**Cabinet Order No. 559**

Riga, 12 September 2025 (Minutes No. 35 14 §)

**Regarding the State Research Programme “Latvian Studies for the Development of a Latvian and European Society”**

1 In accordance with [Law on Scientific Activity,](https://likumi.lv/ta/id/107337-zinatniskas-darbibas-likums) [Section 13](https://likumi.lv/ta/id/107337-zinatniskas-darbibas-likums#p13) Paragraph two, Clause 3, and Cabinet Regulation of 4 September 2018 No. 560 "[Procedures for the Implementation of State Research Programme Projects,](https://likumi.lv/ta/id/301438-valsts-petijumu-programmu-projektu-istenosanas-kartiba)”, [Paragraph 4,](https://likumi.lv/ta/id/301438-valsts-petijumu-programmu-projektu-istenosanas-kartiba#p4) to approve the State Research Programme “Latvian Studies for the Development of a Latvian and European Society” (hereinafter referred to as the Programme).

2 The Ministry of Education and Science shall be appointed as the authority responsible for the implementation of the Programme.

3 The total funding of the Programme shall be EUR 6,200,000 for the period from 2025 to 2028. The Programme is funded through the Ministry of Education and Science State budget programme 05.00.00 “Science”, sub-programme 05.01.00 “Provision for scientific activity”.

4 The main goal of the Programme is to build an inclusive Latvian and European knowledge society in Latvia, based on democratic values, Latvian language and culture.

5 The Programme aims to create new knowledge and solutions to contribute to the sustainable development of society and state of Latvia. This includes interdisciplinary research on language, culture and Latvian identity, as well as the development of the necessary human capital.

6 In order to achieve the objective of the programme, the following programme objectives should be set:

6.1 study of the development and use of the modern Latvian language. The above task shall cover the following research fields:

6.1.1 trends and sociolinguistic aspects of Latvian language development, including literary language varieties (plain language, easy language) and Latvian language development in the diaspora;

6.1.2 terminology and terminography of the Latvian language;

6.1.3 translation science;

6.1.4 the written language of Latgale region;

6.1.5 the cultural and historical development of the diversity of the Latvian language and onomastics, including in the context of historical Latvian lands;

6.1.6 learning Latvian as a foreign language;

6.2 research and development of Latvian language technologies. This task shall cover the following research fields:

6.2.1 research and development of generative artificial intelligence tools for use in Latvian;

6.2.2 the development of digital resources of the Latvian language, ensuring their integration into European language resource repositories;

6.2.3 Latvian language technology solutions, including solutions for people with disabilities;

6.2.4 sign language for the deaf;

6.3 development of the research base and digital resources of the Liv language, promoting the vitality of the Liv language, the development and standardisation of language norms, and ensuring the integration of digital resources of the language into European language resource repositories;

6.4 study of demography, migration and re-emigration processes in the context of contemporary geopolitical, socio-economic and regional changes;

6.5 research of Latvian literature and poetics in the perspective of national identity and inclusive society in Latvia and the world, including in the contemporary context, and research of factors influencing the production and consumption of literature in the digital age;

6.6 research of Latvian identity. This task shall cover the following research fields:

6.6.1 Latvian identity and its formation in historical and contemporary contexts, including the diaspora;

6.6.2 contemporary folklore and spiritual traditions in the context of Latvian identity;

6.6.3 factors influencing the development of folklore studies;

6.6.4 history of ideas.

7 The following common (horizontal) tasks shall be defined for the implementation of the Programme:

7.1 To ensure impact of the research process and results on the following target groups:

7.1.1 a research community: developing research resources and interdisciplinary, competitive research teams using world-renowned research methods and technologies, and involving young scientists and members of the diaspora in research;

7.1.2 sectoral policy makers and implementers: working with policy makers during project development and proactively promoting policy change;

7.1.3 sectors of the economy relevant to the project goal (including publishing, media and information and communication technologies): in cooperation with organisations, social partners and experts from the relevant sectors of the economy;

7.1.4 society in general: through knowledge transfer and raising awareness of the role and contribution of research to society, through engagement in the research process (e.g., through public science initiatives), and through the creation and dissemination of useful resources for society;

7.2 development of innovative solutions and promotion of their wider use;

7.3 making research results publicly available, including publishing results in open access journals and depositing newly generated research data in research data repositories, promoting data re-usability in line with the FAIR principles (findability, accessibility, interoperability, re-usability);

7.4 to ensure the transfer of knowledge created during the project by involving the public and promoting their understanding of the role and contribution of research in addressing issues of societal importance, including through popular science articles on research, its results and societal benefits;

7.5 to promote the development and integration of digital resources for language and cultural research.

8 The achievement of the following results shall be defined during the Programme implementation:

8.1 innovative tools and solutions developed or adapted to meet the needs of end-user target groups;

8.2 promoting policy change based on scientific insights and facts (e.g., by advising sectoral policy-makers, preparing recommendations and guidelines);

8.3 establishment of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary consortia (with partners outside academia), involvement in international networks and consortia, project applications to the European Union and other international programmes;

8.4 development of human capital by involving young and diaspora researchers in research, providing internships and work placements for students and PhD candidates, and developing Masters and PhD modules linked to the programme;

8.5 scientific monographs and original research articles included in journals or converence article collections listed in Web of Science, SCOPUS (A or B), or ERIH+ databases;

8.6 informative popular science articles on research, its results and societal benefits, including the most important popular science information resources in Latvian.

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