

Part II. GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ON NATIONAL (LATVIA) SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

1. Does your country have a NSDS approved by the government:

If yes, please give name and year of approval:

Yes, Latvia has approved “Strategy for Sustainable Development of Latvia” by the Cabinet of Ministers (national government) on August 13, 2002.

2. How is your NSDS being implemented? Give specific actions/activities undertaken for this purpose:

- In order to co-ordinate environmental policy integration in the policy of the state sectorial development the National Sustainable Development Council was drawn up in accordance with government Regulations of September, 2003;
- National Sustainable Development Council co-ordinates the implementation of this NSDS and introduction thereof in sectoral policy documents and legislation;
- Once in three years the Ministry of the Environment submit to National Sustainable Development Council Report on Implementation of Strategy for Sustainable Development of Latvia;
- There is noticed in NSDS, that annotations for policy documents and regulatory documents shall take into account the impact thereof on the sustainable development – in the environmental, social and economic spheres and ...;
- ...the State Chancellery shall consider the possibility to include in annotations of legal acts a chapter on impact on sustainable development;
- ...the Ministry of Finance shall consider the possibility to prepare amendments to the legal acts regulating the government and municipal procurement with a view to afford priority to environmentally friendly products and services;
- In accordance with the “Strategy for Sustainable Development of Latvia” “National Environmental Policy Plan for 2004-2008” has been approved by government in February, 2004.

3. Has your NSDS been evaluated and if so, when and how?

No.

4. Do you have, and if so, what are the other relevant strategies in place supporting the NSDS? Please choose from the following:

Water (name and year of being implemented):

Sanitation (name and year of being implemented):

- State Programme for Waste Management for 2003-2012

Human settlements (name and year of being implemented):

- Housing Policy Concept Document, 1996

Other strategies:

- Long-term Economic Strategy of Latvia, 2001
- Industrial Development Guidelines of Latvia for 2004-2013
- National Innovation Programme for 2003-2006
- Guidelines for the Development Policy of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises of Latvia for 2002-2006

- Strategy for Public Health (2001) and Action Programme for Implementation of Strategy for Public Health (2004-2010)
- State Fisheries Development Programme (1995-2010) and four sub-programmes:
- Fishing Fleet Development Programme (2001-2003), Fishing Industry Development Programme (2001–2006), The State Regeneration Programme for Fish Resources (2000–2010) and Fisheries Education and Sciences Programme (2002–2010)
- National Programme of Biodiversity, 1999
- National Programme of Tourism Development of Latvia for 2001-2010
- Conception of Education Development for 2002-2005
- National Programme for Transport Development for 1996-2010
- National Programme *Informatics* for 1999-2005
- State Programme of the Development of Communication for 1995-2010
- Conception of e-Management of Latvia, 2002
- Rural Development Plan of Latvia for Implementation of Rural Development Programme for 2004-2006
- Conception on Minimum Wage, 2003
- Conception *State Policy of Family*, 2002
- Conception on Implementation of Sex Equality, 2001

5. Have multi-stakeholder consultations, training or workshops for NSDS development been undertaken?

If yes please give the nature and type of consultations/training/workshops held:

Yes, inter-sectoral consultations have been held.

6. Do you have a national co-ordination body for NSDS development established?

If so, please give the name and nature of such body (eg. composition):

Yes, we have. A national co-ordination body for NSDS development in Latvia is the National Sustainable Development Council. The Council's secretary functions are ensured by the Environmental Strategy and Information Division of the Ministry of the Environment.