

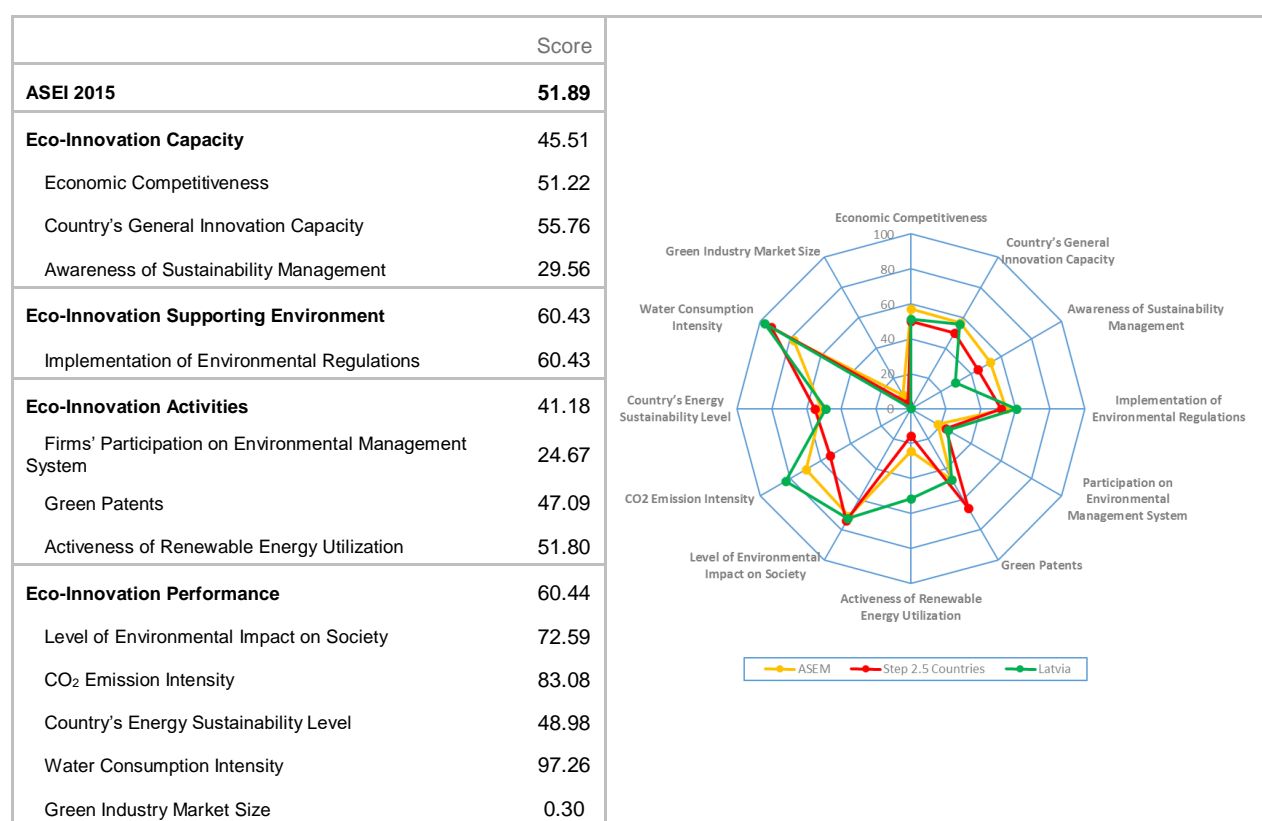


Latvia

	13,729	2.0 million	3:23:74	0.819 Very high	4.64	4.89	
Flag	GDP per capita	Population	Industry structure (1st, 2nd, 3rd)	HDI	Sustainable social index	Sustainable env. index	Geographic location



- Latvia's eco-innovation supporting environment and activity are higher than the average scores of the same development state group countries.
- Activeness of Renewable Energy Utilization (indicator no. 3.5) and CO₂ Emission Intensity (indicator no. 4.2) of Latvia are higher than the average score of ASEM member countries and the same development state countries.
- Awareness of Sustainability Management (indicator no. 1.5) of Latvia is lower than the same development state countries.

Table 55 Eco-innovation Policy instruments of Latvia

National plan and strategy	Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ the National Development Plan 2014-2020 ■ Latvian Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia until 2030 ■ Environmental Policy Strategy 2009-2015 (MEPRD) ■ Strategic development plan for Latvia 2010 -2013
	Eco-innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Transport Development Strategy (Ministry of Transport) 2007 - 2013 ■ Strategy for Energy Development 2007-2016 (Ministry of Economy) ■ Strategy for Renewable Energy Consumption 2006-2013 ■ Electromobility Development Plan 2014-2016 ■ Draft Action Plan for Government Declaration Implementation ■ Latvian First Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2008-2010 ■ National Waste Management Plan 2006-2012 (MEPRD) ■ Development plan for Forests and forest based industries development (Ministry of Agriculture)
Programme and actions	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Programme support for green technology development (2014-2017) ■ Export Guarantees and Credit Guarantee Scheme ■ State Research Programmes 2010-2013 (renewed 2014-2020) ■ Practical Application Research Projects (2011-2013) ■ Programme Innovation in the area of Green Technologies funded by Norwegian Financial Mechanism (2009-2014) ■ Market Oriented Research Projects (2012-2013) ■ Development of Research Base Infrastructure and Commercial Research Infrastructure (2011-2013) ■ Motivation Programme for entrepreneurship and innovation (2009-2014) ■ Competence Centre Programme (2011-2015) ■ Cluster Programme (2012-2015) ■ Green Technology Transfer Contact Points (2008-2013) ■ Green Holidays - certificate for vacation properties for eco-travel development ■ Green Spoon - label for food quality and its ecological origin ■ Green Public Procurement (since 2004) ■ Campaigns on energy efficiency of housing stock and the use of renewable energy sources ■ Climate Change Mitigation Program 2005-2010 (MEPRD) ■ programme of promotion of commercial environment of entrepreneurship 2007 - 2013 ■ Programme for promotion of implementation of Innovative

		technologies
	International	-
Legislation		-
Finance		■ Green Investment scheme(GIS)
Information		-

Latvia lacks the efforts and research towards eco-innovation. There are no specific goals set for eco-innovation; environmental technology corporates are scarce; and the social awareness about green growth potential is low. However, Latvia has set a goal to develop renewable energies and achieve energy efficiency by 2020 and is trying to support eco-innovation through national funding programs. Since over half of Latvia's land being composed of natural eco-environments, Latvia is highly attractive as an eco-tourist area (EIO, 2013j).