UNESCO AND LATVIA: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Member** since 14 October 1991

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term: 2009-2011)

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
   - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (term expires in 2021)
   - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2019)
   - International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires 2019)
   - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education

4. **The Director-General’s visits:** none

5. **The former Director-General’s visits:**

6. **Permanent Delegation:**
   - Permanent Delegate: Ms Ivita Burmistre, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 07 November 2016)
   - Ms Evelina Melbarzde, Deputy Permanent Delegate
   - Ms Aina Nagobads-Abols, Counsellor
   - Ms Una Kepite, Second Secretary
   - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Imants Viesturs Lieģis (2015-2016)

7. **National Commission:**
   - Creation: 1992
   - Chairperson: Ms Dace Melbārde, Minister of Culture (since October 2013)
   - Vice-Presidents: Mr Kārlis Šadurskis (since December 2016) and Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs (since October 2011)
   - Secretary-General: Ms Baiba Molnika (since September 2016)

8. **UNESCO Chairs:**
   - UNESCO Chair on Media and Information Literacy (2016), the University of Latvia
   - UNESCO Chair in Teacher Education and Continuing Education: Interplay of Tradition and Innovation in Education for Sustainable Development (2013), Daugavpils University
   - UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Coastal Development (2001), University of Latvia, Riga.

9. **Associated Schools:**
   - 33 (2 nursery, 3 primary, 6 primary and secondary, 14 secondary schools, 7 vocational and technical and 1 teacher training institution). Latvia joined the ASP Network in 1985.

10. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

11. **UNESCO Clubs:** 4

12. **Biosphere Reserves:**
   - 1 - North Vidzeme (1997)

13. **World Heritage Sites:**
   - 2 cultural properties
     - Struve Geodetic Arc (2005), jointly with Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Norway, Russian Federation, Sweden and Ukraine
     - The Historic Centre of Riga (1997)

14. **Tentative List:** 3
• Viking Monuments and Sites / Grobiņa archaeological complex (2011)
• Kuldīga Old Town in the Primeval Valley of the River Venta (2011)
• Meanders of the Upper Daugava (2011)

15. Intangible Heritage Lists: 2 elements
• Suiti cultural space, inscribed on the Urgent Safeguarding List in 2009
• The Baltic Song and Dance Celebrations (jointly with Estonia and Lithuania), inscribed on the Representative List in 2008

16. Memory of the World Register: 3 inscriptions
• The Act of the Union of Lublin document (2017), jointly with Lithuania, Belarus, Poland and Ukraine
• Dainu skapis - Cabinet of Folksongs (2001)

17. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

18. Legal instruments: 13 ratified and 27 non-ratified
• Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: acceptance (14 January 2005). Latvia was the first European Member State to have deposited its instrument of ratification.
• Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (6 July 2007)
• International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (10 April 2006)

19. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019: 2
• 150th anniversary of Pēteris Šmits, linguist, ethnographer, folklorist (1869-1938), with the support of Estonia, Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation
• 100th anniversary of Latvian National Institutions for Culture, Education and Science (1919), with the support of Latvia, Lithuania and Poland

20. Participation Programme:
• 2016-2017: 2 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 56,900
• 2014-2015: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 63,240
• 2012-2013: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 62,000
• 2010-2011: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 107,000

21. Fellowships: 1 fellowship awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US$ 9,000.

22. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none

23. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2018 : fully paid
• Assessment rate: 0.050%
• Assessed contributions for 2016/2017: US$ 163,250


<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>1,633</td>
<td>10,616</td>
<td>19,608</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>3,070</td>
<td>2,482</td>
<td>2,482</td>
<td>2,482</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

25. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented (min. 2, max. 4) with 1 professionnall staff in geographical post