

## LATVIA

<b>Title of the policy or measure (in English)</b>	Tackling the shadow economy
<b>Case study/good practice name</b>	The council for prevention of the 'shadow economy' (Ēnu ekonomikas padome) and "Action plan of public authorities for combatting 'shadow economy' in 2016-2020"
<b>Country</b>	Latvia
<b>Sectors</b>	Macroeconomics, combatting the 'shadow economy'
<b>Target Groups</b>	Society in general, entrepreneurs
<b>Short sentence summarising the measure</b>	The measure relates to inter-institutional supervision, planning, coordination and analyses of activities to prevent the shadow economy. This also includes action plans, according to the needs of relevant bodies.
<b>Background</b>	
Background context driving the implementation of the measure	Under a need to revitalise the economy, as part of structural reforms the Latvian Government decided to address the issue of reducing the shadow economy.
When was the measure implemented? (including start date and end date/ongoing)	Since 2010, on-going Several complementary documents adopted: "Action Plan to Reduce Shadow Economy and Promote Fair Competition 2010-2013" (not in force) "Action plan of public authorities for combatting 'shadow economy' in 2016-2020"
Names(s) of authorities/bodies/ organisations involved	From 16 September 2014 until 1 October 2017, the council has comprised the following 19 members (4 of them are representatives of social partners): prime minister (chair), minister of economics, minister of finances, minister of interior, minister of welfare, minister of transport, minister of justice, minister of health, minister of agriculture, prosecutor general, head of the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau, head of the State Labour Inspectorate, head of the State Revenue Service, chief of the State police, head of the Health Inspectorate, president of Employers' Confederation of Latvia, head of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments, head of Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia and president of Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
Scope of the measure (a pilot project, nationwide, regional wide)	Nationwide action plan.

Type of (policy) measure	Complex measure. Improvement of direct and indirect control of the 'shadow economy'.
Key objectives of the measure	Combatting the 'shadow economy' in various sectors by improvement performance in all policy areas.
Specific measure	
Description of how the measure operates in practice	<p>The council coordinates prevention activities across all sectors, analyses the results of previous activities, takes measures to fight the shadow economy and evaluates the effectiveness of the measures. This includes the ratification of an action plan to fight the 'shadow economy'.</p> <p>The action plan is a policy document that summarises all measures planned to tackle the 'shadow economy' between 2016 and 2020 in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• combating 'shadow economy' in the fields of construction, trade, services, transportation etc.;</li> <li>• strengthening capacity of enforcement bodies (exchange of information, effective use of ICT etc.);</li> <li>• efficient penalty system;</li> <li>• awareness rising campaigns;</li> <li>• tax efficiency;</li> </ul>
Which groups are targeted by the measure?	Society in general, entrepreneurs.
What resources and other relevant organisational aspects are involved?	No information.
What are the source(s) of funding?	Budget of respective organisations and partners (self-financing).
<b>Evaluation and outcome</b>	
Has the measure achieved its objectives?	Performance/ evaluation indicators were not specified in neither previous, nor current action plan.
Assessment method (including indicators used to measure its impact), and the outputs and outcomes achieved	No assessment conducted
What are lessons learnt and the key conditions for success?	No assessment conducted.

<p>Level of transferability (e.g. other countries/groups/sectors)</p>	<p>High level of transferability to other countries; however, a list of relevant institutions should be specified for each country respectively.</p>
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