

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON LATVIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 14 October 1991
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term: 2009-2011)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2019)
 - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (term expires in 2016)
 - International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires 2019)
4. **Your visits to Latvia: 1**
 - 2-4 May 2015: official visit on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day and the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize Ceremony. Also to participate in the opening ceremony of an event celebrating the 70th anniversary of UNESCO entitled "Free Flow of Ideas by Word and Image".
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Latvia: 1**
 - 7- 9 December 2001: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Permanent Delegate: Ms Ivita Burmistre, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to France.(since 07 November 2016)
 - Staff: Ms Evelina Melbarzde, clunsellor, Deputy Permnet Permanent Delegate; Ms Aina Nagobads-Abols, Counsellor; Ms Una Kepite, Second Secretary
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Imants Viesturs Lieģis (December 2015 – October 2016); H.E. Mrs Sanita Pavluta-Deslandes (16 December 2010 – 1 December 2015); H.E. Mr Janis Karklins (September 2007 – December 2010); H.E. Mr Rolands Lappuke (March 2003 – August 2007); H.E. Ms Sandra Kalniete (February 2000 – October 2002)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none
8. **Latvian National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: February 1992
 - Chairperson: Ms Dace Melbārde, Minister of Culture (since October 2013)
 - Vice-Presidents: Mr Kārlis Šadurskis (since December 2016) and Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs (since October 2011)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Baiba Molnika (since September 2016)
9. **Latvian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Prof. Janis Sikstulis, Member of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq
 - Mr Andrejs Vasiljevs, Bureau Member of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme
10. **UNESCO Chairs: 3**
 - UNESCO Chair on Media and Information Literacy (2016), the University of Latvia
 - UNESCO Chair in Teacher Education and Continuing Education: Interplay of Tradition and Innovation in Education for Sustainable Development (2013), Daugavpils University
 - UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Coastal Development (2001), University of Latvia, Riga.

11. **Associated Schools:** 33 (2 nursery, 3 primary, 6 primary and secondary, 14 secondary schools, 7 vocational and technical and 1 teacher training institution). Latvia joined the ASP Network in 1985.
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
13. **UNESCO Clubs:** 4
14. **Biosphere Reserves:** 1
 - North Vidzeme (1997)
15. **World Heritage Sites:** 2 cultural properties
 - Struve Geodetic Arc (2005), jointly with Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Norway, Russian Federation, Sweden and Ukraine
 - The Historic Centre of Riga (1997)
16. **Tentative List:** 3
 - Viking Monuments and Sites / Grobiņa archaeological complex (2011)
 - Kuldīga Old Town in the Primeval Valley of the River Venta (2011)
 - Meanders of the Upper Daugava (2011)
17. **Intangible Heritage Lists:** 2 elements
 - Suiti cultural space, inscribed on the Urgent Safeguarding List in 2009
 - The Baltic Song and Dance Celebrations (jointly with Estonia and Lithuania), inscribed on the Representative List in 2008
18. **Memory of the World Register:** 2 inscriptions
 - Dainu skapis - Cabinet of Folksongs (2001)
 - The Baltic Way - Human Chain Linking Three States in Their Drive for Freedom (jointly with Estonia and Lithuania) (2009)
19. **Creative Cities Network:** no appointments
20. **Legal instruments:** 13 ratified and 27 non-ratified
 - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: acceptance (14 January 2005). Latvia was the first European Member State to have deposited its instrument of ratification.
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (6 July 2007)
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (10 April 2006)
 - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable
21. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017:** 1
 - 150th anniversary of the birth of Janis Rozentāls, painter (1866-1916) (with the support of Finland and Lithuania)
22. **Participation Programme:**
 - 2016-2017: 2 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 56,900
 - 2014-2015: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 63,240
 - 2012-2013: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 62,000
 - 2010-2011: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 107,000
 - 2008-2009: 5 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 92,000
23. **Fellowships:**
 - 1 fellowship awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US\$ 9,000.
 - 5 fellowships awarded since 2000, for a total amount of US\$ 32,753
24. **NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:** none

25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016/2017: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.050%
- Assessed contributions for 2016/2017: US\$ 326,500

26. Extrabudgetary participation (expressed in US\$):

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	10,616	19,608	-	3,070	2,482	2,482	2,482	1,136

27. Representation within the Secretariat: normally-represented

- 2 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4):