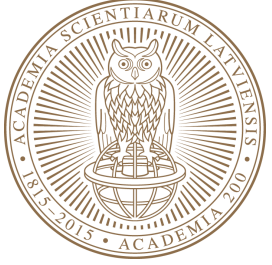




# SCIENCE POLICY ADVISE – LATVIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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# Issues

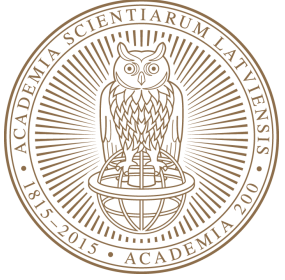
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- Science policy advice
- Strategies used to select topics
- Best practice in scientific advice, impact of scientific advice.



# Mission of the Academy (LZA)

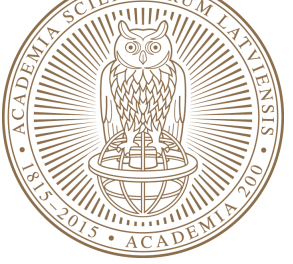
- LZA is autonomous organization, which collaborates with the Ministry of Education and Science, National Science Council, universities and enterprises.
- Center of excellence, expertise and popularization of scientific knowledge.
- Policy document “Development of science, technologies and Innovation policy, 2014-2020”: *LZA is one of the responsible institutions of the policy* (both advisory board and implementation policy).



# Strategy of the LZA

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- Forecasting the national development process
- Objective presentation of the scientific forecasts on economical, cultural and social development with the desirable and undesirable consequences.



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- top-down requests from Ministries, companies.
  - bottom-up proposals made by the members (departments and networks) of the LZA



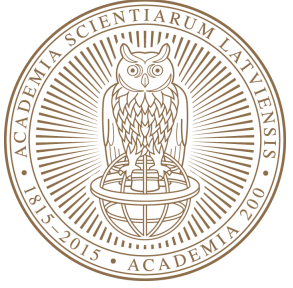
# National Strategic Council on Research and Innovation

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Institution for cooperation, coordination and monitoring of research and innovation policy, researchers and companies.

## Tasks

- Policy proposals to the Ministries in the field of research and innovation policy
- Assessment of research results and efficiency of investments in research and innovations
- Recommendations on research priorities for the midterm research policy



## Cooperation on science policy advice

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- National Science Council
- Association of research Institutes
- National Research Council
- Association of Young Researchers
- Rectors' Conference
- Trade Unions - less

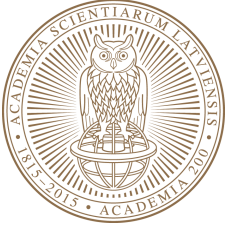


# Strategies to select topics

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- Consultations with members – development of annual work programme
- Based on ongoing research, results
- Topical issues (Dept. of humanities and social sciences: taxes, youth unemployment)
- Urgent issues (Science museum)

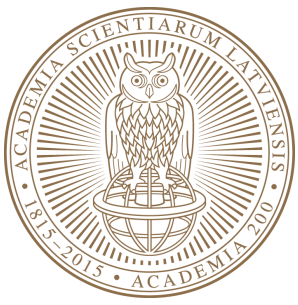




# Practice in scientific advice, impacts of scientific advice

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- Parliamentary session (together with TU) on science policy
- Development of professional, interdisciplinary and public discussion on several issues (homeopathy, mechanism of Meldonium influence, gender and sex, taxes, youth unemployment, indexation of pensions).
- Participants:
  - Academy members, researchers (expert panel)
  - ministry representatives (decision makers)
  - NGOs, employers, TU
  - general public.



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Comments, questions!

Thank you!