

PHOTONICS & SMART MATERIALS

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PRECISION AND PERFECTION IN EVERYTHING



HansaMatrix

manufacturer of electronic systems;
partner of Facebook, Apple,
VW & Boeing



LightGuide

leader in the EU & US providing
about 70% of the fiber optic
instruments used in urology



Sidrabe

>50 years of excellence
in developing unique
thin film technologies,
partner of NASA



Capital **Riga**
Territory **64.6 K km²**
Population **1.9 M**
Currency **€ (EUR)**
Languages **Latvian, English & Russian;**
German is also widely spoken



EuroLCDs

world's fastest
optical switch technology,
also used in
3D technology solutions



Groglass

world's leading producer
of anti-reflective glass,
used in museums
around the world

INFRASTRUCTURE THAT MEANS BUSINESS



- **100+** direct flights: **Riga International Airport** – biggest in the Baltics
- In 28 h goods can be delivered to any consignee in Scandinavia with a total consumer market of **26,4 million people**

- A well-adapted infrastructure for high-impact investment & delivery of deep tech innovations
- Established & working **supply chains** for electronics, optics & lens manufacturers



EASY TO START

- Startup visa as fast track for non-EU founders
- EU Blue Card for highly qualified workers & their families
- Temporary Residence Permit as another option



HELPING YOU GROW

- **50–60%** of co-finance for Staff Training
- Vouchers for R&D activities, prototype development
- Support for industrial research
- **5 Special Economic Zones** offering tax rebates



MAIN SUB SECTORS



Functional materials for photonics & electronics



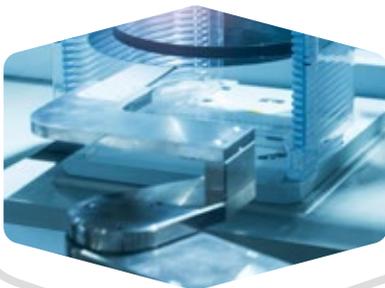
Materials for energy harvesting & storage



Thin layers & coatings



Equipment, devices & systems



SKILLED & MULTILINGUAL
TALENT POOL



2nd

highest share of women obtaining master's degree in the world (OECD, 2020)



2nd

in Europe with 96% of Latvians speaking at least one foreign language



UNIVERSITIES & SCIENTIFIC
INSTITUTIONS



Internationally recognized leaders in the materials sciences & cross-disciplinary topics in the Baltic States



All level study programmes in engineering & natural sciences



World-leading high-impact research & more than 100 years of experience in delivering state-of-the-art solutions for the industry



COUNTRY READY
FOR ANY CHALLENGES

Materize is a platform for industry collaboration & innovation to deliver scientific expertise to your business. It helps SMEs & large enterprises solve digitalization challenges by providing experienced people, sophisticated tools & facilities.



HELPING CONNECT
WORLDS APART

Infrastructure, R&D and tight collaboration networks built to make working easy, as well as multilingual & tech-savvy talents make Latvia a great connecting point.

BUSINESSES USING LATVIA AS PLAYGROUND FOR THEIR IDEAS

