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# **BUILDING BUSINESS WITH GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**



## 19th

globally in the ease of doing business (World Bank, Doing Business, 2020)



## 16th

globally in the ease of paying taxes (PwC Paying Taxes, 2020)



#### 2nd

among OECD countries in the International Tax Competitiveness Index



#### 100%

satisfaction with quality of life & business environment (by existing GBS companies in Latvia)



2021

Riga as the most dynamically developing city in the CEE (CEE Business Services Awards 2021)



## 50

business centres with IT, finance & accounting, HR, and customer service functions



### INFRASTRUCTURE THAT MEANS BUSINESS



- 100+ direct flights: Riga International Airport biggest in the Baltics
- $\bullet$  The lowest A class office space rent rates among CEE capitals
- 800 000 m<sup>2</sup> of office stock: A and B class for your business
- 1500 workstations in co-working spaces: a number that steadily grows



## THRIVING INDUSTRY READY FOR NEW PLAYERS

- Multifunctional & ITO are the main types of GBS centres (LIAA, 2021)
- 60% of GBS centres are serving Northern European markets (LIAA, 2021)
- 17 languages are used in GBS centres (ABSL Latvia, 2021)



- 43% is the estimated degree of automation & robotization in GBS centres by 2023 (ABSL Latvia, 2021)
- 80% of existing GBS centres have expanded (LIAA, 2020)



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#### **SKILLED & MULTILINGUAL TALENT POOL**



Scandinavian language speakers in GBS



of industry employees filling IT positions

#### **ACCESSIBLE HIGHER EDUCATION** & R&D OPPORTUNITIES



52 higher education institutions with **79 000** student pool



15 000 graduates each year to be hired



in Europe with 96% of Latvians speaking at least one foreign language





#### **HELPING YOU GROW**

- 50-60% of co-finance for Staff Training
- Vouchers for R&D activities, prototype development
  - Support for industrial research



Growing dominance of automated solutions helping transform traditional function centres into Centres of Excellence



market saturation with 15 000 employees in 50 business centres (LIAA and ABSL Latvia, 2021)



YoY employment growth in industry (LIAA, 2021)



of businesses have expanded the scope of their services in 2019



of GBS centres are from the Nordics (LIAA, 2021)

of businesses are testing & implementing robotics solutions & 23% of processes have already been automated by 2021 (ABSL Latvia, 2021)





#### THRIVING INDUSTRY READY FOR NEW PLAYERS





**WORLDS APART** Infrastructure and technology built to make working easy, talents speaking multiple languages

& tech make Latvia a great connecting point.

#### **COUNTRY READY** FOR ANY CHALLENGES

Crisis proved nation's exceptional agility by developing solutions to enable remote governing, education & by instituting the first nationally endorsed contact exposure notification app Apturi Covid (Stop Covid).



BUSINESS CENTRES USING LATVIA AS PLAYGROUND FOR THEIR GROWTH

















