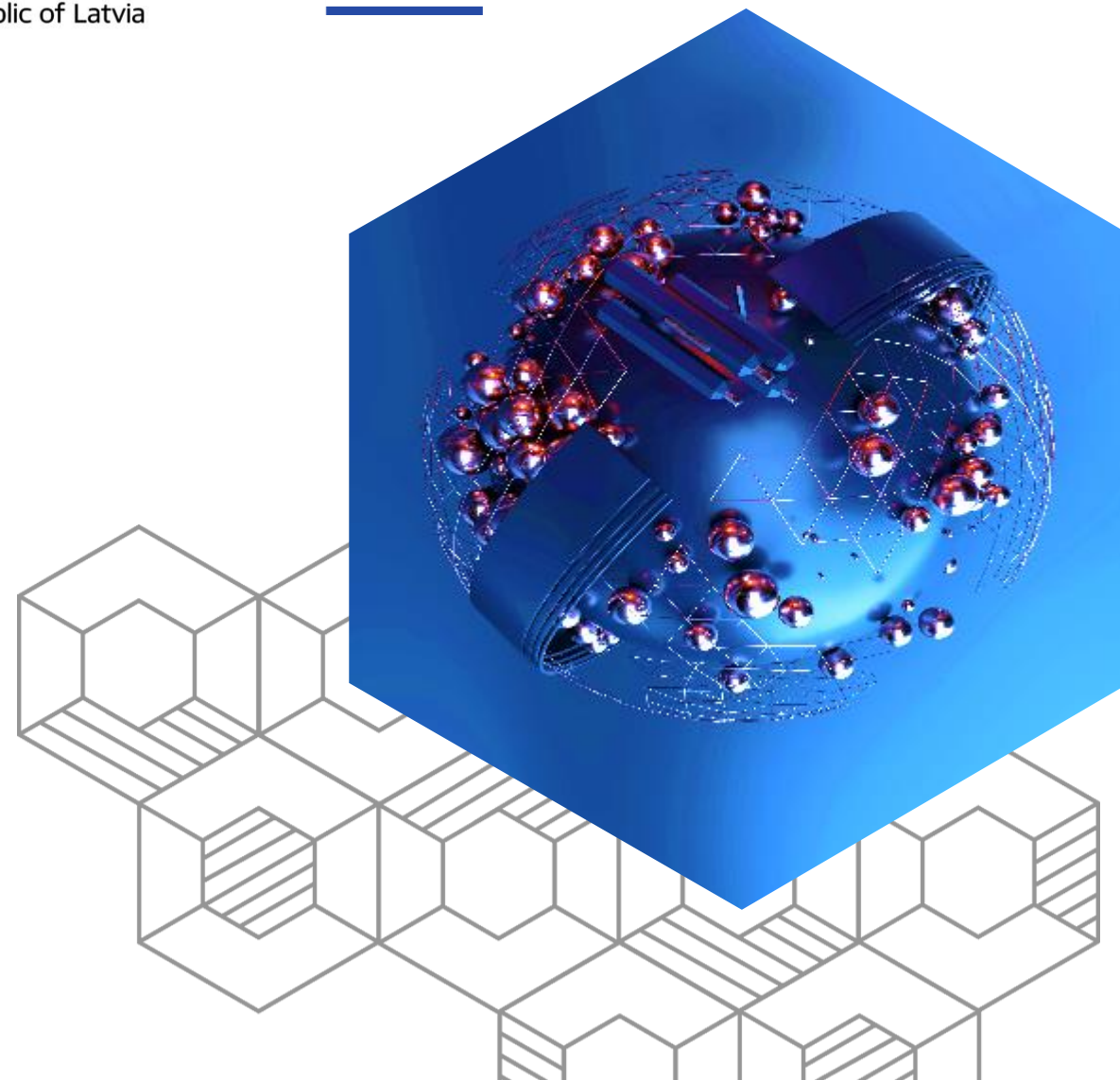


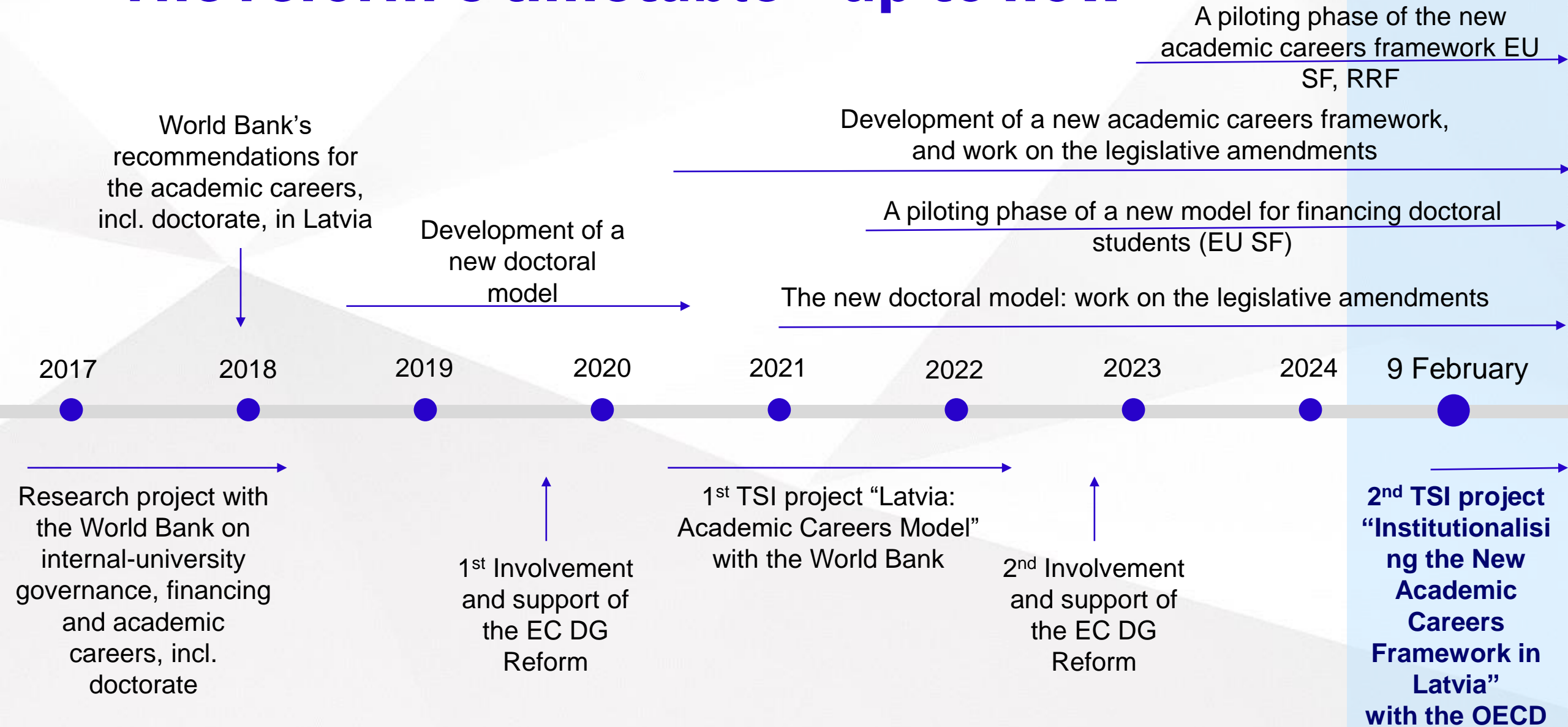
PROGRESS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW DOCTORAL STUDIES MODEL IN LATVIA

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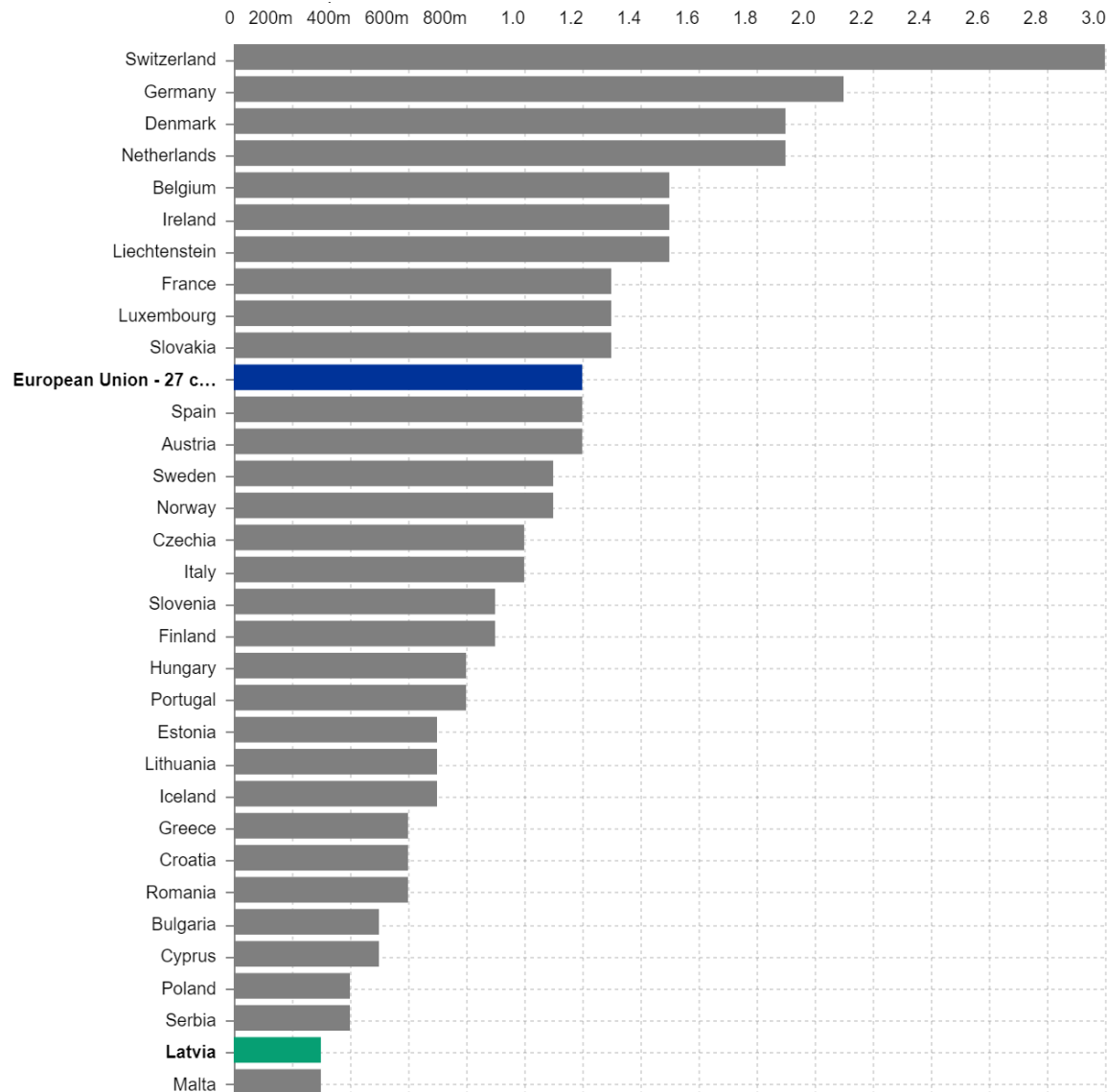
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The reform's timetable – up to now



Graduates at doctoral level aged 25-34



According to Eurostat, in 2021, only 0.3 % of Latvians between 25 and 34 years old held a doctorate, compared to 1.2 % on average in the European Union.

The new doctoral model

A new model for financing doctoral students

01

Financing

Base cost of a study place funded from the state budget (15 600 EUR)
Remuneration of a doctoral student 1300 EUR (incl. tax.)
0,5 employment of a doctoral student in a R&D project / at academic work
Additional funding to pursue specific objectives of a doctoral study program (DSP).

Quality of the doctoral education

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Quality

Research capacity of the HEIs: link to the international evaluation of scientific institutions
The quality assessment of DSPs (licensing and accreditation) is separate from the assessment of study programs at other levels
Doctoral studies are organized in centrally established units – doctoral schools and meet international standards

Procedure for awarding a PhD

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Doctoral degree

Doctoral study program is completed with the conferral of a PhD.
The PhD committee can be permanent or set up to evaluate a specific dissertation after its submission. The establishment of the PhD committee is organized by the doctoral school.
Revised requirements for the qualifications of members of the PhD committee, as laid down in the Cabinet of Ministers Regulations.

The doctoral model: financing

01

Current model

- Scholarship 140 euro per month for 11 months a year.
- Financing of the HEIs following the formula: (study place * 996.01 EUR per year) + (140 EUR * 11 months)

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New model

- For those doctoral students who will enter doctoral studies from autumn 2024, the state funding for **renumeration 1300 EUR gross per month**, 12 months a year for a part time workload
- Plus, the HEI ensures part time employment of a doctoral student in a R&D project or at academic work, and **provides the monthly salary.**
- **Financing of the HEIs following the formula:** (study place * 15 600 EUR per year) + (1300 EUR * 12 month)

Important deadlines indicatively

**Amendments to
the law enter
into force in
general**

**Feb. 2
2024**

**Legal provisions for
starting studies under
the new doctoral
model**

**Aug. 1
2024**

**Award of the doctoral degree, the
dissertation committee and the
national examination committee,
qualification requirements for
committee`s members according
to the new model**

**Jan. 1
2027**

Transition to new model from a PhD student`s perspective

Law on Scientific Activity

**Law on Higher
Education Institutions**

January 1, 2027

For students who have started their doctoral studies before 1 September 2024 and doctoral degree candidates, the doctoral degree shall be awarded until 31 December 2026 following the Law on Scientific Activity and from 1 January 2027 following the Law on Higher Education Institutions

Thank You!



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