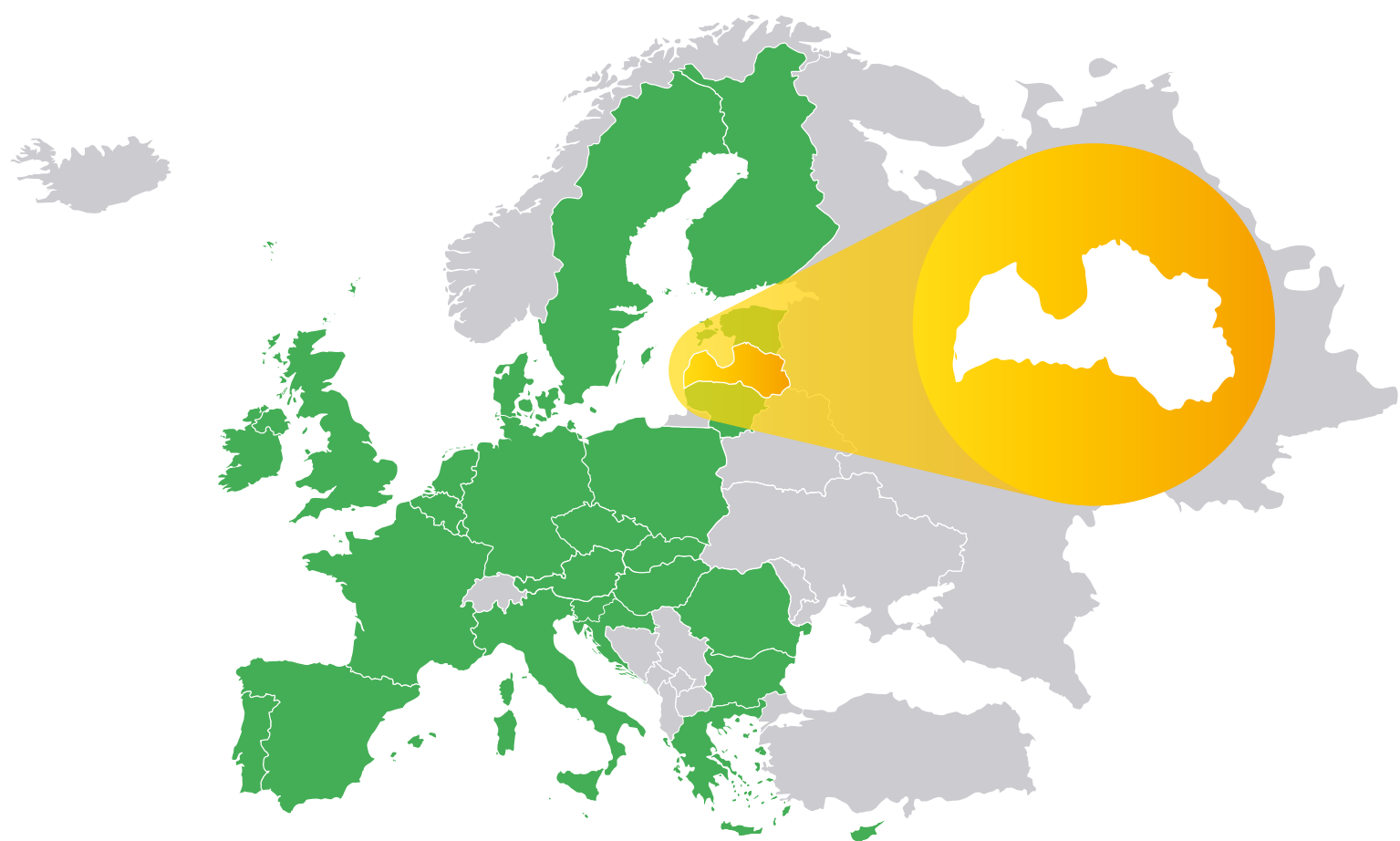


# Minerals Policy Country Profile

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		POLICY 1
		Law on the Subsoil
<b>Title (original language)</b>		-
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>		Law on the Subsoil
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>		13 (1996), amended by 321/322(2000)
<b>Short description</b>		The Law determines the procedures for comprehensive, rational and environmentally safe use of the subsoil as well as the requirements for the use and protection of the subsoil. It establishes that the subsoil and all mineral resources therein belong to the landowner who may use the subsoil, insofar as this Law and other legal acts do not limit his rights. The commercial use of the subsoil shall be charged and it shall be carried out in accordance with permit (licence). The purposes of the use of the subsoil shall be as follows: (a) geological exploration, scientific research and subsoil monitoring; (b) extraction (mining) of mineral resources; (c) the establishment of protected natural areas and objects; (d) recreation and tourism; and (e) the collection of samples for mineralogical and geological collections. The users of the subsoil shall be: (a) the landowner; (b) the entity to which land has been granted for permanent use; and (c) legal or physical entity, including foreign legal and physical entities, who have signed an agreement with the landowner. The types of the use of the subsoil shall be: (a) for an unlimited time period; and (b) for a limited time period. In the latter case the subsoil may be allocated for geological exploration purposes for up to 5 years, for the production of minerals for up to 25 years, and for geological exploration and subsequent production of minerals for up to 30 years. (see <a href="http://faolex.fao.org/">http://faolex.fao.org/</a> )
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)</b>		-
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)</b>		Unofficial English translation available at <a href="http://faolex.fao.org/">http://faolex.fao.org/</a>
<b>Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)</b>		
<b>Responsible for the design of the policy</b>		-
<b>Responsible for the implementation of the policy</b>		-
<b>Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level</b>		-
<b>Policy instrument type</b>		Legislation
<b>Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)</b>		-
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	-
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	-
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	-
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	-
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	-
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	1

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		POLICY 2
		Law "On natural resources tax"
Title (original language)		-
Title (translation in english)		Law "On natural resources tax"
Year (and identification number if available)		1995
Short description		The purpose of the Natural Resources Tax (hereinafter – tax) is to restrict ineffective use of natural resources and pollution of the environment, reduce manufacturing and sale of environment polluting substances, promote implementation of new and improved technology which reduces environmental pollution, support the strategy of sustainable development in the economy, as well as to ensure a financial basis for environmental protection measures.
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)		-
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)		<a href="http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/untc/unpan018402.pdf">http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/untc/unpan018402.pdf</a>
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)		-
Responsible for the design of the policy		-
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		-
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level		-
Policy instrument type		Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		-
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-

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		POLICY 1	POLICY 2	POLICY 3	POLICY 4	POLICY 5	POLICY 6
		Law "On Environmental protection"	Law "On Environmental Impact Assessment"	Law "On Spatial Development Planning"	Law "On Pollution"	Administrative Procedure Law	Civil Procedure Law
Title (original language)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Title (translation in english)		Law "On Environmental protection"	Law "On Environmental Impact Assessment"	Law "On Spatial Development Planning"	Law "On Pollution"	Administrative Procedure Law	Civil Procedure Law
Year (and identification number if available)		1991	1998	1999	2002	2001	1998
Short description		-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy instrument type		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-	-	-	-	-	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-	-	-	-	-	-

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		POLICY 7	POLICY 8	POLICY 9	POLICY 10	POLICY 11	POLICY 12
		Land Register Law	Law on Land Use and Land Survey	The Civil Law	Regulations of the Use of Minerals, Deposits and Subsoil Areas of State Importance	Regulations on the Use Of Subsoil 239 (1997)	The Provisions of the Use of Minerals, Deposits and Subsoil 307 (2000)
<b>Title (original language)</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>		Land Register Law	Law on Land Use and Land Survey	The Civil Law	Regulations of the Use of Minerals, Deposits and Subsoil Areas of State Importance	Regulations on the Use Of Subsoil 239 (1997)	The Provisions of the Use of Minerals, Deposits and Subsoil 307 (2000)
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>		-	1993, amended 2007	1938, amended 1992	238 (1997)	239 (1997)	307 (2000)
<b>Short description</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Policy instrument type</b>		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

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		POLICY 13	POLICY 14	POLICY 15	POLICY 16	POLICY 17	POLICY 18
		<b>On Methods and Tariffs (Rates) Tor Compensation of Losses Caused To Subsoil</b>	<b>Work Safety Requirements during Exploration for and Production of Minerals</b>	<b>Procedures for Application of Certain Provisions of the Law on Natural Resources Tax</b>	<b>Procedures of Calculation and Payment of the Natural Resource Tax</b>	<b>Procedures for Environmental Impact Assessment</b>	<b>Regulations on Territorial Planning</b>
<b>Title (original language)</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>		On Methods and Tariffs (Rates) Tor Compensation of Losses Caused To Subsoil	Work Safety Requirements during Exploration for and Production of Minerals	Procedures for Application of Certain Provisions of the Law on Natural Resources Tax	Procedures of Calculation and Payment of the Natural Resource Tax	Procedures for Environmental Impact Assessment	Regulations on Territorial Planning
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>		298	253 (2002)	356 (2000)	244 (2002)	213 (1999)	423 (2000)
<b>Short description</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Policy instrument type</b>		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-