



BANKING SECTOR

- ◆ **SEB to merge three Baltic banks into one, with head office in Estonia and branches in Latvia and Lithuania.** (Dec 18, [LSM](#))

MACROECONOMICS

- ◆ The latest data of the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) show that **in November 2024, compared to November 2023, the average level of consumer prices increased by 2.2 %.** (Dec 9, [CSB](#))
- ◆ Provisional data of the CSB show that **in October 2024 the foreign trade turnover of Latvia amounted to EUR 3.73 billion, which at current prices was 3.7 % larger than a year ago,** of which the exports value of goods was 1.3 % higher, but imports value of goods – 5.8 % higher. (Dec 10, [CSB](#))
- ◆ **CSB estimate shows that actual unemployment rate in Latvia was 6.6 % in October 2024.** Over the month, it has not changed and over the year reduced by 0.2 percentage points. (Dec 20, [CSB](#))
- ◆ Data of the CSB of Latvia show that **in November 2024, compared to November 2023, level of producer prices in Latvian industry reduced by 1.2 %.** In November 2024, compared to October, the level of producer prices in Latvian industry increased by 0.1 %. (Dec 20, [CSB](#))

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