Latvia’s bid for hosting the European Labour Authority in Riga
Why the **ELA** should be located in Riga

**Flights** from Riga International Airport to more than 100 destinations, including direct flights to 77 destinations and 15 EU capitals with excellent flight connections.

Wide choice of hotels and residential housing at affordable prices.

Newly built and recently renovated premises in great locations offered to choose for the ELA with the possibility to modify the final design of the premises.
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- **Full privileges and immunities** as stipulated by Protocol No 7 to the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU as well as additional privileges and immunities to be included in the Seat Agreement.
- **International educational opportunities** available from preschool through primary and secondary education to higher education.
- **Access to modern health care** for the staff and their family members as well as social security and labour market access for family members.
Lively City of Riga

Riga – the capital of Latvia – is a lively city with multicultural ties and a rich history dating back to 1201.

The historic centre of Riga is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Riga is also remarkable for its unique Art Nouveau architecture and a rich cultural life.

Riga is the largest city in the Baltic States and the second largest city in the Nordic countries.
About 1/3 of Latvia’s population of 1.93 million live in Riga.

Almost 2/3 of the population know two or more foreign languages.

50% of all active Latvian enterprises

Riga is an important business centre being home to 50% of all active Latvian enterprises.

18 of the 20 Latvian companies with the highest turnover are located in Riga.

Latvia offers a full range of services, cultural and recreational activities, as well as natural beauty to be enjoyed both in Riga and beyond the city’s outskirts.

Latvia has hundreds of kilometres of beautiful sandy coastline, accessible in less than an hour from the centre of Riga; forests covering about half of Latvia’s territory and preserved natural landscapes offer perfect opportunities for ecotourism and ethical travel.

Latvia is the place where everyone can feel safe due to low natural disaster or terrorism risk, low crime rates and helpful society.
Logistics in Riga

- Riga itself is the main transport hub of Latvia – it accommodates much of the national freight and transport infrastructure including one of the largest Baltic Sea ports, an international airport, a railway station and the main inter-state highways.

- Riga International Airport is the largest airport in the Baltics (serving 45% of the total number of Baltic passengers) and the main air traffic hub in the region. It is located only 10 km from the centre of Riga.

- Riga International Airport renders both aviation (airplane, passenger and cargo attendance) and non-aviation services (lease, parking spaces, VIP centre services, etc.). It hosts both national and international airlines and is one of the few European airports that attend to both full service and low-cost airlines.

- Riga International Airport serves an average of 20,000 passengers a day, with half a million passengers a month. The rapid increase in the number of passengers allowed Riga International Airport to rank several times among the TOP 5 group of the fastest growing airports in Europe with 5–10 million passengers served. Riga International Airport was the seventh most punctual airport in Europe in 2018.
Infrastructure in Riga

- Riga offers a full range of services – efficient transport services, international schooling, modern medical care and high-speed internet access.
- Efficient and wide-ranged public transport network – tram, bus, trolleybus, trains.
- Latvia has a world class IT infrastructure in terms of internet speed, coverage and costs.
- By the 2030 the Rail Baltica project could be completed ensuring the integration of the Baltic States in the European rail network. It will connect Tallinn – Riga – Kaunas – Polish border with a connection Kaunas – Vilnius as a part of the railway.
- Large choice of housing options from standard-type to luxury class apartments is available in Riga at affordable prices.
- More than 6000 rooms are available in 3, 4 and 5 star hotels.
Wide Range of International Education Opportunities

- International-oriented preschooling (English, French and German) including:
  - Private preschool “Dūdīndārzs”
    www.dudindarzs.lv
  - Private preschool “Six Senses International Preschool”
    www.6sensesinternational.com
  - Private International Kindergarten “Riga German School”
    https://www.deutscheschuleringa.lv
  - Private preschool “Tomsoniņš”
    www.bernudarzs.eu

- State-financed education in national minority languages (Polish, Estonian, Lithuanian, Hebrew, etc.)

- International schools:
  - International School of Latvia (isl.edu.lv)
  - International School of Riga (www.isriga.lv/lv)
  - Jules Verne Riga French School (www.ecolejulesverne.lv)
  - King’s College, The British School of Latvia (latvia.kingscollegeschools.org)
  - Exupery International School (exupery.lv)

- International baccalaureate:
  - Riga State Gymnasium No 1 (r1g.edu.lv)
  - Riga State Gymnasium No 2 (www.rv2g.edu.lv)

- Higher education programmes in English, including:
  - Riga Stradiņš University (www.rsu.lv)
  - Stockholm School of Economics (www.sseriga.edu)
Labour market, health care and social security – the same as for nationals

- Full range of employment services is available to the family members of the staff, including Latvian language training and start-up support services.
- A dedicated advisor will be appointed at the State Employment Agency to counsel the family members of the staff.
- Latvia offers an attractive business environment and various types of support for business start-ups.
- Latvia has a highly skilled, multilingual and motivated labour force.
- High quality health care services provided by public and private health care institutions are available in Riga at competitive prices.

ELA staff and their families will benefit from access to various healthcare services in Riga, ranging from general practitioners to hospital care. There are dozens of ambulatory centres and 3 university hospitals located in Riga:
- Riga Stradiņš University Hospital,
- Riga East University Hospital,
- Children’s Clinical University Hospital.
Excellent premises for the ELA office in Riga

State-owned building in the centre of Riga

- Perfect location in the heart of the city – the Old Riga, Pils laukums 2
- Separate 3-floor building with a total area of 2,582 sq m
Located in a new, self-sufficient and premium business district of Riga

New Class A office buildings with a total area of 41,600 sq m

Custom-made workplaces perfectly adaptable to the preferences of the ELA

Available parking space for 1,600 cars

Located on Skanstes street – one of the central traffic arteries
BUSINESS GARDEN RIGA

- Private sector (“Vastint”) offer BUSINESS GARDEN RIGA at K.Ulmaņa iela
- Located in place with high accessibility – only 6 km from the historical city centre and 4 km from Riga International Airport
- New Class A office buildings with a total area of 42,000 sq m
- Highly flexible internal planning options, a spacious green garden and active lifestyle opportunities
- Prominent office location with an excellent visibility from Kārla Ulmaņa Avenue
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