Insight into the e-ASEM Whitepaper: e-Learning for Lifelong learning in Latvia

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1. The Education System of Latvia (place of lifelong learning in this system)
2. The Policy for Information Society in Latvia (policy planning documents)
3. E-learning as a part of the Information Literacy development
Governance of the Education System

• 3 levels administration:
  • National
  • Municipal
  • Institutional

• The Parliament (*Saeima*), the Cabinet of Ministers and the Ministry of Education and Science
  » Decision making

• The Ministry of Education and Science
  » Policy making
  » Licencing
Legislation:

- Law on General Education (1999)
- Law on Scientific Activity (1992, 2005)
- New Law on Higher Education (in reading in Parliament)
The Education System in Latvia (1)

- Pre-school education (ISCED level 0)
- Basic education (ISCED level 1 and 2)
  - Education for disabled students
  - Vocation oriented education
- Secondary Education (ISCED level 3)
  - 3-year general secondary schools
  - Vocational education and training programmes
    - 4-year vocational secondary education programmes
    - 2-3 year vocational education and training programmes
    - 3 year vocational basic education and training programmes
- Post-secondary non-tertiary vocational education (ISCED level 4)
Education in Latvia

Doctoral programmes
120-160 credit points
(3 - 4 years)

Acad. & prof. master prog.
40-80 credits.
(1-2 years)

II level post-bachelor prof. programmes
40-80 cred.(1-2 y)

Academic (3-4 y.) and professional (4 y.)
bachelor programmes
120-160 credits
(3 - 4 years)

II level professional higher education programmes
(4 - 6 years)

I level prof. HE programmes
80-120 cred.
(2-3 years)

Admission requirement:
general secondary education or
basic education + 4-year secondary vocational education programmes

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The Education System in Latvia (2)

• Tertiary Education (ISCED level 4-5)
  – Academic higher education
    • Bachelor’s degree
    • Master’s degree
  – Professional higher education
• Postgraduate education (ISCED level 6)
  • doctoral studies (Phd)
Financing education

- State budget
- Local governments
- Ministries (vocational and higher education)
- Tuition fee
Lifelong education

Adult education includes

– formal

– non-formal

– informal education (including further and interest education, professional upgrading and in-service training)
E-Learning concepts

- the effective learning process
- the use of new multimedia technologies and the internet
- is always a process together with other students, using the different types of materials and with a tutor available
- covers a wide set of applications and processes
Public policies for the Information Society in Latvia

- The Telecommunications Services sector
- The Informatics programm
- The e-Latvia programm
- Middle-term planning documents:
  - “e-commerce concept” in 2001
  - **Unified library information system in 2001**
  - e-health basic lines in 2005
  - Strategy for the development of broadband networks in 2005
Policy planning documents

• The Latvian National Development Plan for 2007-2013

• Information and communication technologies for the quality of education (Program for 2007-2013)

• Strategic Guidelines for the Development of Education for years 2007-2013

• Information Society Development Guidelines for years 2006-2013
Strategic level and practical implementation

• a basic Latvian weakness should be noted: there is a significant gap between strategic level and practical implementation

• general achievements are not yet in line with the existing and clear strategic vision
Information Society

• Information Society policy aim is to build a knowledge-based economy and to improve the quality of life

• To achieve several objectives:
  – every Latvian citizen has the opportunities and skills to use ICT and available e-Services;
  – citizens and business have access to rich variety of services and to content that will make life easier and will allow to develop
  – active use of ICT for innovations in business, creating value added growth
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Information Society

• An educated and a creative person
• Merchants’ technological excellence and flexibility
• State and society development
• Human welfare growth
Quality of life

Education and knowledge for the growth of the national economy and technological excellence

An educated and creative individual
Technological excellence and flexibility of companies
Development of science and research

Growth in regions
Inclusive and stable labour market
A healthy human being in a sustainable society
A safe, united civil society
Modern infrastructure and services
International dimension of Latvia’s growth
Access to housing and a well-maintained living environment
Good governance as a guarantee of a sustainable growth policy
Thank you for your attention!

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