

International banks / lending agencies

International lending agencies have played an important role in supporting Latvia's reforms (e.g., the successful introduction of the new national currency was accomplished with advice from the *IMF*). Latvia has had a close relationship with the *IMF*, which has praised the government's policies, particularly its continuing fiscal restraint and success in reducing inflation.

The *Latvian Investment Bank* with the assistance of the *European Bank for Reconstruction and Development* and the *Nordic Investment Bank* provides long-term finance for investment projects in the industrial sector and develops expertise in the appraisal of investment projects.

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