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AGENCY

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SUMMARY

The LR Cabinet of Ministers approved the "**Strategy for Sustainable Development of Latvia**" on August 13, 2002, the most significant aspect of which is - setting out of Latvia's national goals in regard to sustainable development - a fundamental platform for the further development of the State. As part of a directive from the government, this strategy also determines that the **Latvian Environmental Agency (Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Agency, from 2005)** must prepare an annual report regarding sustainable development in Latvia, every three years.

First Sustainable Development Indicators in Latvia was prepared in 2003. Three years were passed and now we must prepare Sustainable Development Indicators in Latvia in 2006, which will be finish at the end of this year and publish in Internet.

There are 16 environment, economics and social themes in Strategy. Every theme includes characterization of situation, aims of politics, which will must done and indicators, which provide regular reports of situation in aims development.

Plan:

2006 – January – March – choose of indicators;
February - June – collection of data;
May – June – choose of authors;
May – September – preparing of chapters;
September – October – consultation;
November – coordination with ministries;
December – publication in Internet;
2007 – February – March – publication in typography.

We were finished working groups with experts from ministries and institutions (Ministries of Environment, Health, Economics and another), now. Indicators are separated in two levels:

Level 1 (34 indicators): indicators allowing an initial analysis of the theme development. These indicators are aimed at a high-level policy-making and general public and can therefore be seen as asset of headline indicators. These indicators will be put in publication of typography.

Level 2 (70 indicators): indicators with Level 1 indicators monitors progress un achieving the headline policy objectives. These indicators are aimed at evaluation of the core policy areas and communication with the general public.

Data, which for analysis of indicators will get from Latvian Central Statistics Office, most of all, but some data will be, take from institutions of necessary departments.

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