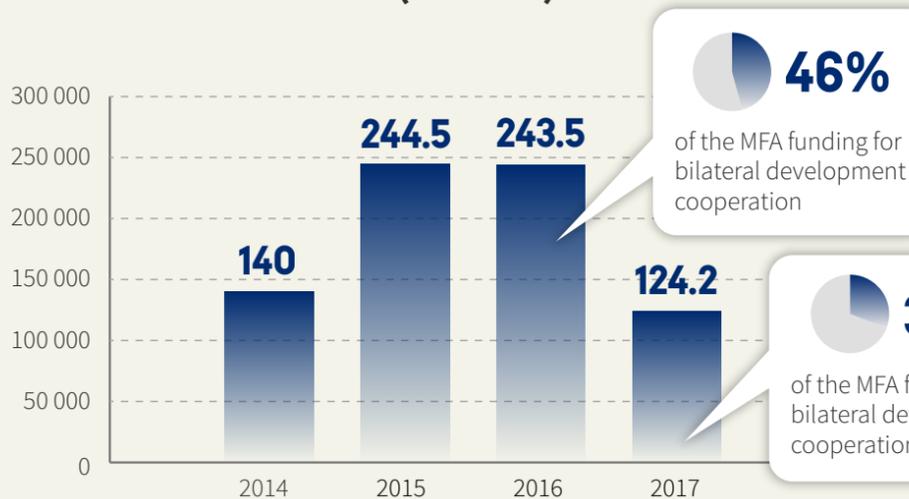




Latvia's Support for Ukraine in Facts and Figures

Since 2007, Ukraine has been a recipient of development assistance provided by Latvia. As from 2014, Ukraine is Latvia's priority in its development cooperation policy. The main areas of cooperation cover good governance and strengthening the rule of law, support for building a democratic civil society, regional development, development of the education sector, financial decentralisation and territorial reform, agricultural development and increasing export capacity. Latvia will continue providing support for Ukraine in the implementation of reforms: we are interested in a continued cooperation in the areas where our expertise is in demand and being appreciated.

Development Cooperation with Ukraine (thou. EUR)



Humanitarian Assistance to Ukraine (thou. EUR)



Projects in 2017

- Representatives from Ukraine participate in the **Intensive Programme in European Law and Economics** at **Riga Graduate School of Law**
- 15 Ukrainian students take part in the **University of Latvia Spring School "EU Semester in Riga"**; cooperation strengthened in research and advancement of studies on regional development and European integration
- **The State Audit Office** – a regional project on capacity building in the Supreme Audit Institutions of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine for the establishment of a transparent and effective system of control over public funds
- **Riga Graduate School of Law and Transparency International Latvia "Delna"** – an anti-corruption project to provide training and share Latvia's expertise in the supervision of a system for political party financing and in transparency issues
- **The Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre** – a project for strengthening the network of advisors to small and medium-sized companies in Ukrainian regions un promoting export capacity in agriculture
- **"New Door" Association** – a project to produce a training programme for an effective and sustainable education and development of social entrepreneurs in Ukraine and Latvia

Financial Assistance

- 2014** In 2014, Latvia allocated the largest ever amount of funds to humanitarian assistance to Ukraine – **300 000 EUR**. Aid was provided to purchase food and children's goods, supply power generators, help internally displaced persons (IDPs), and offer medical treatment in Latvia to persons injured in Ukrainian protests
- 2015** In 2015, Latvia contributed **161,278 euros** in humanitarian aid to Ukraine
- 2016** In 2016, the Government allocated **34 000 EUR** from the emergency funds to the Ministries of Welfare, Health, and Foreign Affairs to ensure treatment and rehabilitation in Latvia of persons who have suffered as the result of hostilities in Ukraine
In 2016, an Ukrainian NGO New Donbass was granted **3 790 EUR** in funding for a project, "Equipping of an Initiative Centre for children affected by hostilities, and the implementation of social inclusion initiatives and educational projects"
- 2017** In 2017, Latvia contributed **41,616 euros** in humanitarian aid to Ukraine

Latvia's Participation in International Missions in Ukraine



Latvia is currently contributing to the **EU Advisory Mission in Ukraine (EUAM)** with **3 civilian experts** (Senior Adviser on Prosecution Management, Planning and Reporting Officer, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff).
The EU Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform in Ukraine began its operations on 1 December 2014. The mission's mandate is valid until 31 May 2019.



Latvia is also represented on the **OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (OSCE SMM Ukraine)** with **8 civilian experts** (6 Monitoring Officers, 1 Verification Officer, and 1 Technical Monitoring Officer, Camera Operator).

The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine was deployed on 21 March 2014. The mission monitors the fulfilment of the Minsk agreements and facilitates peace and security in the conflict zone. Latvian civilian experts have been participating in the mission since its early days.

Candidates for positions on EU civilian missions and operations are selected by the European External Action Service, and on the OSCE missions – by the organisation's secretariat in Vienna. Latvia covers the costs of sending its experts on international missions. Each expert is approved by the Cabinet of Ministers.



Cabinet of Ministers

On 21 February 2017, the Cabinet of Ministers of Latvia conceptually supported the **participation of Latvian civilian experts in international missions in 2017-2019 and an increase in the number of experts to 30**, including:

- to the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform in Ukraine – up to 5 civilian experts
- to the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine – up to 15 civilian experts

At the same time, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the sending of short-term experts to the European Union missions.



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