

Fast-track your projects with **GREEN CHANNEL** status

The “Green Channel” is Latvia’s **investment fast-track initiative, granting companies priority access to administrative procedures across key government institutions**. With this status, processes are completed in approximately half the usual time, significantly accelerating the implementation of your investment project.

Eligibility criteria (company must meet at least one):



- 1** In the last reporting year:
 - export amount at least **5 million EUR**,
 - at least **50 employees** in Latvia.
- 2** In the last **two** reporting years:
 - investments at least **5 million EUR** (in Riga – at least 10 million EUR),
 - at least **50 employees** in Latvia.
- 3** **Planned:**
 - investments at least **5 million EUR** (in Riga – at least 10 million EUR) **in the priority sector***,
 - at least **20 new jobs** created in 3 years after project implementation,
 - has available financial resources for the investment in the amount of min. 5 /10 million EUR.
- 4** Planned investment is **production of weapons, ammunition or military equipment** (must receive confirmation from the Ministry of Defence about compliance).

*Priority sectors:

- Knowledge-intensive bioeconomy.
- Biomedicine, medical technologies, and pharmaceuticals.
- Photonics and smart materials, technologies, engineering systems.
- Smart energy, mobility, net-zero emission technologies.
- Information and communication technologies.
- Construction, transport, or logistics, if the project is related to the services listed in points 1-5.

- Tourism and international events.
- Construction of affordable rental housing and social housing.
- Security and defense.
- Operation and service provision of international business service centers.
- Projects in which the average employee salary in the previous reporting year is not less than the average employee salary in the EU for the same period.

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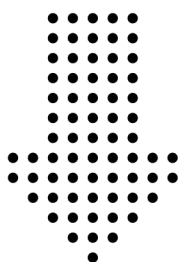
Not eligible to receive “Green channel” status:

- Companies with a tax rating of C, N, or J (poor or no tax payment history).
- Companies subject to international or national sanctions.
- Companies with decisive influence of Russian or Belarussian origin.



Application process

Companies with eligibility criteria **1** or **2** do not apply for the status - status is granted automatically, based on publicly available financial report data.



Companies with eligibility criteria **3** or **4** apply for the status by submitting **an application form to LIAA**:

- through e-service in business.gov.lv
- signed electronically and sent to: pasts@liaa.gov.lv, or
- signed by hand and sent to LIAA, Pērses iela 2, LV-1442.



Application form can be found [here](#).



LIAA evaluates the compliance and **makes a decision** about granting “Green channel” status within 10 working days.



When the status is granted, **LIAA adds the company to the “Green channel” company list**. When the company applies for an administrative procedure, the relevant government agency must check its status in the LIAA “Green channel” list and fast track the company if found on the list.



After receiving “Green channel” status, company can fast track its investment project administrative procedures in relevant government institutions. “Fast track” means that **procedures are completed in half the usual time**.

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Apply to have **36 months** of priority for the following administrative procedures and services:

- Construction status survey, review of **construction documentation** and issuance of technical regulations (30 → 15 days*)
- Evaluation of **electronic communications network** installation projects, decision-making and operational readiness testing (20 → 10 days*)
- Coordination, verification and registration of **topographic information** (28 → 14 days*)
- **Territorial planning documents**, evaluation and approval (28 → 14 days*)
- **Environmental impact assessment** processes and evaluation in municipalities (60 → 30 days*)
- Entry, stay, transit, exit and detention of foreigners (**residence permits**) (30 → 15 days*)
- Issuance of the **European Union Blue Card** (20 → 10 days*)
- Issuance of a **direct electricity line** installation permit (20 → 10 days*)
- Issuance of an **administrative act** (4 → 2 months)

other:

- Development and approval of **sustainable development strategies** and development programs
- Registration of an **electricity producer**
- Processing of registration and data update of a **cadastral object**
- Procedure for submitting applications for confirmation requests for **mortgages**
- **Cadastral survey** of groups of buildings and premises
- Update and contestation of the **purpose and area of land plot**
- Cadastral survey of land (**mapping**)
- Coordination of **land development project** and approval
- Issuing, registering, extending, annulling and revoking a **visa**
- Issuance, amendment and refusal of **permits for polluting activities**
- Issuance of **protection zone** coordination and **permits for activities along roads and railways**
- Issue of an opinion on the readiness of the **electronic communications network** for operation
- Provision of information on access to and use of the **natural gas system**

**with Green Channel status. All days mentioned are business days.*