UNESCO AND LATVIA : KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. Member since 14 October 1991


3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:
   - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of
     Cultural Expressions (term expires in 2021)
   - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of
     Communication (term expires in 2019)
   - International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires 2019)
   - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education

4. The Director-General’s visits: none

5. The former Director-General's visits: 1
   - 2015: official visit on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day and the
     UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize Ceremony.

6. Permanent Delegation:
   - Permanent Delegate: Ms Ivita Burmistre, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since
     07 November 2016)
   - Ms Evelina Melbarzde, Deputy Permanent Delegate
   - Ms Aina Nagobads-Abols, Counsellor
   - Ms Una Keptite, Second Secretary
   - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Imants Viesturs Lieģis (2015-2016)

7. National Commission:
   - Creation: 1992
   - Chairperson: Ms Dace Melbārde, Minister of Culture (since October 2013)
   - Vice-Presidents: Mr Kārlis Šadurskis (since December 2016) and Mr Edgars
     Rinkēvičs (since October 2011)
   - Secretary-General: Ms Baiba Molnika (since September 2016)

8. UNESCO Chairs: 3
   - UNESCO Chair on Media and Information Literacy (2016), the University of Latvia
   - UNESCO Chair in Teacher Education and Continuing Education: Interplay of
     Tradition and Innovation in Education for Sustainable Development (2013),
     Daugavpils University
   - UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Coastal Development (2001), University of Latvia,
     Riga.

9. Associated Schools: 33 (2 nursery, 3 primary, 6 primary and secondary, 14 secondary
   schools, 7 vocational and technical and 1 teacher training institution). Latvia joined the

10. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

11. UNESCO Clubs: 4


13. World Heritage Sites: 2 cultural properties
   - Struve Geodetic Arc (2005), jointly with Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Republic
     of Moldova, Norway, Russian Federation, Sweden and Ukraine
   - The Historic Centre of Riga (1997)

14. Tentative List: 3
15. **Intangible Heritage Lists**: 2 elements
   - Suiti cultural space, inscribed on the Urgent Safeguarding List in 2009
   - The Baltic Song and Dance Celebrations (jointly with Estonia and Lithuania), inscribed on the Representative List in 2008

16. **Memory of the World Register**: 3 inscriptions
   - The Act of the Union of Lublin document (2017), jointly with Lithuania, Belarus, Poland and Ukraine
   - Dainu skapis - Cabinet of Folksongs (2001)

17. **Creative Cities Network**: no appointments

18. **Legal instruments**: 13 ratified and 27 non-ratified
   - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: acceptance (14 January 2005). Latvia was the first European Member State to have deposited its instrument of ratification.
   - International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (10 April 2006)

19. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019**: 2
   - 150th anniversary of Pēteris Šmits, linguist, ethnographer, folklorist (1869-1938), with the support of Estonia, Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation
   - 100th anniversary of Latvian National Institutions for Culture, Education and Science (1919), with the support of Latvia, Lithuania and Poland

20. **Participation Programme**:
   - 2016-2017: 2 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 56,900
   - 2014-2015: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 63,240
   - 2012-2013: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 62,000
   - 2010-2011: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 107,000

21. **Fellowships**: 1 fellowship awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US$ 9,000.

22. **NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO**: none

23. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2018**: fully paid
   - Assessment rate: 0.050%
   - Assessed contributions for 2016/2017: US$ 163,250

24. **Extrabudgetary participation** (in US$):

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25. **Representation within the Secretariat**: under-represented (min. 2, max. 4) with 1 professionnal staff in geographical post