

**Declaration of the Intended Activities
of the Government Headed by
Andris Kulbergs**

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Principles of Cooperation between the Coalition Partners

The parties forming the Government undertake to:

- focus on tasks that can be accomplished during the term of the 14th Saeima, based on a clearly defined list of priority tasks agreed by the coalition partners;
- take a responsible approach to the state budget capacity and not support, in the Saeima or the Cabinet of Ministers, any proposals affecting the state budget unless all partners have reached consensus.
- agree on matters that shall be advanced for further consideration only with the unanimous consent of all coalition partners;
- prevent any deviation from the standards already achieved in the areas of human rights, combating violence, promoting gender equality, and the legal protection of families.

Priorities of the Cabinet of Ministers' Intended Activities

Stabilising the Security Situation and Foreign Affairs

In the interests of public safety and resilience, we will provide full support to defence and home affairs services to strengthen border security, air defence, and the country's internal and external security.

We will allocate 5% of GDP to defence, and purposefully develop the domestic military industry and technologies together with our closest allies. We will continue efforts to expand the presence of NATO allies in Latvia. We will assess the allocation of additional EU funding to defence.

1. We will promote the introduction of modern technologies in defence and home affairs services by providing additional unmanned systems and organising joint training for the services on the use of modern technologies and unmanned systems. We will develop an effective unmanned aircraft detection system and enhance air defence and electronic warfare systems, with particular attention to municipalities in border areas.
2. In accordance with the opportunity provided under the European Union defence regulation, we will reallocate funding from the programme of the current EU programming period to civil protection infrastructure.
3. We will begin work to prepare for the protection of critical infrastructure in the event of terrorist attacks and armed conflict.
4. By agreement among the partners, we will expand the rights and powers of the services regarding the use of weapons and improve electronic warfare systems to counter any threat.
5. We will improve the performance of state institutions by reinforcing immigration controls to prevent the immigration system from being exploited to regularise the status of economic migrants and uncontrolled immigration growth.
6. We will restrict the issuance of new long-term visas and residence permits for foreign nationals. Having regard to capacity of the competent authorities, we will determine the permissible number of third-country nationals. We will ensure strict

oversight of issued residence permits and compliance with the conditions of residence. We will prohibit the activities of fraudulent inviting parties.

7. We will continue to provide comprehensive support to Ukraine, implement measures to weaken and isolate Russia, and strengthen the European Union and national sanctions, including by not easing restrictions on persons already subject to sanctions.
8. We will provide clarity for Ukrainians living in Latvia regarding their legal status and opportunity to continue residing in Latvia. We will take a decision on the possibility for Ukrainian civilians who have attained the required level of Latvian language proficiency to apply for permanent residence permits from 2027 onwards.
9. We will develop a compensation mechanism to cover losses caused by unmanned aerial vehicles.
10. We will strengthen energy independence.
11. We will support the launch of the EU accession negotiations with Ukraine and Moldova, a merit-based EU enlargement process, and share our experience in implementing reforms with candidate countries.

Ensuring Secure Elections, Combating Corruption and Cartels

12. We will ensure that the Prime Minister directly oversees the preparations for the elections, safeguarding secure and lawful conduct of the Saeima elections.
13. While upholding the principles of a democratic state governed by the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary, we will continue to combat economic crime, corruption, cartels and sanctions violators with the full force of the law.

Budget Stabilisation and Expenditure Efficiency

14. To ensure progress towards a balanced budget by 2030 that complies with the European economic governance and fiscal discipline rules, by 30 June 2026 we will prepare forecasts for macroeconomic indicators, revenues and the general government budget balance for 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030. We will subsequently carry out an assessment of baseline expenditure across all ministries.
15. To mitigate the risks of misuse of public funds, we will launch a review of priority public procurement procedures and procurements of the largest state-owned enterprises, paying particular attention to cost overruns, contract amendments and risks of restricting competition. We will begin publishing data on concluded procurement contracts, amendments made and changes in contract values, to ensure that the Government and the public have access to information on current contract values.
16. We will fully review the principles governing the payment of bonuses and cash rewards, integrating them into a motivating and performance-oriented remuneration system.
17. We will introduce transparency and online access to state budget data.
18. We are committed to guaranteeing the funding necessary for national defence and completing the already launched “Programme at School” reform while maintaining the allocated funding. Subject to budgetary constraints, we will prioritise increasing funding for healthcare.

19. We will begin drafting a new Local Government Financial Equalisation Law, in coordination with local governments.
20. We will develop new initiatives to increase budget revenues and promote Latvia's economic development.
21. We will implement the measures developed by the Action Group for Reducing Bureaucracy, by improving the efficiency of public administration, reducing administrative burden and accelerating decision-making.
22. We will continue efforts on establishing the Defence, Security and Resilience Bank.

Latvia's Interests in the European Union Multiannual Financial Framework for 2028–2034

We will advocate for Latvia's interests in negotiations on the European Union (EU) Multiannual Financial Framework for 2028–2034, with a particular emphasis on:

23. The EU funding for security and defence commensurate with the geopolitical situation.
24. The need for Latvia to receive additional funding within the financial envelope of the Common Agricultural Policy and to advocate for an allocation model that ensures the convergence of direct payments and support for rural development measures under the Common Agricultural Policy in the financial envelope of the next European Union Multiannual Financial Framework covering at least the 2021–2027 period. The Government will approve the Agricultural Sector Growth Plan for Sectoral Development.
25. The need for Latvia to receive additional funding under the Cohesion Policy in light of the impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine and the socio-economic challenges faced by Latvia as a country on the EU's eastern border.
26. The need to ensure sufficient EU funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) to implement the "Rail Baltica" project.
27. The priority of balanced regional development within the European Union Multiannual Financial Framework for 2028–2034.
28. The need to maintain the national budget subsidy support for farmers and ensure adequate co-funding for the effective absorption of EU funds to reinforce Latvia's food security, the viability of rural areas, and the competitiveness of the sector within the EU single market, including through enhanced risk management programmes and support for knowledge creation and transfer programmes.

Oversight of Major Project Management

29. Under the direct supervision of the Prime Minister, we will develop a model for further advancement of the "Rail Baltica" project.
30. To stabilize "airBaltic" as a company of strategic importance to Latvia's economy, by August 2026 we will assess the business plan and take a decision on further courses of action.
31. We will continue developing the Latvia's Sustainable Development Strategy until 2050 and the Latvia's National Development Plan for 2028–2034.

Health, Well-being, Demography, Social Security and Family Policy

32. We will strengthen the role of families and children as a fundamental value of the state. To this end, we will develop a family-friendly environment and services by allocating state and municipal financial resources to this purpose. We will increase financial support to promote birth rates and support families with children, and we will develop services tailored to their needs. We will expand the Honorary Family status.
33. We will prepare the child healthcare system for the transition to an integrated care model and the abolition of quotas for healthcare services for children.
34. We will lay the foundations for a broad long-term national housing affordability programme for young families and families with children, particularly in the regions, with the first step being the abolition of the mandatory initial down payment for housing purchases, to be replaced by an ALTUM state guarantee.
35. We will establish a stable system for increasing support for families with children in the coming years.
36. We will introduce a basic pension by increasing the amount of supplement for years of service accrued until 1996 and extending it to years of service accrued after 1996. We will first begin granting this supplement to seniors aged 85 and above. We will assess the possibility of counting for women the entire period of childcare until the child reaches the age of three as part of pensionable service.
37. Health is a shared priority of the Government. Subject to fiscal and budgetary constraints, we will prioritise increased investment in healthcare, with the objective of raising healthcare expenditure to 12% of total government spending.
38. We are committed to taking a decision on the reform of the hospital network.

Economy and Economic Development

39. We will develop a National Artificial Intelligence Plan. Within 100 days, the Government will approve Latvia's National AI Strategy, setting specific objectives – the use of AI in public administration, education and defence.
40. We will establish an ALTUM-managed capital fund into which capital from Latvia's second-pillar pension scheme will be directed.
41. To strengthen Latvia's economic security and global competitiveness, we will support the targeted entry of Latvian businesses into foreign markets, the use of opportunities provided by the EU free trade agreements, and the conclusion of new agreements.
42. We will cease trade (exports and imports) with Russia and Belarus. We will take a leading role in advancing this issue within the EU framework. We will coordinate our actions with the Baltic States and other countries in the region.
43. We will begin developing a concept of the state-owned enterprise governance model. We will develop a draft law on the Latvian Development Fund to promote the country's long-term financial stability. The Latvian Development Fund will ensure the professional implementation of centralised state-owned enterprise governance.
44. We will establish a large investment fund as a fiscally neutral support instrument and approve it prior to the adoption by the Cabinet of Ministers of the draft law "On the State Budget for 2027 and the Budget Framework for 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030".

45. We will draft guidelines for the development of the forestry sector to ensure sustainable forest management and begin drafting the relevant legislation to improve the efficiency of the forestry sector and wood-processing industry, while increasing added value.
46. We will develop Latvia's strategic economic cooperation offer for the world's major economies, making full use of the free trade agreements concluded by the European Union.

Education, Sport and Youth

47. Through Cabinet regulations, we will establish clear quality assurance requirements across all types and levels of education, and we will continue the implementation of the Education Quality Monitoring System and the new funding model "Programme in School" as planned.
48. We will continue work on the implementation of the teachers' remuneration schedule.
49. We will complete the higher education reform by adopting regulations on the new funding framework for higher education institutions, institutional accreditation and the academic career model.

Culture, Media, Civil Society

50. We will ensure Latvia's accession to the Second Protocol to the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.
51. We will strengthen support for democratic values and civil society and promote high-quality and diverse media content in Latvian.
52. We will strengthen the Latvian cultural environment and national identity by ensuring the sustainability of the network of state and municipal cultural institutions and providing targeted support for the continuity and development of the Song and Dance Celebration tradition. We will safeguard the cultural environment and historical heritage as foundations for strengthening national security and social cohesion.

Candidate to the Prime Minister's post

Andris Kulbergs

Invited ministers:

Minister for Defence

Raivis Melnis

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Baiba Braže

Minister for Economics

Viktors Valainis

Minister for Finance	Māris Kučinskis
Minister for the Interior	Jānis Dombrova
Minister for Education and Science	Ilze Indriksone
Minister for Climate and Energy	Jānis Vitenbergs
Minister for Culture	Nauris Puntulis
Minister for Welfare	Reinis Uzulnieks
Minister for Transport	Rihards Kozlovskis
Minister for Justice	Edvards Smiltēns
Minister for Health	Hosams Abu Meri
Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development	Edgars Tavors
Minister for Agriculture	Uldis Augulis