

SustainX supports SMEs to improve digital and sustainable innovation readiness through training, advisory support and interregional collaboration. Our aim is to connect regional ecosystems and help SMEs move towards investment-ready projects.



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Best practice overview

Latvia is a dynamic Northern European EU Member State with a diversified economy, strong digital infrastructure and clearly defined RIS3 priorities.

This guide presents Latvia as a structured example of how a region positions itself for innovation-driven collaboration, based on its smart specialisation strategy, academic capacity and growing green and digital sectors.

The opportunity (Latvia)

Latvia offers:

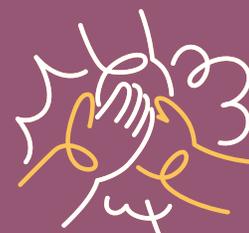
1. Strong digital and ICT ecosystem, supported by advanced infrastructure and skilled workforce.
2. Growing green energy and sustainability investments (wind, solar, biomass, bioenergy).
3. Strategic position in infrastructure and logistics within Northern Europe.
4. Strong bioeconomy and agri-food innovation base.
5. Expanding life sciences and medical technologies ecosystem.

Key academic and research institutions (University of Latvia, RTU, LLU, RSU) actively support applied research, technology transfer and industry collaboration.

Latvia's **RIS3 priorities** include: Knowledge-intensive bioeconomy; Biomedicine and medical technologies; Smart materials and engineering systems; Smart energy and mobility; ICT

Why this may be useful for EDIHs & EEN nodes

- A concise overview of Latvia's RIS3-driven collaboration priorities.
- Clear sectoral entry points for SMEs seeking interregional partnerships.
- Structured talking points for matchmaking and corridor-building discussions.
- A reference for identifying potential consortium partners in EU funding programmes.



If this topic is relevant to your network, feel free to share this one-pager. We would also be happy to connect with EDIH/EEN colleagues interested in interregional cooperation.

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