

Access to EU market 450 Million people

Capital: Riga

Population: 1.9 million

Language: Latvian

95% - speak 1 foreign language
53% - speak 2 foreign languages

GDP: EUR 40.2 B (2024)

Unemployment: 6.9% (2024)

Average salary: 1'685 EUR/month (gross)

Defence budget: 3.5% of GDP (2024)

S&P Credit Rating: A

Moody's Rating: A3

Reliable business environment

Latvia elected to the
UN Security Council (2026–2027)

Latvia's Defense Innovation Ecosystem

Latvia's Innovation Hub for Defense

Latvia has launched the Autonomous Systems Competence Center, a national hub uniting innovation, research, and defense procurement. **With at least \$100 million earmarked by 2026 for drone and counter-drone capabilities**, the center provides a strong platform for collaboration with allies and industry. It connects directly to the operational needs of the armed forces, ensuring that cutting-edge technologies are rapidly tested and deployed.

From Training to Innovation: Selonia as the Baltic Region's Largest Testbed

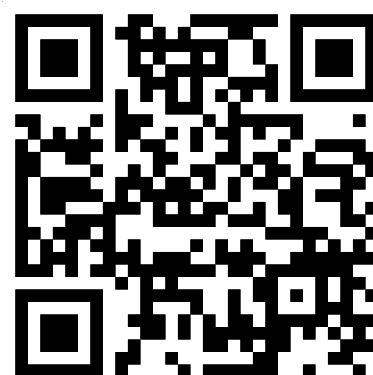
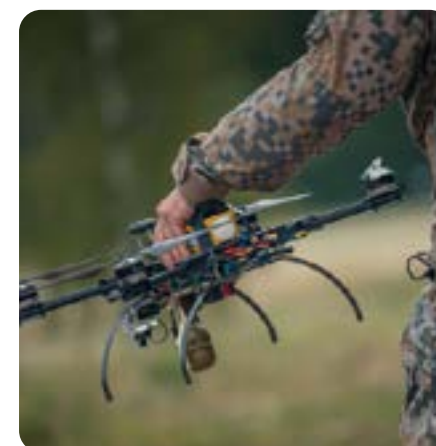
The Selonia military training area, planned to span over ~25 600 hectares (~63 200 acres), **is set to become one of the largest and most advanced defense ranges in the Baltics**. As part of its development, a dedicated drone training and testing facility was opened in 2024, **offering a real-world environment to validate unmanned and counter-drone systems**. With full development planned through 2030, Selonia is positioned to become a key strategic hub for NATO readiness and next-generation defense innovation.

5G Military Test Site

Located at Ādaži Military Base and supported by mobile laboratory setups, **the site enables flexible, real-world testing of autonomous systems, AI-driven solutions, and battlefield management systems**. The test site has been validated by NATO's Allied Command Transformation (ACT), the Latvian MOD, and major defense industry partners. Key features include a fully equipped 5G infrastructure, customizable network capabilities, and comprehensive measurement systems—all within a strategic defense innovation environment. This hub offers foreign and domestic partners alike a ready and certified platform to pilot next-generation defense technologies in a NATO-aligned context.



Where NATO
resilience meets
innovation:
Latvia = a nation
investing boldly
in defense
and shaping
tomorrow's
security



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MISSION
Latvia

Latvia for Business: Open, Fast, Competitive

2nd International **Tax Competitiveness Index** 2024
(Among OECD countries)

1st Corporate **Tax Rate Index** 2024
(Among OECD countries)

0% Corporate income tax on
reinvested profit

96% Public services for
businesses are digital, EU average -
86% (% of EU target, DESI 2025)

EID - 98% Companies sign
documents digitally



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Latvia is a NATO and
EU frontline state
with direct access to
a market of over 450
million consumers, a
strategic location at the
crossroads of Europe,
and full access to EU
funding for defense
and dual-use R&D and
manufacturing



Green Corridor:

A special fast-track mechanism
that **removes administrative
barriers** for defense and dual-
use projects, ensuring speed and
efficiency.

Latvia based companies in the
defense sector have access to a
broad spectrum of EU funding
and national support programs for
capital investments, infrastructure
development, R&D - **as the EU
plans to invest up to \$800 billion
in defense by 2030.**

Latvia for Defense: Dual-use. Resilient. Industrial.

The Latvian government has
committed to allocating up to **5% of
Latvia's GDP** to defense by 2026.

Latvia is a **TOP 3 NATO** country for
defense expenditures as % of GDP
in 2025

More than **\$1.17 billion** planned for
military infrastructure by 2036.

Latvia plans to invest at least \$100
million in the drone industry in
2026, strengthening national
capabilities and supporting defense
innovation.

Baltic and Eastern
European region
recognized as a critical
defense hub, backed
by strong government
support for local defense
industries, ensuring long-
term policy stability



Latvia's frontline
position in European
security ensures fast
and reliable supply
routes for NATO forces
and regional defense
partners and Latvia also
hosts the NATO Strategic
Communications Centre
of Excellence.



Latvia leads the Drone
Coalition — turning
innovation into action
and making unmanned
systems matter where it
counts most



Industry Spotlights

Edge Autonomy

Edge Autonomy provides UAS and
ISR optics to ~80 countries around
the world. With production and
flight operations in both the United
States and Latvia, the company
has supplied the U.S. military and
supported global missions for
more than two decades. With deep
roots in Latvia, Edge Autonomy has
reinforced the country's role in Baltic
and global defense markets.

<https://edgeautonomy.io>

Origin Robotics

Origin Robotics designs and builds
hardware to empower software-
dominant solutions, poised to
disrupt the dynamics of today's
battlefield. The company replaces
fighter planes with cost-effective
drone technology to deliver and
guide munitions. It leverages
computer vision and AI to turn
conventional munition rounds into
precision-guided munitions.

<https://origin-robotics.com>.



LMT Defence

LMT Defence, part of Latvian
Mobile Telephone, specialises in
the development and integration
of advanced defense technologies.
As a key partner of the Latvian
MoD, it launched Europe's first 5G
military test site in 2020. It delivers
cutting-edge solutions, including a
Battlefield Information Management
System, 5G-enabled UAVs, and other
military tech.

<https://defence.lmt.lv>

Belss/ Eraser

BELSS, Latvia's leading defense
integrator, provides telecom,
engineering, and construction
solutions since 1994. Its daughter
company, ERASER, develops advanced
military UAVs for ISR, target tracking,
and precision strikes. Together,
they deliver cutting-edge defense
technologies combining secure
communications and autonomous
aerial systems.

<https://www.belss.lv>



SAF Tehnika

SAF Tehnika JSC is an RF data
transmission equipment designer
and manufacturer with a global
presence in over 130 countries. SAF
designs and manufactures top
quality microwave radios, a series
of the world's smallest microwave
spectrum analyzers Spectrum
Compact, and solutions for wireless
environmental monitoring under the
brand name Aranet.

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