

<b>Country</b>	<b>Latvia</b>
<b>Number of higher education institutions in the country</b>	61 higher education institutions (HEIs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 state HEIs, incl. 6 state universities;</li> <li>• 16 private HEIs;</li> <li>• 17 state colleges;</li> <li>• 8 private colleges;</li> <li>• 3 branches of foreign HEIs.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of national higher education system</b>	Higher Education in Latvia: <a href="http://www.studyinlatvia.lv/node/13">http://www.studyinlatvia.lv/node/13</a>
<b>National Higher Education Strategy</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action Plan for Implementation of Higher Education and Science Development Measures, 2013-2014 (Order No. 560 issued by the Cabinet of Ministers on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2013)</li> <li>• Education Development Guidelines, 2014-2020 (draft, confirmed by the Cabinet of Ministers on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2014)</li> </ul>	
<b>Links to the appropriate documents:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=262186">http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=262186</a> (in Latvian)</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.mk.gov.lv/lv/mk/tap/?pid=40305684&amp;mode=mk&amp;date=2014-01-07">http://www.mk.gov.lv/lv/mk/tap/?pid=40305684&amp;mode=mk&amp;date=2014-01-07</a> (in Latvian)</li> </ul>	
<b>National Higher Education Strategy on Internationalisation</b>	
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<b>Are joint programmes mentioned in:</b>	
<b>the national higher education strategy</b>	<b>the national strategy on internationalization in HE</b>
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<b>Legislation on joint degrees</b>		
<p>„Law on Institutions of Higher Education” – Section 55.<sup>1</sup> Joint Study Programme:  <a href="http://izm.izm.gov.lv/upload_file/en/laws/Law_On_Institutions_of_Higher_Education_.pdf">http://izm.izm.gov.lv/upload_file/en/laws/Law_On_Institutions_of_Higher_Education_.pdf</a> (in English)</p> <p>Rules No. 202 “Order for issuing of state recognized documents regarding the acquired higher education” approved by the Cabinet of Ministers on 16/04/2013 (article No. 8 (joint diploma), Annex No. 6 (template of joint diploma)):  <a href="http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=256157">http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=256157</a> (in Latvian)</p>		
<b>Involvement in Erasmus Mundus Programme</b>		
	<b>Number of joint study programmes:</b>	<b>Number of higher education institutions involved:</b>
<b>Erasmus Mundus Master Courses</b>	1	1
<b>Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates</b>	0	0
<p><b>Additional comments:</b> n/a</p>		

*Prepared in April 2014*