

Latvia Profile (2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	13.8045
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	107.349
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	27.2758
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	130.23
Households with a computer (%)	77.3898
Households with Internet access at home (%)	81.5769
Individuals using the Internet (%)	83.5772

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Rolands Irklis
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chair
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Public Utilities Commission (SPRK)

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Ministry of Transport
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Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2018)

Cable modem	C*	
Cable Television	C*	
Data2012	C*	
Domestic fixed long distance	C*	
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	N	
Fixed Wireless Broadband	C*	
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)2010	N	
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	P*	P: 2003
International Gateways	N	
International Fixed Long Distance	C*	
Internet Services	C*	
Leased Lines	C*	
Wireless Local Loop	P*	P: 2003
Local Fixed Line Services	C*	
Mobile	P*	P: 2003
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	N	
Paging2006	C	
VSAT	N	
DSL	C*	

M: Monopoly
P: Partial competition (year when competition was introduced)
C: Full competition (year when competition was introduced)
N: N/A

Institutional Details (Latest data available: 2018)

Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]	Saeima
Legal document creating the regulator	Law on Regulators of Public Utilities
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	• Regulatory fees, percentage: 0,2 % from net turnover,
Regulator also regulates other utilities	• Yes If Yes, specify utilities regulated: Electricity, gas, railways, public utilities services at municipalities,
Reporting requirements of the regulator	• Report to Legislature/Parliament
Year separate regulator created	2001

Structure Regulator (Latest data available: 2018)

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Regulator is a collegial body	Yes
If Yes, please provide the total number of members/commissioners (including the Head). [2013]	5
Is the Head of the Commission also responsible for day-to-day administrative matters?	No
What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority? [2011]	5 years
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.	117

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

Entity in charge of licensing	R	
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R	
Entity in charge of price regulation	R	
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	O M*	M: National Standardisation Body "Latvijas Standarts", Ministry of Economy
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	O R M*	M: Electronic Communications Office, Ministry of environmental protection and regional development
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	O M*	M: Electronic Communications Office
Entity in charge of numbering	O R M*	M: Electronic Communications Office (database management)
Entity in charge of type approval	M*	M: Notified Body
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring ²⁰¹⁵	R	
Entity in charge of universal service/access	R	
Quality of service standards setting ²⁰¹⁵	R	
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R	
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	R M*	M: The National Electronic Mass Media Council
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O M*	M: The National Electronic Mass Media Council
Entity in charge of Information Technology	O M*	M: Electronic Communications Office, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development
Entity in charge of Internet content ²⁰¹⁵	N	

S: Sector Ministry
 O: Other Ministry or Government body
 R: Regulatory Authority
 Op: Operator
 N: Not regulated
 M: If more than one entity or another body is involved in this function, please explain

Universal Service - services covered and operator obligations (Latest data available: 2018)

Definition of universal service/access exists	Yes
Universal access/service policy adopted	Yes
Voice services included in Universal service/access definition	• Fixed line private residential service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	• Broadband as part of universal service definition
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	• Services for impaired/ elderly
Operators under universal access/service obligation	• Incumbent fixed line operator(s)
Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices	Yes

Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2018)

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations	• Other Explain: In accordance with the Law on Electronic communications in order to compensate the net costs of the universal service obligation, the Cabinet shall establish a universal service fund or other financing and compensation mechanism. If by 1 June 2015 the Cabinet has not established the universal service fund or other financing and compensation mechanism, then until its establishment the losses caused by the implementation of the universal service obligations shall be compensated from the State budget. n accordance with the Law on Electronic communications in order to compensate the net costs of the universal service obligation, the Cabinet shall establish a universal service fund or other financing and compensation mechanism. If by 1 June 2013 the Cabinet has not established the universal service fund or other financing and compensation mechanism, then until its establishment the losses caused by the implementation of the universal service obligations shall be compensated from the State budget.,
Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service	No
If Yes, please explain	
Operational Universal Service Fund	No
If Yes, when? [2006]	The establishment of USF is under question
Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	
Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	
USF financed by other sources	
USF budget financing by source (in percentage)	
Regulator administrating USF	
If No, name the entity responsible	

Interconnection issues (Latest data available: 2018)

Interconnection charging principle adopted	• Symmetric
If asymmetric charging, how it was decided?	Number of subscribers and revenues

Approach used to regulate interconnection prices (Latest data available: 2014)

Approach used to regulate fixed termination rates B

Approach used to regulate mobile termination rates B

LRIC: LRIC cost model
FDC: FDC cost model
B: Benchmarking
O: Other
N: None

NGN (Latest data available: 2018)

Stage of introduction of NGN system by operators • Introduction

Cost model used (or planned) to calculate costs/tariffs of NGN Services • Other please specify: Economic Replicability Test,

NGN - Regulation of IP networks (Latest data available: 2018)

Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Data Services No

Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Voice Services No

USO: Regulatory arrangements subject to universal service obligations
I: Regulatory interconnection arrangements with networks using switching circuits
B: Banning of services based on IP
No: No regulatory arrangements defined at present
O: Other