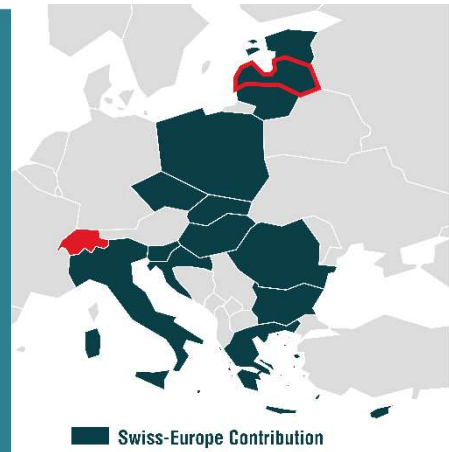


# SWISS – LATVIAN Cooperation Programme



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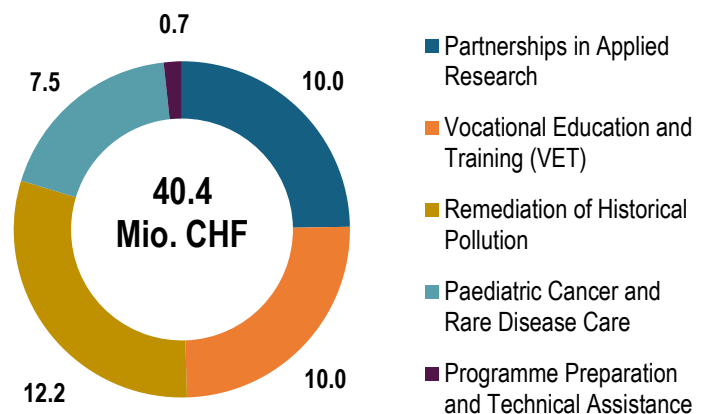
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The Swiss-Latvian Cooperation Programme is part of the Second Swiss Contribution to selected EU member states. It is a continuation of the first Enlargement Contribution and of the transition cooperation between Switzerland and Latvia before the accession of Latvia to the EU and it continues important work on health, environmental protection and research.

The Second Swiss Contribution has a total value of CHF 1.3 billion and a duration until 3 December 2029. On 30 June 2022, Switzerland and the EU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Brussels, specifying key parameters of the contribution, such as the amount, its distribution among the partner countries, thematic priorities and principles for cooperation and implementation.

## Key Areas of Support

- **Partnerships in Applied Research**  
Promote research capacity and partnerships
- **Vocational Education and Training (VET)**  
Pilot company-based VET in selected industries
- **Remediation of Historical Pollution**  
Clean-up the nationally prioritized oil-contaminated site in Aizkraukle
- **Paediatric Cancer and Rare Disease Care**  
Improve disease diagnosis, personalized treatments and long-term support



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The Second Swiss Contribution is an investment in Europe's security, stability and prosperity. The Second Swiss Contribution strengthens and deepens bilateral relations with the EU partner countries and the EU as a whole.

In June 2023 and as part of the Second Swiss Contribution, the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Latvia signed a Framework Agreement. The Swiss-Latvian Cooperation Programme seeks to reduce economic and social disparities within the EU and within Latvia, contributes to the strategic reforms undertaken by Latvia and aims at improving the lives of people.

The Programme will strengthen existing and create new Swiss-Latvian partnerships, as well as provide for an exchange of experiences and knowledge in priority areas for both sides.

Latvia contributes 15% as co-financing to each Programme and all Programmes are in-line with Latvia's national policies and priorities.



## Partnerships in Applied Research



The Programme will foster applied research excellence and will enable the Latvian research institutions in the areas of advanced materials, information and communication technologies (ICT), and smart energy to collaborate with Swiss institutions in joint research projects. The Programme will advance the research institutions' capacities, leading to high-quality joint research publications, increased number of persons with cutting-edge technological knowledge, broader dissemination of research results, as well as raising STEM (Science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and technological awareness among young people, especially girls and people living outside the capital Riga.

## Vocational Education and Training



The overall goal of the Programme is to create a more attractive, flexible and high-quality VET (Vocational Education and Training) system for increasing Latvia's economic productivity and promoting competitiveness.

During the Programme, a new company-based learning approach and qualification examination model will be created and piloted in three selected sectors (hospitality, metalworking and machine building as well as agriculture). In addition, new vocational education teachers will be trained.

## Remediation of Historical Pollution



The Programme's goal is to improve the environmental quality of a historically polluted site and reduce risks to human health. The oil-contaminated site of the former factory of reinforced concrete in Aizkraukle at the banks of the Daugava River has been identified as the highest priority in the Environmental Policy Guidelines for 2021-2027.

## Paediatric Cancer and Rare Disease Care



The Programme directly addresses the crucial need to increase the quality, availability and accessibility of cancer and rare disease related health services. The goal of the Programme is to improve survival and quality of survival by increasing availability and access to better diagnostic, treatment and follow-up services for children with cancer and other rare diseases.

Further information about the Swiss-Latvian Cooperation Programme:

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