

# ICT

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## DIGITAL EXCELLENCE BACKED UP BY NUMBERS



**#1**

the most start-up friendly  
country in the world



**3rd**

among OECD  
in mobile data usage  
(OECD Broadband Portal, 2019)



**4th**

in EU  
in connectivity  
(DESI index, 2020)



**4th**

in EU in e-government  
benchmark  
(e-Government  
benchmark, 2019)



Capital **Riga**  
Territory **64.6 K km<sup>2</sup>**  
Population **1.9 M**  
Currency **€ (EUR)**  
Languages **Latvian, English & Russian;**  
**German is also widely spoken**  
Member of **EU, NATO & OECD**



**#1**

the most  
innovative country  
in the Baltics  
(Bloomberg 2021  
Innovation Index)



**92%**

overall fixed broadband  
coverage, 69% of which  
are fibre connections  
(OECD & EC, 2019)



**19th**

globally in the ease  
of doing business  
(World Bank,  
Doing Business, 2020)

## INFRASTRUCTURE THAT MEANS BUSINESS



- **100+** direct flights: **Riga International Airport – biggest in the Baltics**
- The lowest A class office space rent rates among CEE capitals

- **800 000 m<sup>2</sup>** of office stock: **A and B class for your business**
- **1500** workstations in co-working spaces: **a number that steadily grows**



### EASY TO START

- Startup visa as fast track for non-EU founders
- EU Blue Card for highly qualified workers & their families
- Temporary Residence Permit as another option



### HELPING YOU GROW

- **50–60%** of co-finance for Staff Training
- Vouchers for R&D activities, prototype development
- Support for industrial research

## LEADING ICT EXPORTER AMONG THE BALTIC STATES



**1st** 1.2 billion industry export value makes Latvia stand out among the Baltic States  
**30% YoY profit growth**



**7%** contribution to all labour taxes paid

## UNIVERSITIES WITH HIGH SPECIALISATION IN ICT



**IT Leaders** Excellence Program in Computer Science & Organizational Technology



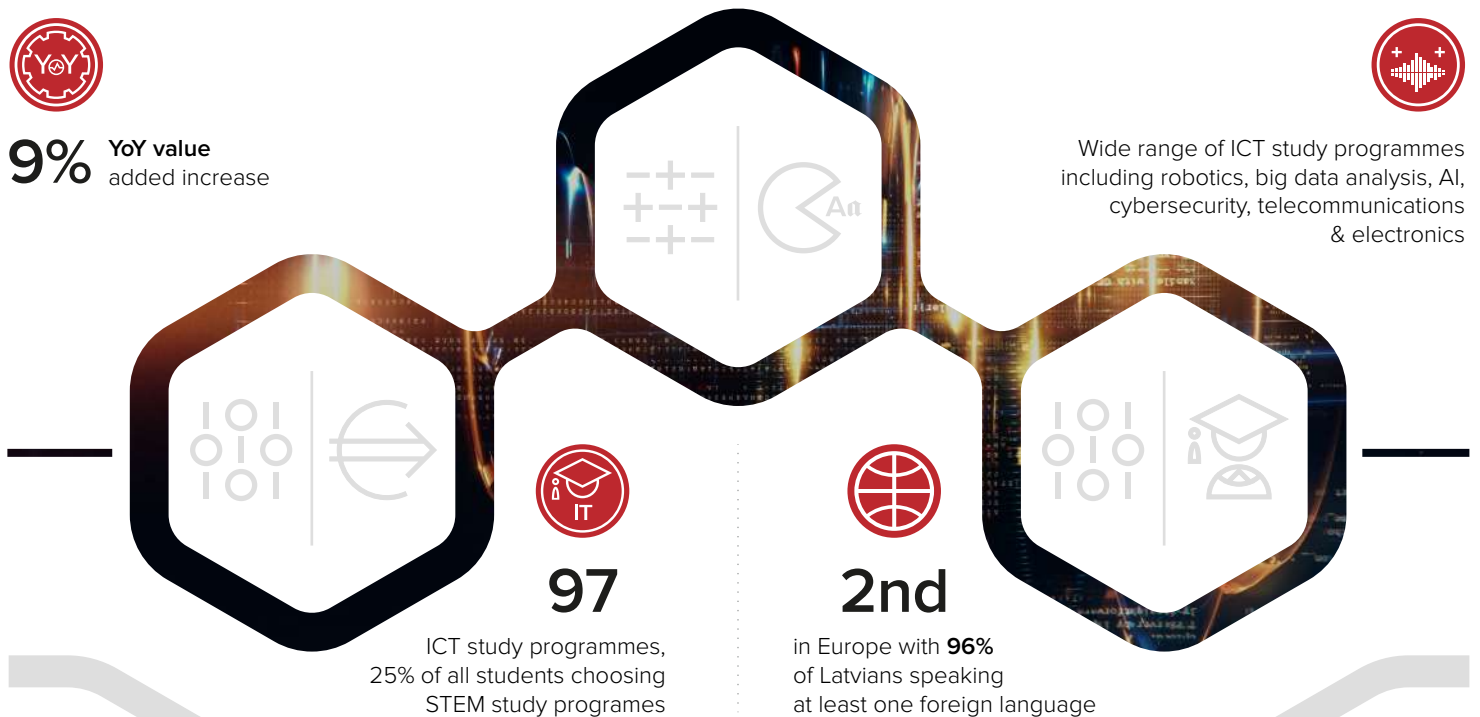
**ICT students** make up **11%** of all higher education graduates



**9%** YoY value added increase



Wide range of ICT study programmes including robotics, big data analysis, AI, cybersecurity, telecommunications & electronics



## SKILLED & MULTILINGUAL TALENT POOL



## COUNTRY READY FOR ANY CHALLENGES

Crisis proved nation's exceptional agility by developing solutions to enable remote governing, education & by instituting the first nationally endorsed contact exposure notification app Apturi Covid (Stop Covid).



## HELPING CONNECT WORLDS APART

Infrastructure and technology built to make working easy, talents speaking multiple languages & tech make Latvia a great connecting point.

## BUSINESSES USING LATVIA AS PLAYGROUND FOR THEIR IDEAS

