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Latvia in the European Union

On 1 May 2004 the Republic of Latvia became a Member State of the European Union (EU). EU's work and Latvia's participation in it are set down in framework agreements, which have been agreed upon by all EU Member States. To find out more about Latvia's membership in the EU, visit the [website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).

EU transport policy aims to ensure regular, efficient, safe, and free movement of people and goods throughout the EU, by using integrated tools and all transport modes (road, rail, water, and air). EU policies additionally cover such issues as climate change, passenger rights, clean fuel, and reduction of customs bureaucracy in ports.

Transport policy, which is regulated by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union's section VI (Articles 90-100), is one of the EU's strategic common policies. Transport policy is mainly based on the [2011 White Paper](#) which consists of 40 initiatives designed to boost growth, create jobs, reduce dependence on imported oil, as well as to reduce the sector's carbon footprint by 60% by 2050.

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