



Latvia

Legislation

In Latvia, the adjustments of national legislation for ESIF purposes were rather minor and focused on specific topics such as the Construction Act or Public Procurement. The complete structure of applicable legislation is as follows: 1) The ESIF Act, 2) Horizontal regulations of the Cabinet, 3) Specific regulations of the Cabinet for specific goals, 4) Methodologies and manuals issued by individual institutions. The regulations are created by individual ministries under the supervision of the Ministry of Finance, which set the minimal formal requirements.



Positive aspects

- ▶ Continuity of the legislation and sufficient involvement of all partners in its creation
- ▶ Efforts to find a reasonable level of detail
- ▶ IT system to support the drafting of legislation, making easier the creation / modification of laws and regulations

Negative aspects

- ▶ Significant complications with ITI implementation
- ▶ Large volume of managing and guidance documentation associated with ESIF

Key aspects of the legislation

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Approach towards discrepancies

Very generally embedded in the ESIF Act, specifically modified by the Government Decree and further developed in the methodologies developed by the MA. The key role plays "State SSC" – Central Finance and Contracting Agency

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Methodological environment

The Ministry of Finance publishes, as the MA, binding guidelines for Intermediate and Implementing Bodies. Line ministries as Intermediate Bodies are obligatorily creating a methodology for project selection criteria and elaborate in detail the Regulations and Guidelines of the Ministry of Finance.

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State Shared Service Center - CFCA

In case of irregularity it issues a decision on recovery of the amount. It is possible to satisfy the claim from another project of the same beneficiary. The lower limit for irregularity is 250 €. Different approach to public and private recipients is applied when dealing with irregularities.



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