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Q1: Country or customs territory

LATVIA

Q2: About you

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Q3: Do you have an Aid-for-Trade Strategy?

No

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Q4: If no, please indicate if your development policy  
includes trade priorities.

Yes

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**Q5: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. If yes, please rank the top 5 priorities areas among the items listed.(1 being the most important)**

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	2
Export diversification	1
Connecting to value chains	3
Regional integration	4
Other (please specify)	5

Additional information : please specify further the priorities that you selected above as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them and provide a weblink to the relevant strategy.

Other: Private sector development, SME capacity building (technical trainings), agriculture. ----- Aid for Trade priorities form part of Latvia's development cooperation priorities, according to Latvia's Development Cooperation Policy Guidelines 2016-2020. Latvia's priority regions comprise Eastern Partnership countries (esp.Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia) and Central Asia (esp.Uzbekistan, Kirgizstan, Tajikistan). Priority sectors include, inter alia: - Entrepreneurship and export capacity, including support in trade related adjustment implementation in practice; business support services and institutions; development of small and medium-sized enterprises; - Strengthening and capacity building of governance (including development of and access to public services, e-governance solutions); decentralisation of and support for local and regional governments; governance of public finance, especially the domestic resource mobilisation; legal and judicial development (including customs and border management and reforms); - Democratic participation, gender equality and women's empowerment, etc.

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**Q6: Has your Aid-for-Trade strategy changed since 2014?**

Unsure

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**Q7: If yes, what are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q8: How has your Aid-for-Trade spending changed since 2014?**

Between 0-10% increase ,  
Additional information on changes to your Aid-for-Trade spending since 2014.  
Aid-for-Trade spending is based on: - Partner country requests (agriculture, customs, integrated border management) - Geopolitical context (Russia's economic sanctions increased support to export capacity for Eastern Partnership countries) - 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Addis Abeba Action Agenda

**Q9: How do you expect your Aid-for-Trade spending to change in the next 5 years?**

Between 0-10% increase ,  
Additional information on how you expect your Aid-for-Trade spending to change in the next 5 years.  
There might be a slight increase due to increased cooperation with the private sector.

**Q10: Looking ahead, what changes do you expect to your Aid-for-Trade strategy in the next 5 years?**

Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals ,  
More focus on climate change and green growth ,  
More focus on gender equality ,  
More focus on poverty reduction ,  
More focus on private sector development ,  
More focus on regional integration ,  
More focus on results

**Q11: Are you engaging with the private sector in the design, delivery and monitoring of your Aid-for-Trade programmes?**

Yes

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**Q12: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector:**

Project or programme implementation ,  
Private sector associations in partner countries ,  
Private sector associations in donor country ,  
Additional information on how you are engaging with the private sector in the design, delivery and monitoring of your Aid-for-Trade programmes.  
- The private sector can submit applications in the calls for project proposals in the area of development cooperation, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; thus, projects are implemented in cooperation with the private sector entities in the partner countries; - The private sector is involved in communication campaigns on sustainable development issues.

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**Q13: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?** Yes

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**Q14: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that Aid for Trade may help to achieve? Sustainable Development Goals:**

1. No poverty , 7. Affordable and clean energy ,  
8. Decent work and economic growth ,  
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,  
12. Responsible consumption and production ,  
17. Partnership for the goals

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**Q15: Are you integrating women's economic empowerment into your Aid-for-Trade programmes?** Yes,

Additional information on how women's economic empowerment is being integrated into your Aid-for-Trade programmes? (e.g. indicating how these programmes are attempting to impact women and marginalized groups)  
Women's economic empowerment / gender equality is one of Latvia's priorities in the area of development cooperation (see Q 5 above). Gender equality is also included as a horizontal issue in development cooperation projects.

**Q16: Have you undertaken an evaluation of your Aid-for-Trade support?** No

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**Q17: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your Aid-for-Trade programming? (You may tick more than 1 box)** No

**Q18: Are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?** No

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**Q19: If yes, how are you programming Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation support?(You may tick more than 1 box)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q20: In which regions are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement? (You may tick more than one box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q21: For implementation of which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement are you providing Aid-for-Trade support?(You may tick more that 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q22: What difficulties, if any, are you facing in programming and providing support to partner countries or regional economic communities to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?(You may tick more that 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q23: Are you working with the private sector to support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q24: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector:(You may tick more that 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q25: Does e-commerce (or other digital strategy) feature among the priorities in your national development policy?**

Yes

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**Q26: If yes, please indicate which of the following is included: (You may tick more than 1 box)**

E-government,

Other digital strategy (please specify e.g. business, e-learning, e-health, etc.)

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Additional information to elaborate on how e-commerce (or other digital strategy) features in your national development strategy.

Development Cooperation Project examples: - In 2016, a joint project of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia, UNDP in Uzbekistan, and public institutions of Uzbekistan was implemented with the goal to generate an exchange of experiences and information with Latvian government agencies and their key persons in the e-services development issues, public services procedures reengineering best practices, and other issues related to the online public services delivery. This exchange was aimed at gaining insight in the different Latvian models in the field of e-services delivery systems and the activities of the agencies providing these services. Latvia's example has been assessed as most useful and appropriate for the case of Uzbekistan. - In 2016, the Ministry Foreign Affairs financed a project implemented by an NGO "Society Participation Fund", titled "Transferring of Experience in Developing an Electronic Democracy Tool in Ukraine". The goal of the project is to introduce a platform in Ukraine that stems from a Latvian example (manabalss.lv) in order to promote a democratic decision making and public participation (www.manabalss.lv)

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**Q27: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of e-commerce (or other digital strategy)?**

No

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**Q28: Does e-commerce feature in your in-country dialogues with partner countries?**

Yes

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**Q29: If yes, please indicate which of the following is included: (You may tick more than 1 box)**

E-government, Other (please specify),

Additional information on how e-commerce features in your in-country dialogues.

See response to Q 19.

**Q30: If yes, please indicate how demand from partner countries for e-commerce support has grown in the past 5 years:**

Some growth in demand for support

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**Q31: Does e-commerce feature in your dialogues with regional partners e.g. regional economic communities or transport corridors?**

Unsure

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**Q32: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q33: If yes, please indicate how demand from regional partners for e-commerce support has grown in the past 5 years:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q34: What types of support are you offering for e-commerce development?(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Support for E-government strategies,  
Support for regulatory frameworks for E-government

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**Q35: Are you working with the private sector to support growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q36: Based on your experience of e-commerce support programmes, please indicate the main issues that firms and consumers in your partner countries face in accessing and using internet services?(You may tick more than 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q37: What are the most common trade issues that you encounter in your e-commerce support programmes? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q38: Do you anticipate a growth in future demand from partner countries and regional partners in the area of e-commerce?** Yes

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**Q39: If yes, please elaborate:** Some growth in demand for support

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**Q40: In your view, can growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?** *Respondent skipped this question*

## PAGE 41: SECTION 4: INFRASTRUCTURE, SERVICES, AND INVESTMENT

**Q41: Does your development policy or Aid-for-Trade strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities?** No

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**Q42: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of infrastructure or trade-related infrastructure specifically?** No

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**Q43: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your in-country dialogues with partner countries?** No

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**Q44: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q45: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your dialogues with regional partners (e.g. regional economic communities or transport corridors)?** No

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**Q46: If yes, please indicate which of the following services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy :(You may tick more than 1 box)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q47: Do your programmes link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors?** No

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**Q48: If yes, please specify which services sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q49: Which service sectors do you expect will support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits in partner countries? (You may tick more than 1 box)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q50: Do your development programmes link growth in services capacity and services trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports?** Yes

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**Q51: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (You may tick more than 1 box)** Other (please specify),  
Additional information on service sectors identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing.  
Customs services

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**Q52: What are the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity and trade in your partner countries? Issues constraining growth : (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Access to finance,  
Low levels of foreign direct investment

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**Q53: Does your Aid-for-Trade programming include actions to improve the investment climate in partner countries?**

Yes

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**Q54: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box)**

By reducing risk for investors , By training officials,  
Additional information on actions to improve investment climate in partner countries.  
Projects are implemented in the area of good governance and anti-corruption, and border management, with the goal to train officials.

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**Q55: What Aid-for-Trade actions have you taken to support national or regional initiatives to improve the investment climate in partner countries during the past 5 years? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Focusing on public governance and institutions ,  
Training officials,  
Additional information on Aid-for-Trade actions to support national or regional initiatives to improve investment climate reforms in partner countries in the past 5 years.  
Projects are implemented in the area of good governance and anti-corruption, with the goal to train officials (esp. in Ukraine, Uzbekistan). Cooperation with Moldova in the area of integrated border management.

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**Q56: Are you providing specific assistance and capacity building to help LDCs utilize services waiver opportunities?**

No

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**Q57: If yes, what kind of support are you providing?**  
(You may tick more than 1 box)

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q58: In your view, can the development of services trade contribute to women's economic empowerment?** Yes

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**Q59: If yes, please specify in which services sectors? Services sectors:(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Accountancy services , EDUCATION SERVICES,  
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,  
TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES

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**Q60: CONSULTATION**Please list other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply.

This questionnaire reply has been prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, using the information provided by development cooperatino project implementers.

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