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**Q1** Donor Country (or headquarters location in the case of Organizations) **LATVIA**

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**Q3** Do you have an Aid-for-trade strategy? **No**

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**Q4** If yes, please indicate your Aid-for-Trade priorities: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top 5 priority areas among the ones listed below. (1 being the most important) **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q5** If no or unsure, does your development policy include trade priorities? **Yes**

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**Q6** If yes, please indicate the trade priorities in your development policy. Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top 5 priority areas among the ones listed below. (1 being the most important)

Export diversification	1
Regional integration	3
Trade facilitation	2
Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	2
Other areas including: MSMEs, women's economic empowerment, Youth issues etc. (please specify)	2
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.:	Private sector development; SME capacity building (technical trainings); agriculture.

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<b>Q7</b> Has your Aid-for-Trade strategy, or trade priorities in your development policy, changed since 2016?	<b>No,</b> Please specify further and include a weblink to the relevant development strategy.: Development Cooperation Policy Guidelines for 2016-2020: <a href="https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/284775-development-cooperation-policy-guidelines-for-2016-2020">https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/284775-development-cooperation-policy-guidelines-for-2016-2020</a>
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<b>Q8</b> If yes, please rank the top 3 drivers of these changes :(Please choose no more than 3 options)	<b>Respondent skipped this question</b>
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<b>Q9</b> Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with partner countries and development institutions?	<b>Respondent skipped this question</b>
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<b>Q10</b> Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to Aid for Trade in your country.	<b>Respondent skipped this question</b>
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<b>Q11</b> Is economic diversification a priority in your development or Aid-for-Trade strategy?	<b>Unsure</b>
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**Q12** What are the main constraints to economic diversification identified that your development or Aid-for-Trade strategy seek to address?(You may tick more than 1 box)

- Limited customs and other border agency capacity
- Limited standards compliance
- Low levels of training and skills

**Q13** Please indicate in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you provide aid- for- trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do receive support)

- Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)
- Trade policy and administrative management
- Trade education/training,
- Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)

**Q14** Does the aid-for-trade support you provide for economic diversification align with partners' priorities as established in their national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)?

Yes

**Q15** Has the aid-for-trade support you provide in economic diversification recorded progress in partner countries since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006?

Yes

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**Q16** If yes please specify, in which area(s):(You may tick more than 1 box)

- Export diversification
- Other, (please specify)

Additional information on the progress that your government has recorded in economic diversification since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006.:  
Export facilitation; private sector development.

**Q17** If yes, please also indicate in which sector(s):(You may tick more than 1 box) **Agriculture**

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**Q18** In which category(ies) of Aid for Trade is the support you provide impactful for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

**Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)**

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**Trade facilitation,**

**Trade education/training,**

**Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)**

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**Agriculture**

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**Q19** What factors contribute to the success of the aid-for-trade support you provide for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

**Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities**

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**Good digital and ICT connectivity**

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**Institutional capacity to implement projects**

,

**National/regional coordination,**

**Sufficient funding and appropriate implementation timelines**

**Q20** What factors may limit the success of the aid-for-trade support that you provide for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors.)

**Limited financing for the private sector** ,  
**Limited services capacity**,  
**Poor digital and ICT connectivity** ,  
**Poor alignment of aid-for-trade received with national/regional priorities** ,  
**Poor national/regional coordination**

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**Q21** Does the Aid for Trade you provide help mobilize other forms of development finance for economic diversification in partner countries (i.e. non-concessional financing, foreign direct investment, remittances, trade finance, etc.).

**Unsure**

**Q22** To which partner country(ies) or territory(ies) do you provide aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q23** Through which channels do you provide aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q24** With which South-South partner(s) do you partner to offer financing for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box or leave all boxes unticked if you do not partner with any)

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q25** Looking ahead, in which sectors do you anticipate future support for economic diversification to be required? (You may tick more than 1 box)

**Agriculture**,  
**Other, (please specify)** ,

Additional information on the sectors that you anticipate will require most support for economic diversification.:  
 E-commerce

**Q26** Looking ahead, in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing do you anticipate that you will continue to provide aid-for-trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

**Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)**

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**Trade facilitation,**

**Trade education/training,**

**Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)**

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**Agriculture**

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**Q27** Is there any Aid for Trade project or programme for economic diversification that you would like to showcase as an example of best practice?(Please provide additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q28** Is economic empowerment a priority in your aid-for-trade and development strategy?

No

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**Q29** For which groups does your aid-for-trade strategy seek to promote economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

**Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises**

**Q30** Does your aid-for-trade or development strategy propose any indicators to track economic empowerment or include any targets to achieve?

**Yes,**  
If yes, please provide additional information the indicators or targets on economic empowerment included in your aid-for-trade strategy.:  
Targets: improved standartization and certification systems to facilitate trade; SME capacity building; private sector development.

**Q31** Does your aid-for-trade or development strategy link economic empowerment in partner countries to their participation in international trade? **Unsure**

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**Q32** Please indicate in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you provide support for Aid for Trade for economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

**Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)**

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**Trade facilitation,**

**Trade education/training,**

**Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)**

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**Agriculture**

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**Q33** Does the aid-for-trade support you provide for economic empowerment align with the empowerment priorities established in partner countries national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)? **Yes**

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**Q34** Is women's economic empowerment a priority in your development or aid-for-trade strategy? **Unsure**

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**Q35** In your view, how best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Improving digital connectivity ,  
 Improving the flow of goods at borders (Trade Facilitation)  
 ,  
 Supporting the growth and economic development of women  
 ,  
 Supporting the growth and economic development of Youth  
 ,  
 Upgrading ICT skills

**Q36** What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards).  
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 Trade facilitation,  
 Trade education/training,  
 Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development.)

**Q37** What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities  
 ,  
 Good digital and ICT connectivity ,  
 Institutional capacity to implement projects ,  
 National/regional coordination,  
 Sufficient funding and appropriate implementation timelines



**Q38** In your view, how best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the economic empowerment of MSMEs. (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Improving the flow of goods at borders (Trade Facilitation)
- Supporting the growth and economic development of women
- Supporting rural trade
- Improving access to information
- Improving digital connectivity

**Q39** What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards).
- Trade facilitation,
- Trade education/training,
- Communications infrastructure,
- Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development.)

**Q40** What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities
- Country ownership,
- Good digital and ICT connectivity
- Institutional capacity to implement projects
- National/regional coordination

**Q41** In your view, how best can Aid for Trade contribute to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Supporting the growth and economic development of women**
- ,
- Supporting the growth and economic development of Youth**
- ,
- Upgrading ICT skills**
- ,
- Improving access to information**
- ,
- Improving digital connectivity**

**Q42** What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards).**
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- Trade facilitation,**
- Trade education/training,**
- Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development.)**

**Q43** What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting Youth economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities**
- ,
- Country ownership,**
- Good digital and ICT connectivity**
- ,
- Good trade-related infrastructure**
- ,
- Institutional capacity to implement projects**

**Q44** In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

**Yes,**

Please provide a weblink to the relevant national strategy or policy document in which SDGs are referred to.:  
Development Cooperation Policy Guidelines for 2016-2020: <https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/284775-development-cooperation-policy-guidelines-for-2016-2020>

**Q45** If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goal or Goals (SDGs) Aid for Trade can help to achieve.(You may tick more than 1 box)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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**Q46** Which partner country(ies) or custom territory(ies) are the main recipients of the aid-for-trade financing you provide for economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

**Georgia,**  
**Kyrgyz Republic,**  
**Moldova,**  
**Tajikistan,**  
**Ukraine,**  
**Uzbekistan**

**Q47** Through which channels do you provide aid-for-trade financing for economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

**Bilateral programmes,**  
**Regional programmes**

**Q48** With which South-South partner(s) do you partner with to provide aid-for-trade financing for economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box or leave all boxes unticked if you do not partner with any))

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q49** Looking ahead, in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing do you anticipate that you will continue to provide aid-for-trade support for economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

**Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards).**

**Trade facilitation,**

**Trade education/training,**

**Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development.)**

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**Q50** Is there any Aid for Trade project or programme for economic empowerment you would like to showcase as particularly important or as an example of best practice?(Please provide any relevant additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

Respondent skipped this question

**Q51** Please provide any additional information.(Please reference in the form or weblinks, document symbols, including to evaluations of projects or programmes)

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q52** CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

No