



SPRING 2019 REFORM BAROMETER – LATVIA

European Semester - Overall assessment of 2018 cycle

	To what extent do you agree with these statements:		Detailed comments
1.	The National Reform Programme submitted by your Government (March 2018) is appropriate.	To a large extent	
2.	The Commission's country specific recommendations for your country are appropriate.	To a large extent	
3.	The Commission assessment of reform implementation the year before is appropriate.	To a large extent	
4.	The Commission assessment of excessive imbalances (in-depth review) is appropriate.	No reply	



Assessment of Country Specific recommendations 2018 in detail

		Q1: The recommendation is:	Q2: implementation effort is:	Detailed comments
CSR 1	Achieve the medium-term budgetary objective in 2019, taking into account the allowances linked to the implementation of the structural reforms for which a temporary deviation is granted. Reduce taxation for low-income earners by shifting it to other sources, particularly capital and property, and by improving tax compliance.	Important	Satisfactory	
CSR 2	Improve the adequacy of minimum income benefits, minimum old-age pensions and income support for people with disabilities. Increase the labour market relevance of vocational education and training, and foster upskilling of low-skilled workers and jobseekers. Increase the accessibility, quality and cost-effectiveness of the healthcare system.	Important	Satisfactory	
CSR 3	Strengthen the efficiency of the public sector, in particular with regard to local authorities and state-owned enterprises. Strengthen the accountability of public administration by protecting whistle-blowers, preventing conflicts of interest and following-up on the results of the ongoing assessment of past insolvency proceedings.	Extremely important	Satisfactory	



Reform Progress in your Member State in 2018

How would you assess reform progress in 2018, for the following broad areas:

Taxation and Public Finances	Satisfactory
Business environment (regulation/access to markets)	Satisfactory
Labour market	Mixed
Innovation and skills	Mixed
Access to finance and Financial stability	Satisfactory



Reform priorities for 2019

	I. Policy Area	II. Concrete Recommendations	III. Are the proposed recommendations already in the agenda of your Government?
Priority 1	Sector specific regulation (telecom, energy)	to ensure internationally competitive energy prices	yes
Priority 2	Wage bargaining and wage-setting policies	support for sectoral bargaining and self-regulation	no
Priority 3	Pension and health care reforms	continue health care sector reform by good governance and efficiency	yes
Priority 4	Labour market mismatch and labour mobility	continue VET reform and work -based learning involving social partners	yes
Priority 5	Public sector efficiency	increase efficiency of public sector on municipality (local) level	yes