

## WOMEN IN SCIENCE Current state of energy sector in Latvia

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#### Institute of Energy Systems and Environment

Department of Energy Systems and Environment

Information and Study Centre on Sustainable Development

Bioeconomy Centre



Laboratory of Environmental Monitoring

Laboratory of Energy Efficiency

Laboratory of Bio-systems

Laboratory of Combustion Processes

Laboratory of Solar Systems





#### Scientific and academic personnel

- 6 professors
- 2 associate professors
- 11 assistant professors
- 9 lectors
- Research personal 45

The average age – 36



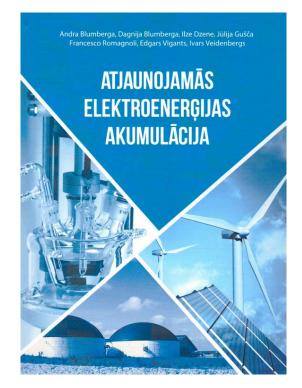
#### In total: 55 persons

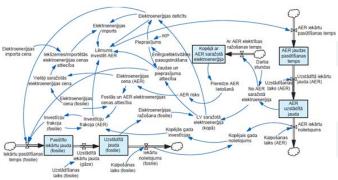
2 – habilitated doctors, 27 – doctors (incl. 22 – young scientists),
 26 – Experts of the Latvian Academy of Science,
 15 – EU experts



#### Research topics

- Zero emission technologies
- Demand side management, consumers/prosumers
- Smart energy management
- Combustion technologies
- Environmental and energy management
- Renewable energy
- Bioeconomy
- Sustainable development
- Environmental monitoring
- Cleaner production
- Ecodesign
- Energy efficiency in buildings
- Bioresources
- Environmental modelling: system dynamics and LCA







#### Scientific cooperation (2015-2017)

- H2020 project:
  - Leadership: 2 projects
  - Partnership: 2 projects
- Interreg programme:
  - Partnership: 3 projects
- Nordic Energy Research programme:
  - Partnership: 2 projects
- ERA-NET programme:
  - Partnership: 1 project
- Erasmus and Erasmus+:
  - Partnership: 1 project
- Norwegian Grants:
  - Partnership: 2 projects
  - Leadership: 5 projects









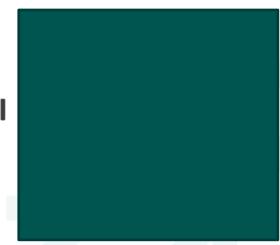














#### WOMEN RESEARCHERS BY COUNTRY

Just one in five countries has achieved gender parity, whereby 45% to 55% of researchers are women.

SELECT COUNTRY

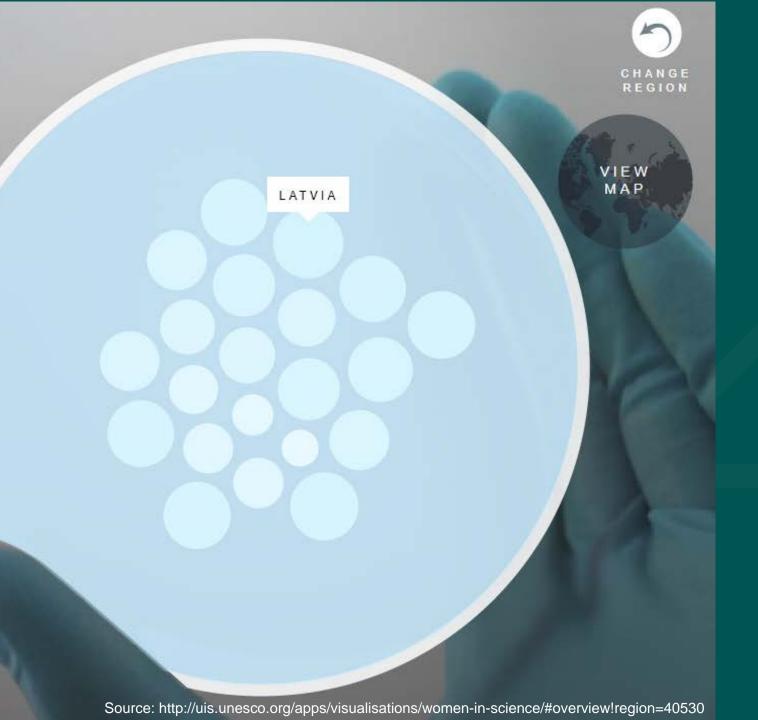
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LATVIA

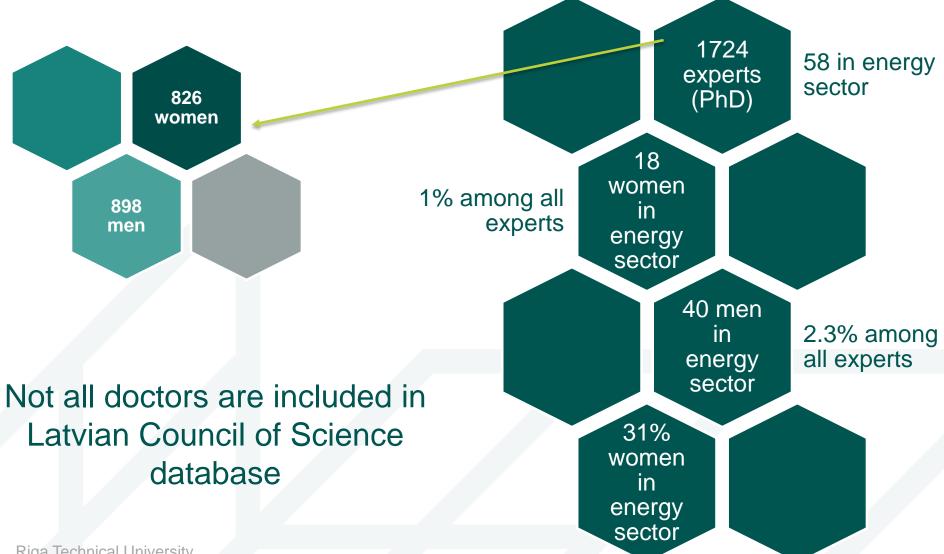
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75% N/A

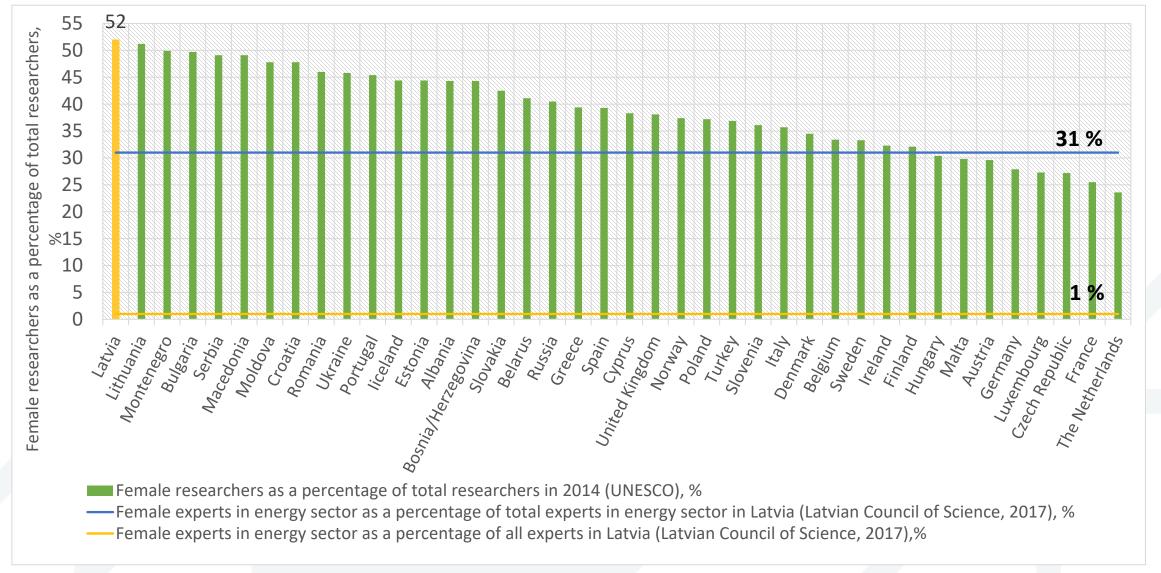


#### Latvian Council of Science (2017)



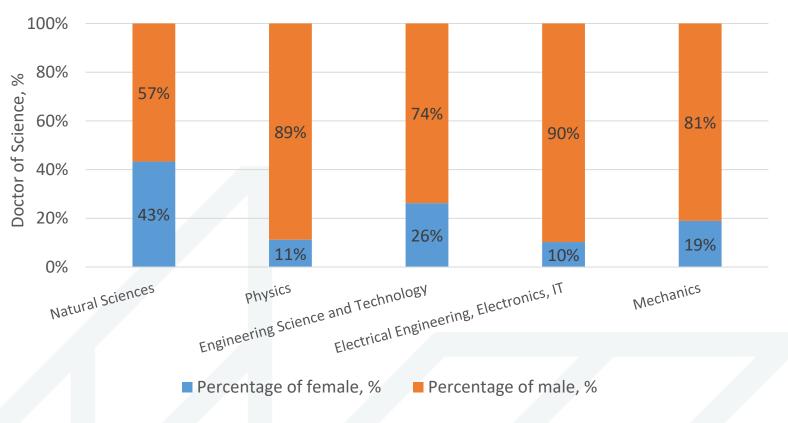


#### FEMALE RESEARCHERS IN LATVIA





#### **Doctors of Science**



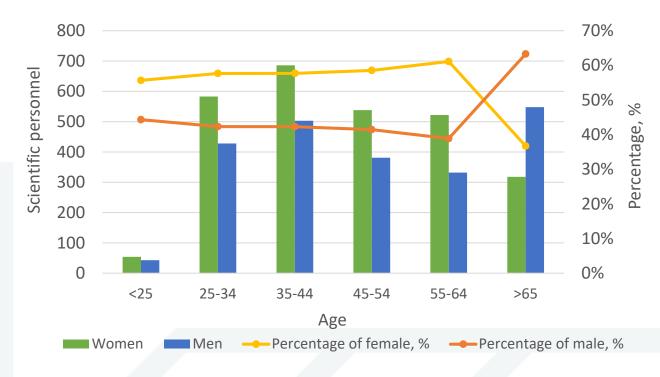
 Women in Latvia are underrepresentated in technical sciences

Doctorates of science in Latvia according to the field (2009)

Source: Central Statistical Bureau http://www.csb.gov.lv/en/statistikas-temas/science-key-indicators-30753.html



#### SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL IN LATVIA

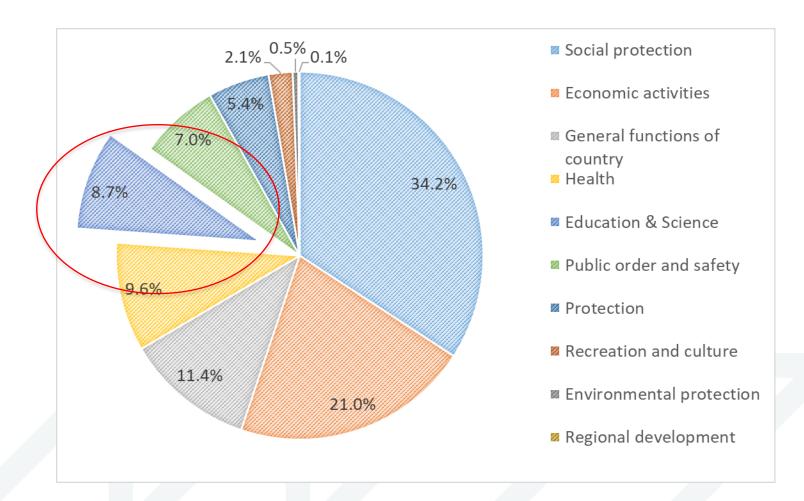


Scientific personnel (scientists, professionals, project managers) in Latvia according to age and gender (2016)

Source: Central Statistical Bureau http://www.csb.gov.lv/en/statistikas-temas/science-key-indicators-30753.html

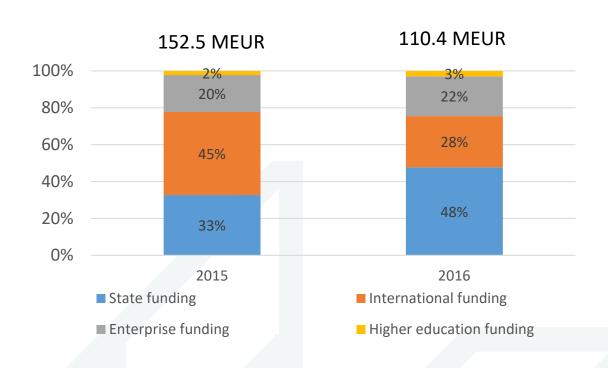


#### **LATVIA GOVERNMENT BUDGET IN 2017**



Total budget in 2017: 8327,5 MEUR

#### **EXPENDITURE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**



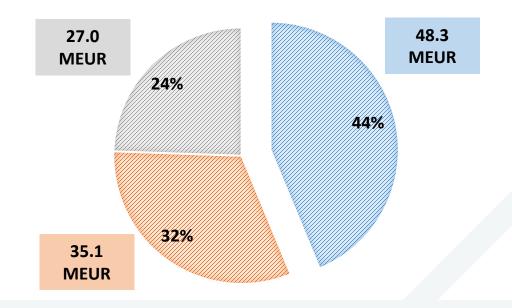


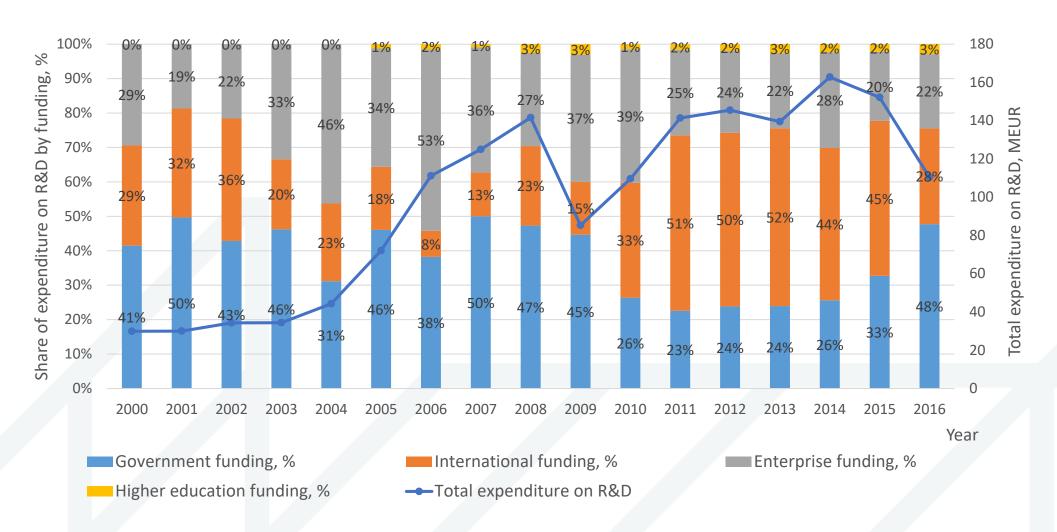
Figure. Funders by type (state, international, enterprise, higher education) in 2015 and 2016

■ Higher education sector ■ Government sector ■ Enterprise sector

Figure. Funding by sector (higher education, government, enterprise) in 2016

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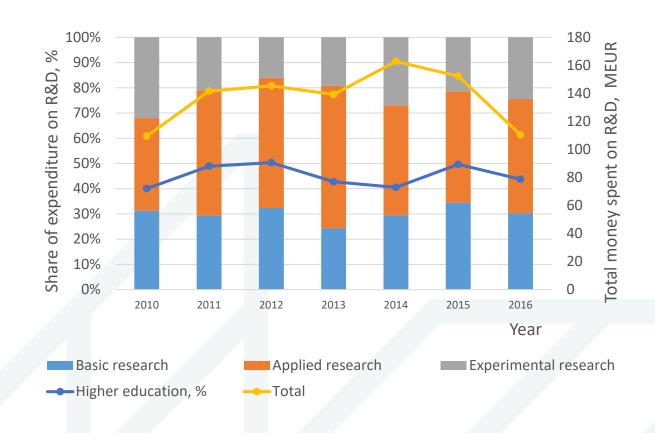
#### **EXPENDITURE ON R&D BY FUNDING (I)**



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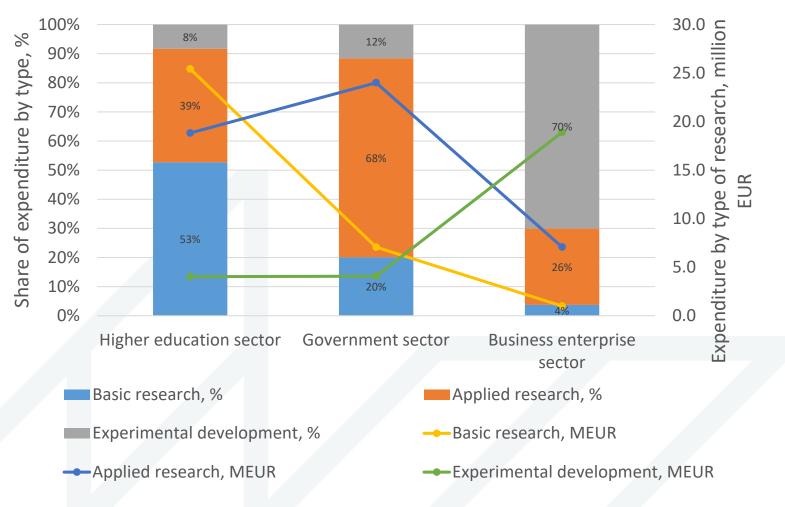


- Majority of available funding is spent on basic and applied research.
- Total funding has decreased between 2014 – 2016
- Between 2010 and 2016
   ~45% of total funding has
   been spent on higher
   education

Source: http://data.csb.gov.lv/pxweb/lv/zin/zin\_\_zin/ZI0031.px/table/tableViewLayout2/?rxid=ce8aac91-f2b0-4f13-a25d-29f57b1468fb



#### **EXPENDITURE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN 2016**

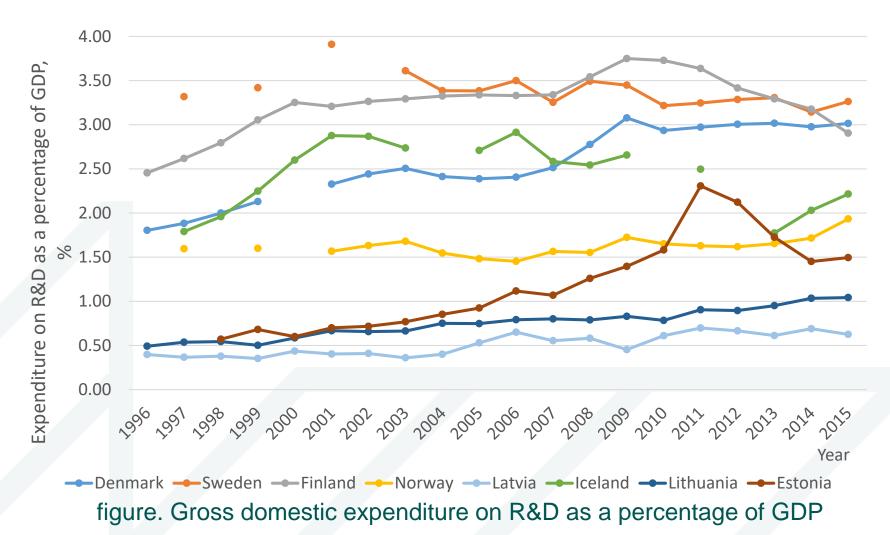


In higher education sector most of available funding is spent on basic research (53%), 39% is spent on applied research, but only 8% is spent on experimental development

Source: Central Statistical Bureau http://data.csb.gov.lv/pxweb/en/zin/zin\_\_zin/ZI0031.px/table/tableViewLayout2/?rxid=ce8aac91-f2b0-4f13-a25d-29f57b1468fb



#### **EXPENDITURE ON R&D IN NORTHERN EUROPE**



Source: https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/GB.XPD.RSDV.GD.ZS?locations=LV

#### Conclusions

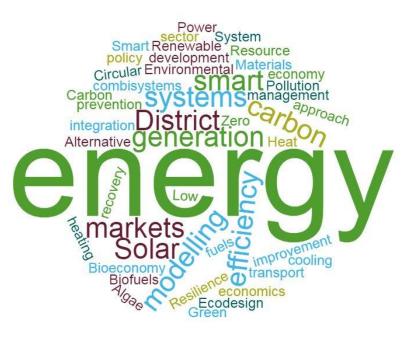
 We have a lot of possibilities to reach women involvement in energy sector

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### GROSS DOMESTIC EXPENDITURE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (GERD)

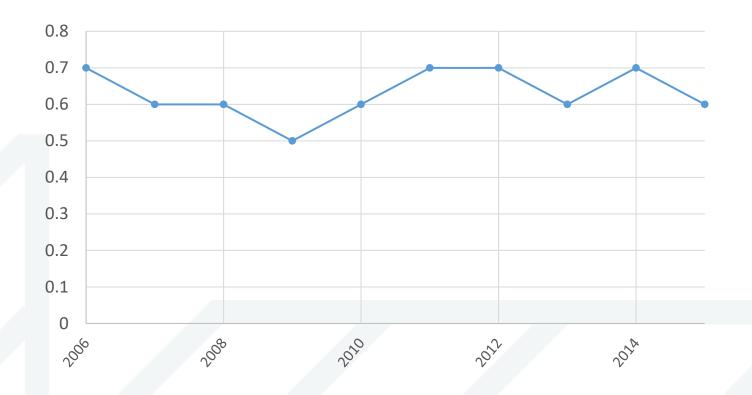


figure. Gross domestic expenditure on R&D as a percentage of GDP

Source: http://uis.unesco.org/en/country/lv?theme=science-technology-and-innovation