



GOVERNMENT

- ◆ **On 3rd of June, Saeima approved changes in the composition of the government, expressing confidence in four government ministers.** Jānis Vitenbergs has been confirmed as Minister of Economy, Marija Golubeva as Minister of Interior, Anita Muižniece as Minister of Education and Science, and Gatis Eglītis as Minister of Welfare. (RĪGA, June 3, [Saeima](#))
- ◆ **On 1st of June, after assessing the epidemiological situation, the Cabinet of Ministers decided to follow the four-step plan and gradually ease Covid-19 control measures in education, culture, trade, and certain other areas.** The rapid improvement of the epidemiological situation in Latvia can be explained by the increasing collective immunity due to vaccination, as well as the seasonal nature of the virus. However, health experts emphasise that the public must continue to actively get vaccinated in order to allow for further reductions in the restrictive measures due to the spread of Covid-19 and to avoid having to reintroduce them in the autumn and winter. (RĪGA, June 1, [Cabinet of Ministers](#))

CENTRAL BANK

- ◆ **In line with the amendments to the Law on Latvijas Banka passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Latvia, Latvijas Banka is switching to a single-tier management model as of today,** ensuring more effective management decision-making and information exchange. (RĪGA, June 1, [Bank of Latvia](#))

MACROECONOMICS

- ◆ Data compiled by the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) shows that **in the 1st quarter of 2021, compared to the 1st quarter of 2020, gross domestic product (GDP) decreased by 1.3 % (according to seasonally and calendar non-adjusted data).** In the 1st quarter GDP at constant prices was EUR 6.8 billion. As compared to the previous quarter, GDP fell by 1.7 % (according to seasonally and calendar adjusted data). (RĪGA, May 31, [CSB](#))
- ◆ Data compiled by the CSB show that, **compared to April 2020, in April 2021, industrial production output rose by 20.5 % (according to calendar adjusted data at constant prices).** Output increase was registered in manufacturing (of 20.3 %), mining and quarrying (15 %), as well as electricity and gas supply (23.1 %) (the amount of electricity produced in hydropower plants has increased). **In April 2021, compared to March 2021, production output, according to seasonally adjusted data at constant prices, increased by 2.6 %,** of which in manufacturing – by 3.6 % and mining and quarrying – by 4.4 %, but a drop was registered in electricity and gas supply – by 3 %. (RĪGA, June 3, [CSB](#))

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