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# Disability policy in Latvia

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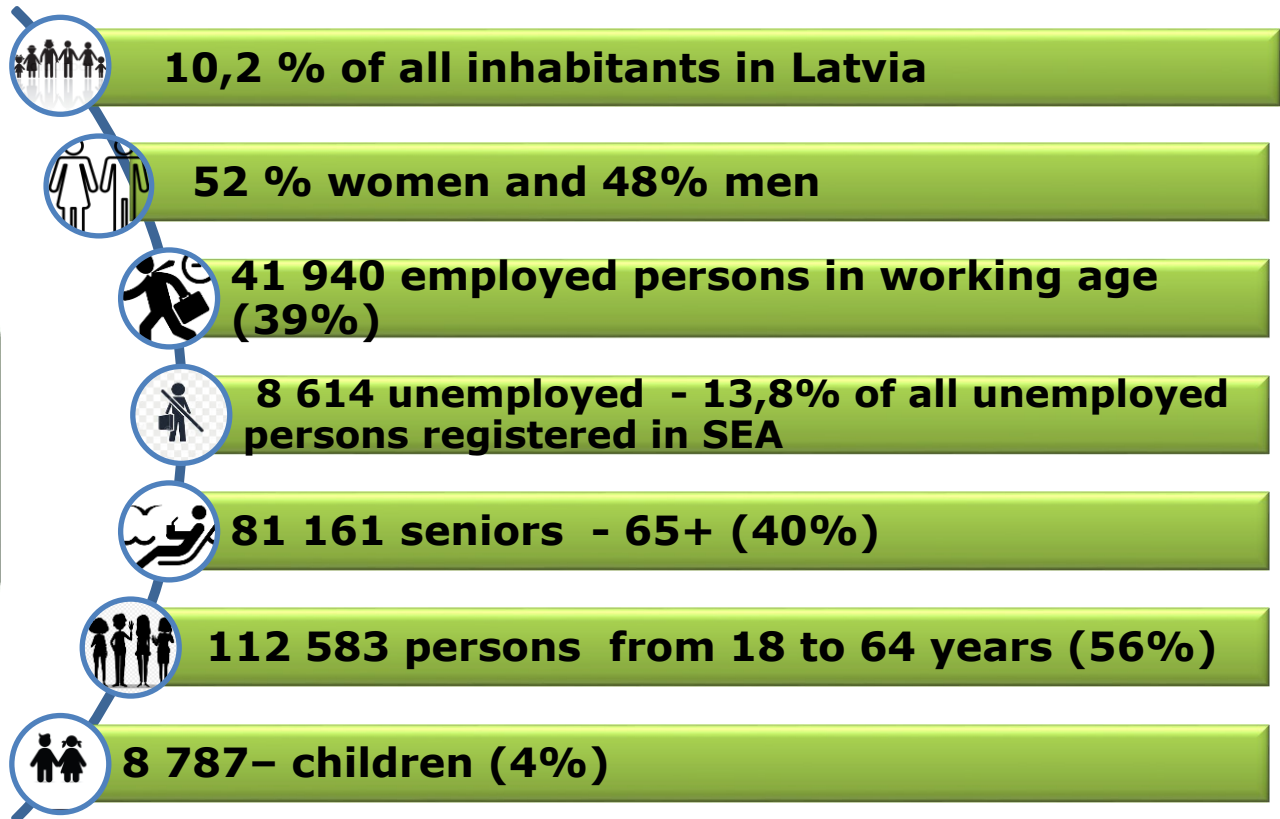
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# Statistic of persons with disabilities in Latvia\*

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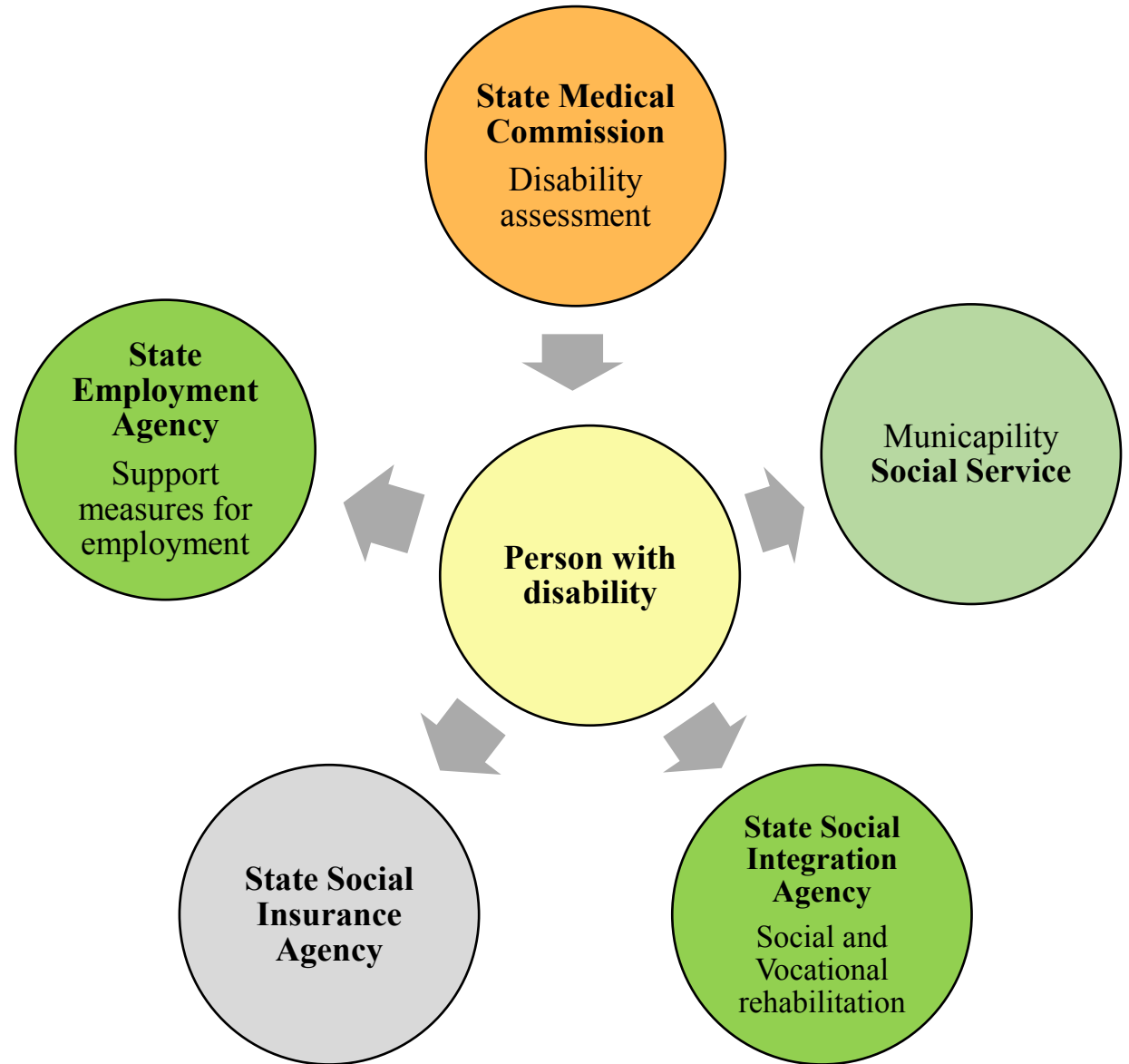
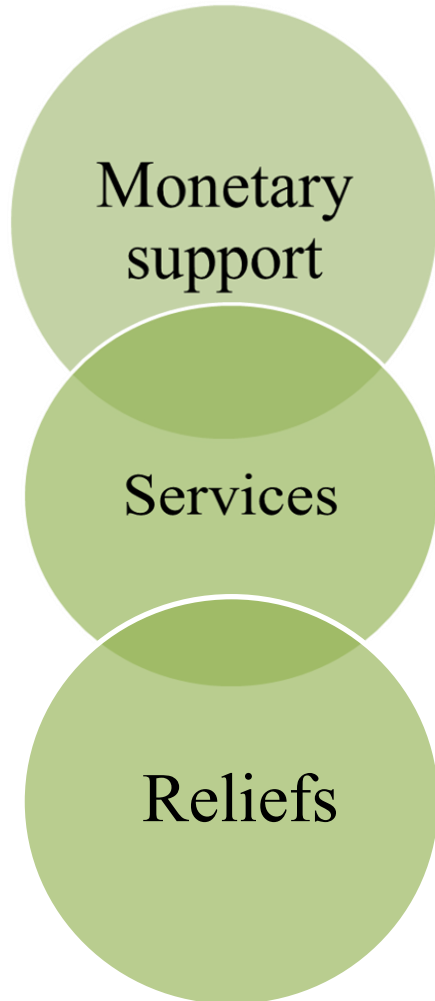


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# Related institutions and Services





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# Recent Reforms and Future Challenges

## Reforms of recent years

- Reform of the minimum income threshold
- Assistant service in municipality

## Upcoming challenges

- Implementation of the World Bank project
- Support person service and Implementing of UNCRPD Article 12
- Transposition of the European Accessibility act

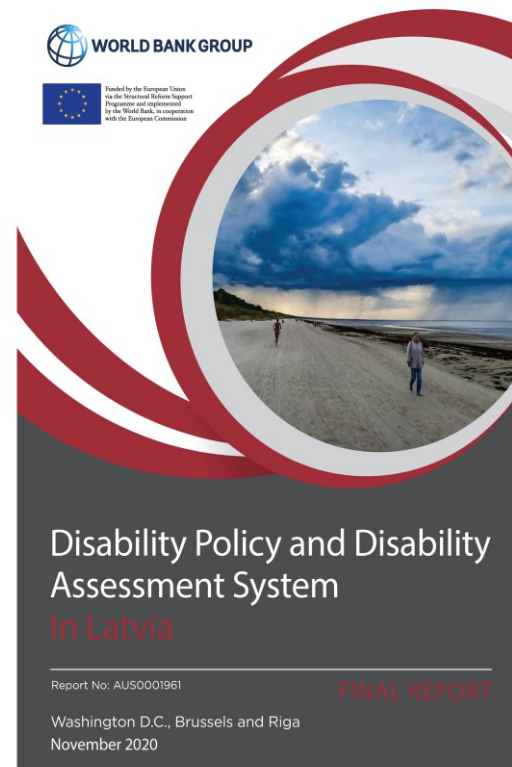


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# World Bank & EU SRSP Project on Latvia Disability Policy

1. Report and Recommendations

2. WHODAS pilotproject



Funded by the European Union via the Structural Reform Support Programme and implemented by the World Bank, in cooperation with the European Commission



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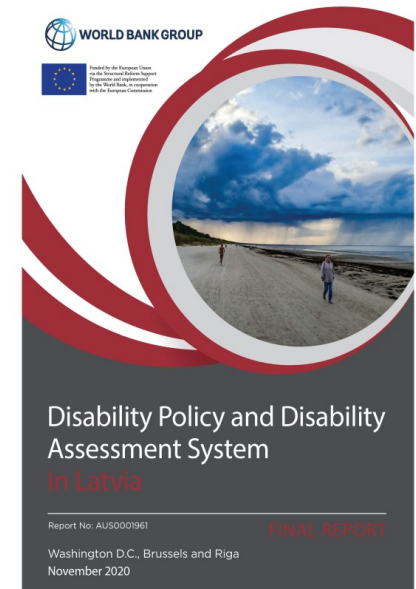
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# World Bank Report on Latvia Disability Policy

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- **Reality of the future** - significant fraction of the population will be elderly, many of whom will be experiencing disability
- **Importance of health care and social sector interactions** and electronic data exchange
- **Standardized assessment tools** (WHODAS) should be used to assess limitations in activities and restrictions in participation
- The **integrated service provision model**
- Adding a **needs assessment** to disability assessment





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# Implementing of UNCRPD Article 12 and Supported Decision Making

- Judgment of the **Constitutional Court**
- Amendments in **Civil Law the Civil Procedure Law**
- **EU Pilotproject** on Supported decision making
- **Future Challenges and Amendments** to Legislation





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# Transposition of the European Accessibility Act

- New Horizontal **Law on the Accessibility of Products and Services**
- **Webinars** to DPOs, Economic Operators, Service Providers, Banks



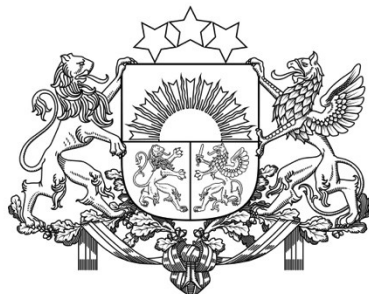




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# Future cooperation between Baltic and Nordic states

- Cooperation is proposed on specific issues, for instance, universal design concept and disability assessment system
- Good practice exchange visits
- Participation of experts in seminars and conferences
- Collaboration with Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Latvia on disability issues



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