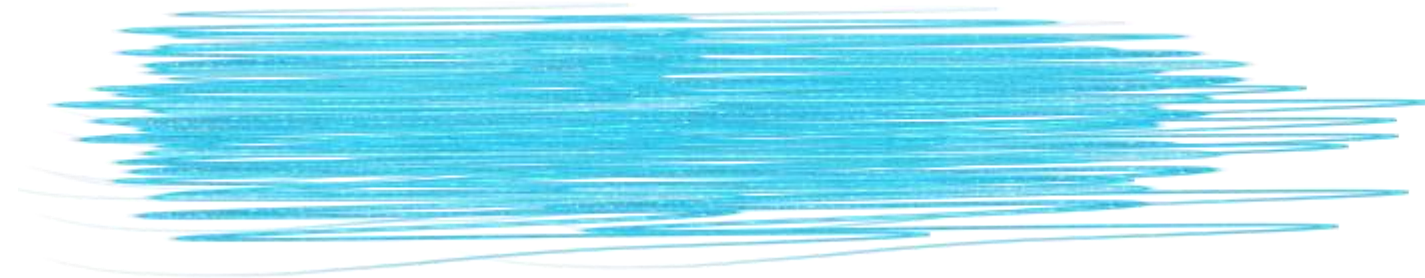
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Quality assurance in Latvian Higher education system

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- Area: 64 589 sq.km
- Population in 2014: 1 935 600
Urban: 68% Rural:32%
- The Capital City: Riga
- GDP (PPP): 2015 estimate
Total: \$51.058 billion
Per capita: \$25,195





Higher education in Latvia

Statistics (13./14. academic year):

HEIs:

- State-founded universities: 17
- State-founded colleges: 17
- Private universities: 16
- Private colleges: 8
- Branches of foreign HEIs: 3

Funding of HE:

- State funding: 110,6 mil. EUR (0,5% of GDP)
- Private funding: 72,8 mil. EUR (0,3% of GDP)
- Other funding: 127,8 mil. EUR (0,6% of GDP)
- Total: 311,2 mil. EUR (1,4% of GDP)



Higher education in Latvia

Statistics (13./14. academic year):

Staff of HEIs:

- All staff: 11294
- Academic staff: 4883
- Female: 49%
- >60 years old 16%

Students:

- All students: 89663
- Matriculated: 31212
- Obtained degree: 21608
- Female: 69%
- Foreign students: 4475 (5%)



Higher education in Latvia

Study programmes (13./14. academic year):

- Short cycle: 167
- 1st cycle: 337
- 2nd cycle: 304
- 3rd cycle: 93

Development of Higher education in Latvia:

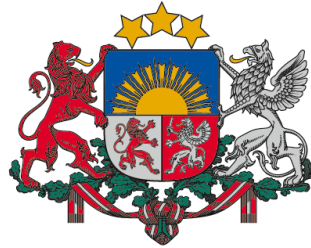
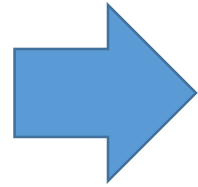
- Bologna process
- Referencing NQF to EQF
- Reform of financing system of HE
- Reform of quality assurance system in HE



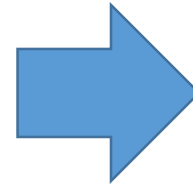
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HE QA system of Latvia: reform



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- Study programmes licenced and study programmes/directions accredited by QA agency
- HEIs accredited by: Council of Higher education (process organized by QA agency)
- Internal QA procedures implemented by HEIs





HE QA system of Latvia: present situation

Process:

- Opening up new study direction in HEI (if necessary)
- Licencing of study programme
- Accreditation of study direction

Key activities (licencing/accreditation):

- Self-evaluation (done by HEI)
- Visit of expert/s to HEI
- Preparation of the report by expert/s
- Decision on licencing/accreditation done by the Licencing/Accreditation Commission (consisting of stakeholders)



QA system of Latvia: future intentions

- Licencing/accreditation commission consisting of professionals
- Creation of Council for QA of HE (consisting of stakeholders)
- Creation of Appeals Commission
- Revision of QA criteria
- Harmonising QA system with new ESG
- Trainings for QA experts (local and foreign)



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