



# In-depth European rights and economics program

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Riga Graduate School of Law (RGSL) implements many development cooperation projects, introducing students to different subjects, including corruption prevention, good governance, European rights and economics.

The in-depth 12-week program about European rights and economics, which is based on the experience of Latvia as a European Union (EU) member state, has been developed for representatives from EU Neighbourhood policy states and Central Asian states. It provides comprehensive studies about EU legal, economic and political operations.

To provide a connection between theory and practice, participants of the studies visit Latvian state administration institutions and go on a week-long study trip to Brussels and Luxembourg, where they visit EU institutions.

The participants can use the knowledge, skills and experience gained during the program in performing their official duties back in their home countries, therefore helping the development of the respective partner-country.

Together with RGSL also professors from the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, European Institute of Public Administration, University of Latvia and Stockholm School of Economics in Riga help implement the program.

One of the activities of the program is graduate events, organized both in Riga and also the countries of the graduates. Graduates from previous programs are invited to participate in these events to share how the program has affected their career and growth thereby motivating the current participants.

Since the first session in autumn 2014, 205 participants from 16 different countries have graduated from the program. In a graduate survey in 2019, 98% said that the program had contributed to their career development.

**“ It is important to bring young and talented people from Central and Eastern Europe as well as the former Soviet Union republics to Riga, to teach them about how processes work in Europe ... We can share our values with these young professionals, so they can learn the values of democracy, openness, transparency and human rights ideas.**

— Ambassador for Norway in Latvia KRISTIAN ØDEGAARD



Study participants during a lecture.



Participants of the program.



Mock exercise.

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