## **Weekly News Update**



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## FINANCING AND DEBT

• On October 18, 2023 the Treasury will offer GMTN notes in a competitive multi-price auction 1.125 per cent. Notes due 2028 (to be consolidated and form a single series with the existing EUR 696,750,000 1.125 per cent. Notes due 2028 as previously issued and consolidated to form a single series on each relevant date of issue) (the "Notes") under the Global Medium Term Note Programme of the Republic of Latvia, acting through the Treasury. (R\bar{I}GA, Oct 16, \bar{Treasury})

## **MACROECONOMICS**

- ◆ Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) calendar adjusted data at constant prices show that, **compared to August 2022, in August 2023 industrial production output reduced by 4.9 %.** Output in mining and quarrying fell by 27.3 %, in manufacturing by 3.8 %, and in electricity and gas supply by 5.4 %. (RĪGA, Oct 4, <u>CSB</u>)
- ◆ The latest data of the CSB show that in September 2023, compared to September 2022, the average level of consumer prices increased by 3.3 %. Compared to August 2023, in September 2023 the average level of consumer prices decreased by 0.4 %. (RĪGA, Oct 9, CSB)
- CSB provisional data show that in August 2023 turnover of foreign trade was EUR 3.34 billion (at current prices 24.7 % lower than a year ago), of which value of exported goods reduced by 24.5 % and of imported goods by 24.8 %. In August Latvia exported goods in the amount of EUR 1.47 billion, but imported in the amount of EUR 1.88 billion. (RIGA, Oct 10, CSB)
- ♦ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised downwards Latvia's economic growth forecast for this year, shows the IMF's latest World Economic Outlook. According to the IMF forecast, Latvia's gross domestic product (GDP) will grow by 0.5 % this year and by 2.6 % next year. In September the IMF projected that Latvia's GDP growth will be 0.9 % this year. (WASHINGTON, Oct 10, IMF)

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