

## Access to EU market

450 Million people

Capital: **Riga**

Population: **1.86 million**

GDP: **EUR 43.0 B** (2025)

Language: **Latvian** (81% in biomed speak English)

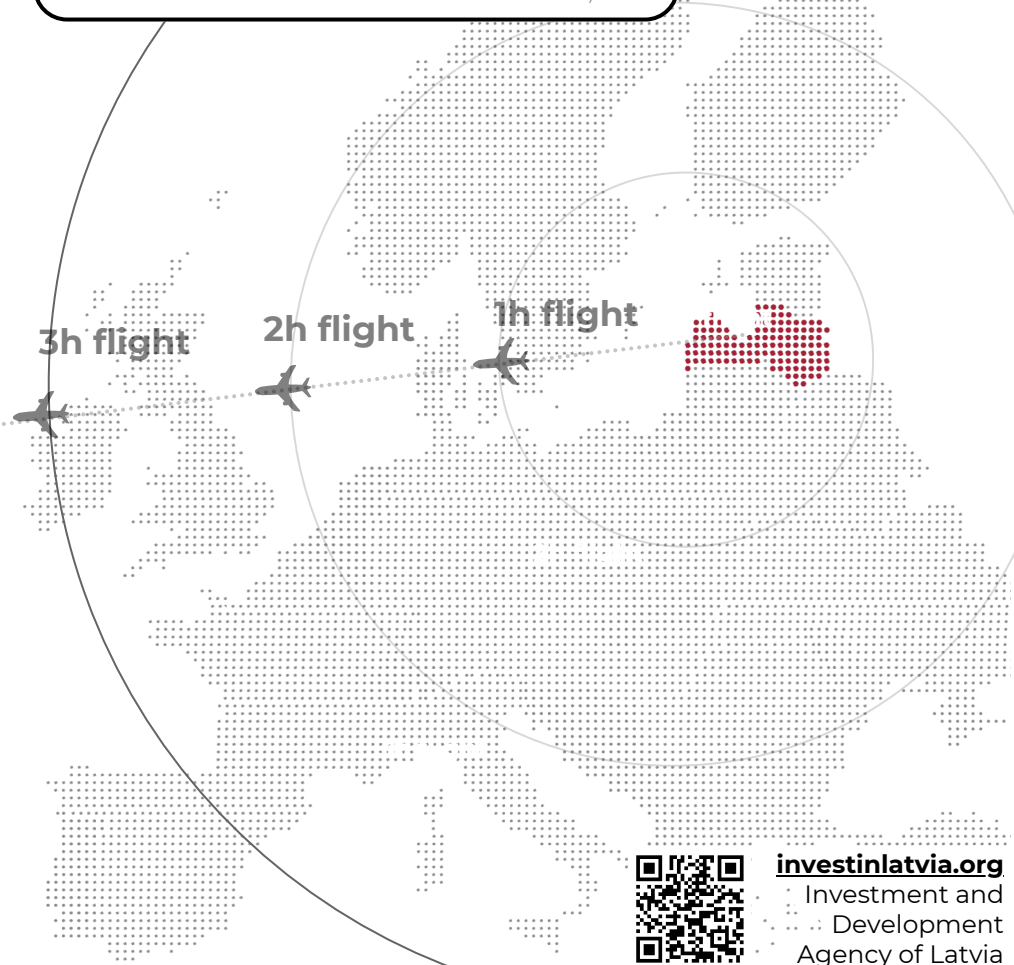
Biomed ecosystem in Latvia: **500+ companies**

Biomed avg. salary: **1'912 EUR/month** (gross)

**Did you know?** *Microbiology research in Latvia began early, with research activities established at the University of Latvia in 1919–1923, including one of the first microbiology laboratories, while the Institute of Organic Synthesis is the birthplace of 18 original drugs and > 100 technologies since 1957.*

**1<sup>st</sup>** Latvia ranks **first among EU countries** in the **share of women in science, technology and innovation**, with women accounting for **50.9% of scientists and engineers**.

*Eurostat, 2026*



## Doing business in Latvia:

### Digital efficiency

Companies in Latvia operate in a highly digital environment, enabling faster business decision-making:

- **96% Public services** for businesses **are digital**
- **98% business documents are signed electronically** with eID

### Tax competitiveness

Latvia provides a highly competitive tax environment:

- **0% corporate income tax** on reinvested earnings
- Ranked **1st in the 2025 Corporate Tax Rate Index** among OECD countries (2025)
- Ranked as the **2nd most tax-competitive country** in the OECD (2025)

### Fast-track initiative

Latvian government supports large investment projects through a fast-track mechanism that **removes administrative barriers** ensuring speed and efficiency. **Biomedicine** is identified as one of **the key strategic sectors**.

### Manufacturing edge

Five **Special Economic Zones** provide investors with access to high-quality infrastructure, utilities, and tax incentives, including:

- up to **80% CIT relief**
- up to **100% real estate tax relief**
- **Three ice-free ports**



## Biotech events in Latvia 2026

### PMNET Forum

The PMNET Forum is Northern Europe's leading precision medicine platform, uniting experts from 20+ countries.

**Date: 08.-09.10.**

**Place: Riga**



### Deep Tech Atelier

Deep Tech Atelier is the Baltics' leading deep-tech conference, uniting entrepreneurs, scientists, investors, and industry leaders, with a focus on MedTech and Defence.

**Date: 14-15.05.**

**Place: Riga**



# Latvia = a growing European hub for Biotech R&D and Precision Medicine

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## Biomedicine focus areas

Pharmaceuticals

Biomaterials

Precision medicine

Cancer prevention & treatment

Microbiome & biomarker research

Medical technologies & diagnostics

Data-driven healthcare & AI

Digital health & telemedicine

## LIAA support for biomedicine investors – long-term cooperation



### Investor guidance & project navigation

Project coordination

### R&D & clinical ecosystem

LIAA facilitates access to universities, research institutes, and clinical partners.

### Public-sector coordination

Coordination with state and municipalities

### Incentives & growth support

Guidance on state aid, EU funding, aftercare, and support for expansion and exports.

## Support for companies

### R&D support

- Innovation vouchers
- Support for international expansion
- Business incubation programme
- Start-up support

### Infrastructure support

- Access to BSL-3 laboratories
- High-field NMR (800 MHz)
- ISO-class cleanroom facilities
- Extensive modern laboratory infrastructure

### Integration into the EU collaborations

- The European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)
- The European Molecular Biology Conference (EMBC)
- ERIC Memberships

## Why Biomedicine in Latvia?

### Technologies across value-chain:

Strong home-grown pharma companies (Grindex, Olpha) exporting globally with thriving startups developing advanced health technologies, including organ on chip systems and AI-driven clinical trial processes.



### Research Excellence:

Strong research foundations are driven by the emerging National Institute of Research and Innovation, uniting the Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis and the Latvian Biomedical Research and Study Centre in drug discovery and molecular research, alongside the Baltic Biomaterials Centre of Excellence as a leading biomaterials R&D hub.

### BIOPHOT

Biomedical and Photonics long-term national research platform for innovative products, uniting leading Latvian research institutions to transform scientific excellence into market-ready deep-tech solutions.

## Biomedicine in numbers

~43'100

Total number of employees in industry

74%

Exports of chemicals and pharmaceuticals

16'695

Higher education graduates in Latvia in 2025

"We are confident that **the talent we hire in Latvia** will play **a crucial role to successfully provide exceptional value** for our partners and to deliver on our purpose..."

Martin Kikstein, Head of Roche Services & Solutions EMEA

Source: [liveriga.com](https://liveriga.com)

## They have chosen Latvia

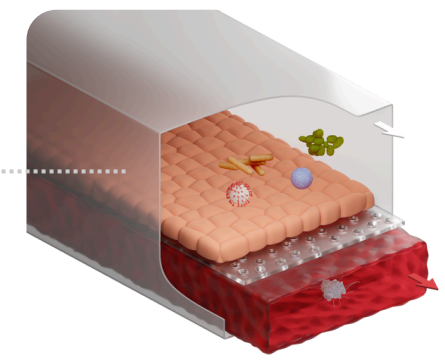


## Industry in Spotlight

### Cellbox Labs

is an industrial organ on chip company providing an all-in-one system for advanced in vitro models for more effective drug discovery and disease research.

[cellboxlabs.com](https://cellboxlabs.com)



### Printymed

is an innovative biotechnology startup pioneering the development of biomimetic spider silk materials for advanced applications in regenerative medicine.

[printymed.com](https://printymed.com)

### Longensis

a leading Latvian digital health startup building secure, compliant platforms for patient engagement, research, and healthcare data sharing.

[longensis.com](https://longensis.com)

### Sepsiscan

develops AI-powered medical imaging device for blood microcirculation monitoring and early sepsis diagnostics.

[sepsiscan.com](https://sepsiscan.com)

### Biosan

manufacturer of laboratory equipment for biomedical diagnostics, biotechnology, and life sciences, specializing in sample preparation for genomics, proteomics, and cellomics.

[biosan.lv](https://biosan.lv)

### Capture Study

a self-serve EDC/ePRO platform helping biotechs start and run clinical trials faster - from setup to live patient data - in minutes.

[capture.study](https://capture.study)



### Bdetect

develops a handheld, noninvasive skin cancer screening device that uses multispectral imaging and AI to improve the accuracy and accessibility of skin cancer detection..

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