

Country	Latvia	
Number of higher education institutions in the country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 universities • 13 state HEIs • 15 private HEIs • 17 state colleges • 8 private colleges • 3 branches of foreign HEIs 	
Description of national higher education system	http://www.aic.lv/portal/en/izglitiba-latvija	
National Higher Education Strategy		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Action Plan for Implementation of Reforms in Higher Education and Science, 2013-2014 • Conception “Strategic Development of Colleges” <p>Link to the appropriate document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://izm.izm.gov.lv/upload_file/Izglitiba/Augstaka_izglitiba/2013/IZMPiel_121212_AIzref.pdf (in Latvian) • http://izm.izm.gov.lv/upload_file/Izglitiba/Augstaka_izglitiba/2013/IZM_koledzu_attistibas_koncepcija_310113.pdf (in Latvian) 		
National Higher Education Strategy on Internationalisation		
<p>P.S. Action No. 3 in the “Draft Action Plan for Implementation of Reforms in Higher Education and Science, 2013-2014” – Internationalisation of higher education and science, and increasing of ability for international competition</p> <p>Link to the appropriate document: http://izm.izm.gov.lv/upload_file/Izglitiba/Augstaka_izglitiba/2013/IZMPiel_121212_AIzref.pdf (in Latvian)</p>		
Are joint programmes mentioned in:		
<p>✓ the national higher education strategy</p> <p>Action No. 3 in the “Draft Action Plan for Implementation of Reforms in Higher Education and Science, 2013-2014” – Internationalisation of higher education and science, and increasing of ability for international competition</p>	<p>✓ the national strategy on internationalization in HE</p> <p>Action No. 3 in the “Draft Action Plan for Implementation of Reforms in Higher Education and Science, 2013-2014” – Internationalisation of higher education and science, and increasing of ability for international competition</p>	
<p>Quotation of an appropriate paragraph:</p> <p>Sub-action 3.1. – to simplify procedure for attraction of students and lecturers from abroad, result No. 2 – to approve Rules of Cabinet of Ministers in order to allow issuing of joint diplomas</p>	<p>Quotation of an appropriate paragraph:</p> <p>Sub-action 3.1. – to simplify procedure for attraction of students and lecturers from abroad, result No. 2 – to approve Rules of Cabinet of Ministers in order to allow issuing of joint diplomas</p>	

Legislation on joint degrees		
„Law on Institutions of Higher Education” - Section 55. ¹ Joint Study Programme: http://izm.izm.gov.lv/upload_file/en/laws/Law_On_Institutions_of_Higher_Education_.pdf (in English)		
Involvement in Erasmus Mundus Programme		
	Number of joint study programmes:	Number of higher education institutions involved:
Erasmus Mundus Master Courses	1	1
Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates	0	0
Additional comments: n/a		

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