

# FOOD PROCESSING

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## FOOD TECHNOLOGIES OF THE FUTURE



**6th**

highest share in the EU  
of organic farming land (2020)



**2nd**

in the EU in wheat &  
rye production per capita (2020)



**15th**

greenest country  
in Europe (2020)



**5th**

largest  
cranberry producer  
per capita in the world  
(2020)



Capital **Riga**  
Territory **64.6 K km<sup>2</sup>**  
Population **1.9 M**  
Currency **€ (EUR)**  
Languages **Latvian, English & Russian; German is also widely spoken**  
Member of **EU, NATO & OECD**



**4.7%**

sector's input  
to Latvian export  
(2021)



**18.5%**

sector's contribution  
to the total output  
in manufacturing (2020)



## NATURAL RESOURCES FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

- **High export potential** for organic fruit and vegetables
- A robust supply chain with experienced workforce and high quality standards
- **Efficient quality** control in all production stages: from ingredients to ready products
- One of Europe's cleanest environments and modern manufacturing technologies



## 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 and for prototype development
- Support for industrial research
- **5 Special Economic Zones** offering tax rebates

## MAIN SUB SECTORS



Dairy products, fish processing, meat and egg production, grains and baked goods, fruit and vegetables, herbs and spices, and confections.



Beverage production includes juices, carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks, mineral and drinking water, beer, and other alcohol products.



## SKILLED & MULTILINGUAL TALENT POOL



**19%**

of those employed in the manufacturing are working in the food processing sector (2021)



**22K**

employed in the food processing sector (2021)

## INNOVATIVE & HEALTHY BRANDS



organic vegan products from dehydrated pea flakes



caramelized pine cones in chocolate



edible cups for hot drinks and desserts



first egg white-based ice cream in the Baltics



spirulina drink for an energy boost with fruit & berries

**PROSVEGO**

organic hemp seed ice cream



## COUNTRY READY FOR ANY CHALLENGES

Our scientists from the Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences test the application of drones for potato farming and cultivation. We are ahead of the game when it comes to agriculture developments.



## HELPING CONNECT WORLDS APART

Infrastructure, R&D, and technology pioneered to make working easy. Talents speaking multiple languages & tech make Latvia a great connecting point.



## BUSINESSES USING LATVIA AS PLAYGROUND FOR THEIR IDEAS

