



# The vision and preparation of Low-carbon development strategy of Latvia

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## UNFCCC

- **According to Decision 1/CP.16 (Paragraph 45)**
  - “[..] developed countries should develop low-carbon development strategies or plans”
- **Paris Agreement (Decision paragraph 36; Agreement article 4)**
  - “Invites Parties to communicate, by 2020 [..] Secretariat mid-century, long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies”

## European Union

- **Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and for reporting other information [..] (Chapter 2)**
  - Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2050
  - Decision No 529/2013/EU on accounting rules on GHG emissions and removals resulting from activities relating to LULUCF [..] (Article 10)

## Policy planning documents

- Latvian Long-term Development Strategy 2030
- National Development Plan for Latvia 2014-2020
- Environmental Policy Guidelines 2014-2020

## Research

- State Research Program 2014-2017 (EVIDEnT project)
- Administration of Latvian Environmental Protection Fund
- EU funded research projects (SEED, Interreg - BALLOON)

## Recommendations

- OECD, IEA, ITF, EU etc.
- Existing low-carbon development strategies

## Development schedule

Activities	Date
Regional seminars (5 seminars) (Activity 3.1.4.2. INVENT project)	October – November 2016
Public discussion on low-carbon development	April 22, 2016
Final draft preparation	2nd quarter of 2016
Strategy submission to the Meeting of State Secretaries	3rd quarter of 2016
Submission to the Cabinet	3rd quarter of 2016
Approval of the Strategy by the Cabinet	4th quarter of 2016

## Status

- Long-term policy planning strategy (first long-term planning document)

## Content

- Development projections (scenarios)
- Vision of sectoral and cross-cutting sectoral sustainable development

## Potential

- Basis for future policies
- Impact on socio-economic development
- Raising awareness in public and industry

# **S91 Baltic Expert Network for Greenhouse Gas Inventory, Projections and PaMs Reporting (BENGGI)**

## Program

- SEED Money Facility funding
- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region HA Climate (coordinated by CBSS)

## Grant size

- 34 200.00 EUR (SEED funding: 29 070.00 EUR)
- Co-financing rate: 85% (SEED), 15% (self-finance)

## Partners

- Lead partner: MEPRD
- Partners:
  - Ministry of the Environment of Estonia
  - Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania

## Main goal

- Developing GHG inventory and projections expert network in Baltic states with the aim of improving quality of data reported to the UNFCCC and EC and ensure better policy planning.

## Planned events

- 2 day workshop on network building with assistance from Nordic experts
- 1 showcase seminar on problems associated with inventory and projections preparation

## Planned activities

- Report and assessment of GHG inventory preparation and reporting to the UNFCCC and European Commission in the BSR

## Potential funding programs

- EEA
- Interreg
- LIFE

## Planned activities

- Further development of the network (possible inclusion of Nordic experts)
- Regular meetings and exchange of knowledge and experience
- Further improvements in data accuracy and policy planning
- Online data sharing platform
- Public awareness raising