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# How sustainable is Latvia's sustainability?





“  
Each one of us can do small things with  
great love.  
”

/Mother Teresa/

# Republic of Latvia



- a country in Northern Europe
- on the eastern shore of the Baltic sea
- member state of European Union and NATO
- area - 64 589 km<sup>2</sup>
- 5 ethnic regions:  
Vidzeme, Kurzeme, Zemgale, Sēlija, Latgale
- capital - Riga
- population - 1,883 million,  
from which more than  
600,000 live in the capital



# Sustainability goals



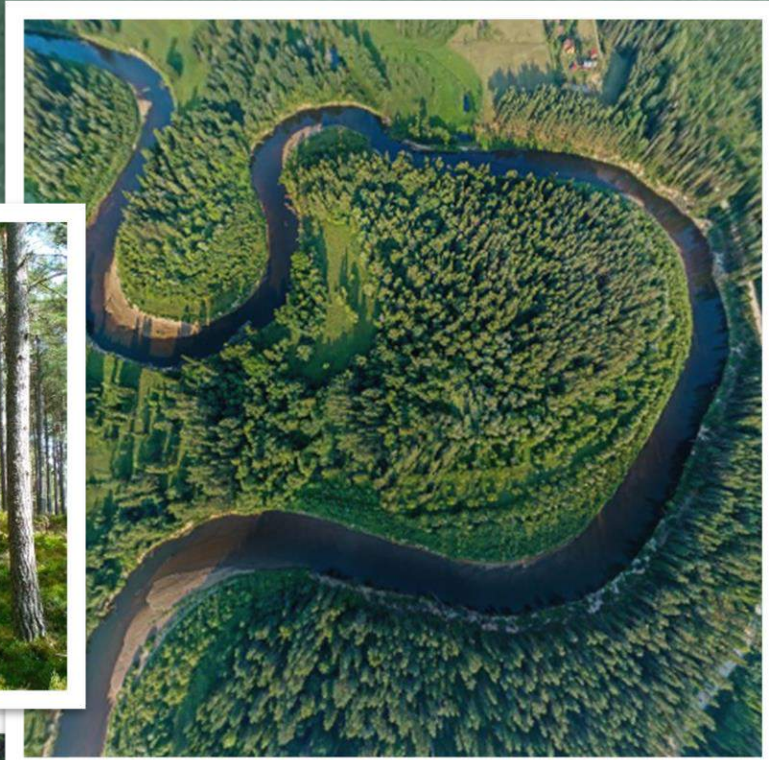
# Sustainability of the natural environment

- Diverse ecosystems: forests, meadows, swamps
- Biological diversity  
~30,000 species of flora and fauna
- Protected natural territories: nature reserves, biosphere reserves, nature parks, national parks
- Surface waters - rivers and lakes



# Latvian forests and rivers

- Latvian National forests are our country's biggest treasure, it covers 3.35 million hectares or 53.8% of Latvia
- There are more than 12,000 rivers in Latvia.
- The longest rivers are Daugava, Lielupe, Gauja and Venta
- Thanks to our rivers Latvia produces 45,1 % of its electricity through hydro power
- Latvia ranks as the third most eco-friendly country in the EU, with an average score of 19.25 out of 28



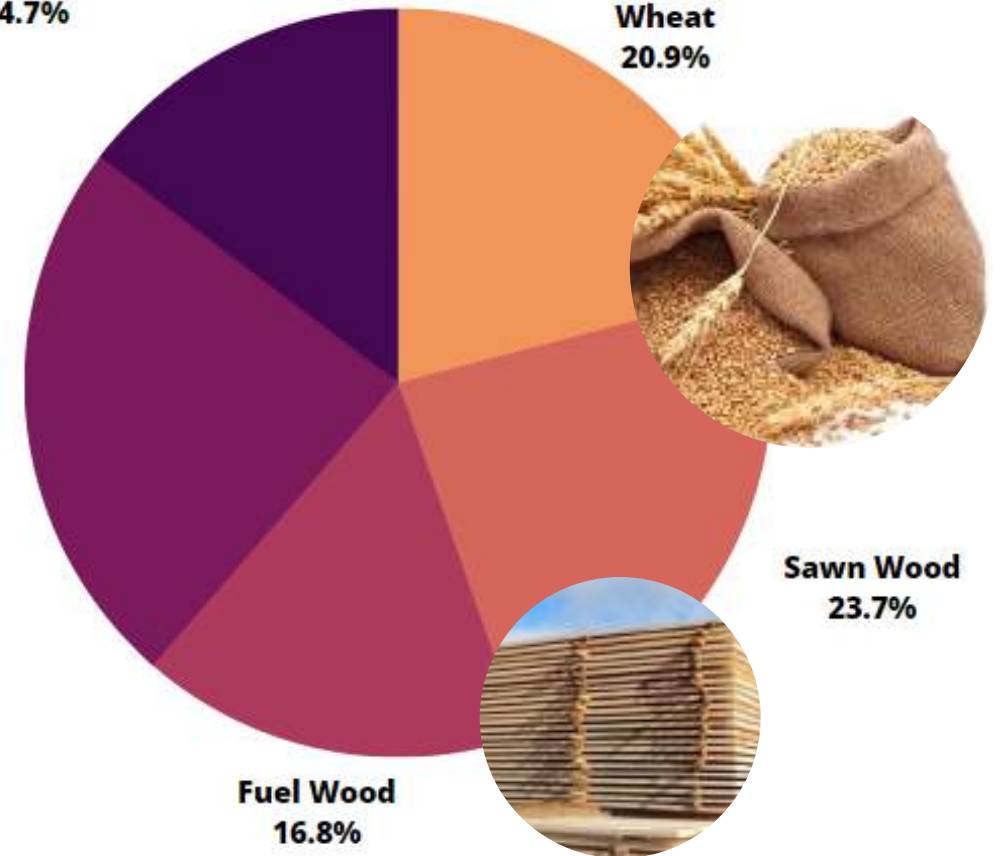
# Economic sustainability

Main exports of Latvia [www.oec.world](http://www.oec.world), 14.01.2020

- Latvia's gross domestic product (GDP) in 2021 reached 38,87 billion USD
- Main exports: wood and wood products, charcoal, electronic devices and electric appliances, mineral products, natural honey, etc
- Latvia's main export partners are Lithuania, Estonia, Germany and Sweden



Packaged Medicaments  
14.7%



# Latvian businesses worldwide and locally



On-demand printing and fulfillment company that helps people turn their ideas into brands and products.



National airline of Latvia. Based at the international airport "Riga", the largest passenger air carrier in Latvia, and since 2016 also in Estonia.



Sweets brand which produces and exports chocolate bars, candy, and more.



Producer of natural cosmetics and beauty products.

# Sustainability of cultural and social environment

- Diverse and rich cultural heritage - songs, fables, myths and rituals, virtues, traditions, music, works of art, buildings, their architecture, etc.
- Latvia's most famous tradition being the general Latvian song and dance festival.
- Latvia associates a lot of holidays with deities: Māru – goddess of fertility, Sauli – oldes deitie, Laimu and Jumi, who are responsible for prosperity, or special occurrences in nature like equinox.
- The most famous holidays in Latvia are “Miķeļdiena”, «Ūsiņdiena», «Jāņu diena», winter solstice.



# Distance Education Secondary School “Riga Commerce School”

## Schools Goal:

To build an educational environment by organizing and implementing the teaching process in distance learning, which would provide the development of creative and susceptible personalities.

## Main priorities of the school:

- To help students formulate their intellectual needs and desires.
- Personalized, individualized approach, taking in mind each student's abilities and needs.
- Engaging and creative learning process aimed at enabling the application of acquired knowledge in practice, fostering the ability to manage your own time, work with information, communicate with peers and be happy.



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## Study process:

- We learn in our own time - in a modern virtual learning environment, using the latest technologies, being anywhere in the world in any time zone.
- The distance learning forum is characterized by specially structured learning materials, individual learning pace, specially organized assessment of educational achievements, as well as the use of various technical and electronic means of communication.
- Group and individual consultations – online and in person.

## Learn By Doing:

We believe that the best way to learn is by doing. That’s why our school regularly organizes learning expeditions, and participates in international projects, like NORDPLUS.



# NORDPLUS Project

Our school regularly participates in NORDPLUS programs because we want to learn about the way of life and living conditions in other cultures.

By participating in the NORDPLUS project **"Promoting Young People's Environmental Awareness for Sustainable Development by Traveling and Understanding the Processes of Human-Nature Interaction in the Northern European Region"** we want to understand the process of **human-nature interaction** in the Faroe Islands. Also, we want to learn about sustainable development in order to apply the acquired knowledge, skills and attitudes in future life.

In our school, students think about the future. We want to develop an environmentally friendly way of thinking, a positive attitude towards nature, and the ability to do the right thing while living in accordance with the environment and thinking about future generations and how to maintain a sustainable future.



Welcome to my country! /Prāta Vētra / Brainstorm/



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“Who knows what he wants, can achieve what he wants.”

/Rainis/

Thank you for your attention!