**Country:** Latvia

**Committee:** ECOSOC

**Topic:** Promoting Green Jobs and the

Transition to a Green Economy

Climate change has come to be recognized as an important issue across the globe, including in Latvia, which is taking initiatives to address the problem by promoting green jobs and a green economy. Regarding EU policies, as a member state, Latvia also supports the European Green Deal and aims to become climate neutral by 2050. Approximately Latvians acquire 40 % of their energy from renewable resources such as hydropower and biomass which makes Latvia one of the top countries in the EU. Latvia also has more than 50 % of its total land cover by forested areas where the trees are also adequately cared to protect the ecosystem, as well as ensure sustainable economic resilience. Additionally, Latvia uses the EU Just Transition fund to assist areas that are transitioning towards low-carbon emissions. Latvia’s educational institutions like schools and universities provide knowledge and skills to people in green jobs.

But, there are still challenges. Latvia’s economy is primarily dependent on the agriculture and forestry sectors therefore there is a need to diversify the economy. Green growth also depends on technology and infrastructure development which aim at addressing the energy issues. It is essential to ensure that this transition is equitable so that no one is excluded.

**Resources:**

<https://www.ebrd.com/sites/Satellite?c=Content&cid=1395318583864&d=&pagename=EBRD%2FContent%2FDownloadDocument>

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