

On Friday, September 30, due to the favourable conditions in the international capital markets, Latvia priced a new 10 year bond amounting EUR 650 million. The coupon was set at the historically lowest level 0,375% (yield 0,456%). Demand for Latvia's new bonds exceeded 2,6 times the issuance size.

Treasurer of Latvia Mr Kaspars Āboliņš indicated that: "The decision for the issuance was taken when rates are at its historically lowest levels, thus allowing us to lock-in to a very low interest rate for the long-tem borrowing. The high demand for bonds demonstrated the trust of high quality investors towards Latvia as the low creditrisk Isssuer."

The issuance was well received from more than 90 investors. Investors were mainly from Europe (Germany, United Kingdom, Scandinavia and other continental Europe).

Joint Lead Managers were Barclays, Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan.

The previous issue of Latvia's bonds in international capital markets took place in May 2016, when EUR 650 million of 20-year bonds were issued at an annual fixed rate (coupon) of rate 1,375% (yield 1,514%).

## **Overview of bond issue:**

Issuer	Republic of Latvia
Rating	A3/ A- /A-
Format	Reg S Registered
Maturity	7th October 2026 (10 years)
Size	EUR 650,000,000
Coupon p.a.	0,375%
Issue price	99.21
Launch spread	+19 bps
Governing Law	English
Launch date	30 September 2016
Listing	Luxemburg
Lead Managers	Barclays, Goldman Sachs International, J.P.Morgan

## **Distribution by type of investors**

