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Development cooperation fact sheet of Latvia

Annual aid budget (for 2010, 2011, and 2012 in EUR)	2010: 12 mln EUR 2011: 2012: (to be updated for the second training)
Current development aid priorities, e.g. countries, themes (as of 2011/ 2012)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bilateral Assistance - mainly directed towards the Latvia's priority countries: Moldova, Georgia, Ukraine and Belarus. 2. Development Education. 3. Policy Coherence for Development. Main topics for 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, • Health, • Food Security, • Human Security, • Migration
State institutions in charge of development cooperation with links to the homepages of these institutions	Ministry of Foreign Affairs www.mfa.gov.lv/lv/Attistibas-sadarbiba/
Development cooperation legal framework in your country (list of documents and links where they could be accessed in English)	www.mfa.gov.lv/en/DevelopmentCo-operation/ The Basic Principles for the Development Cooperation Policy of the Republic of Latvia 2010 – 2015; Development Education Policy in Latvia 2008-2015.
National development cooperation platforms (organisations, No of members, other relevant information)	The Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS) was established in 2004 – the year Latvia joined the European Union. LAPAS unites 23 Latvian NGOs that believe that Latvia's transition experience to a democratic market economy can be useful to others. LAPAS also promotes NGO participation in development cooperation and coordinates Latvia's efforts in development education. www.lapas.lv

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<p>5 key challenges to your country's development cooperation (please be specific and use bullet points)</p>	<p>Latvia's possibilities presently are primarily connected with strengthening economic growth, stability and democracy in the neighbouring regions (Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus).</p> <p>The development cooperation policy implemented by Latvia does not include direct financial assistance, it is rather support to sharing Latvia's experience in implementation of state administration reforms, furthering a democratic society, social development, environmental protection, improving the education system and in other areas. An essential component of development cooperation policy planning and implementation are Latvia's priorities in European neighbourhood policy.</p>
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