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OBJECTIVES

The PSF Specific Support to Latvia aims to provide external advice and operational recommendations to the country's authorities on reforms and actions to undertake in order to address the challenges related to the development in Latvia of the human capital for research and innovation (R&I).

SCOPE

The development of the human resources (HR) for R&I is indeed seen as a key dimension of the necessary R&I capacity building (including capacity for domestic absorption of imported technologies) and of the structural change of the Latvian economy towards more knowledge-intensive activities. It requires a strategic approach, including a choice of priorities for action. As specified in the recommendations of the 2017 PSF Specific Support, the R&I capacity building requires increase in public funding for R&I (especially from national sources): the role of the 2019 PSF Specific Support is to identify which are the priority actions in relation to HR development which should benefit from the additional funding, as well as which key HR-focused reforms are required to ensure the most effective use of the funding.

The following focus areas were specified:

- *Policies for attracting and retaining talents in scientific and technological careers in Latvia and developing their skills and productivity*
- *Policies for developing the employment of S&T human resources in the Latvian business sector*

SCHEDULE

● June 2019	Kick-off meeting
● September 2019	1st Country visit to Latvia
● November 2019	2nd Country visit to Latvia
● TBC	Final dissemination event in Riga