

# **Spending review process in Latvia**



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### WHAT IS SPENDING REVIEW?

### **Definition**

Spending review is the process of developing and adopting savings measures, based on the systematic review of baseline expenditure.

## The objective is to get answers to questions:

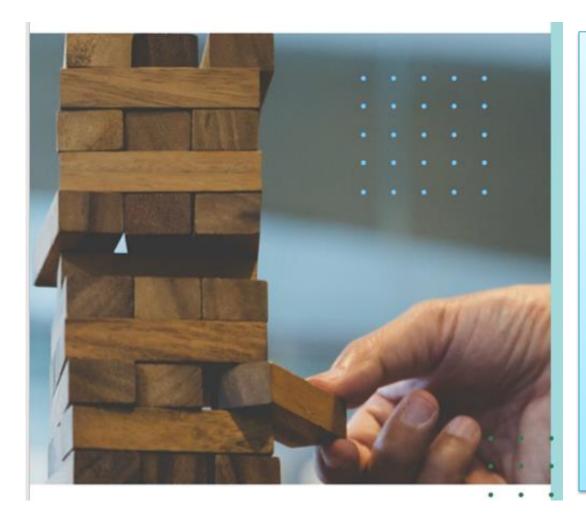
What is the benefit for society from invested resources?

How can we achieve the desired results more economically?





### WHY IS THE SPENDING REVIEW NEEDED?



- ☐ The possibilities of the state budget are not growing as fast as the needs of ministries.
- ☐ The processes developed/decisions taken are becoming outdated, do not contribute to the development of the country.
- ☐ The results achieved in the long term against invested funding should be assessed (value for money).



### **SPENDING REVIEW IN LATVIA**

# Legislation-driven initiative:

On 30 November 2015 amendments to Law on Budget and Financial Management approved by Parliament.

Entered into force as of 1 January 2016.

Law supplemented with new article 16.3 «State budget expenditure review»



### **Objectives**

- Accountability for policy outcomes and outputs
- Better policy outcome with less inputs
- Regurarly (annualy) and systematically reprioritize public spending



### MAIN STAGES AND TIMETABLE FOR THE SPENDING **REVIEW**

### Scope

The Cabinet of Ministers approves proposals for changes in the state budget policy areas and expenditure

According to the scope experts of the Ministry of Finance together with line ministries carries out a spending review of the state budget

Review

### Working group

Interinstitutional working group holds discussion on the spending review ideas and results



Cabinet The Ministers receive results οf the Spending Review Report and decides the implementation of the results

**Results and** decisions

### **Public** access

of Results the Spending Review Report are available at https://www.fm.gov.lv/





# SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR THE SCOPE OF THE SPENDING REVIEW

### **OCTOBER - FEBRUARY**





### **Inter-institutional Working Group**

Inter-institutional working group proposals, including analysis of macroeconomic data

### **Ministry of Finance**

Public news, topics from the reporting decisions of previous spending reviews, information analysis, international practice

### Line ministries

Proposals of line ministries for policy change, process improvement.

### **Cabinet of Ministers**

Approves the scope of the spending review.



# ANALYSIS, PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS, WORKING GROUP MEETINGS WITH LINE MINISTRIES

### Ministry of Finance and Bank of Latvia

Analyze available/requested data, carry out international practice studies, prepares calculations/proposals.

### **Line ministries**

Carry out an analysis of possible policy changes/development of processes, analyse the implementation of the development part (whether the measures are implemented according to the original objective and the planned amount), prepare proposals.



**MARCH - JULY** 



# Inter-institutional Working Group

Listen to proposals from the Ministry of Finance and sectoral ministries, express opinion, participate in the preparation of a better solution.



# PREPARATION OF THE REPORT ON THE SPENDING REVIEW AND ITS PROTOCOL DECISION, SUBMISSION TO THE CABINET OF MINISTERS

### The Ministry of Finance

performs an in-depth analysis, coordinates and manages the evaluation process. Prepares an informative report and its protocol decision, coordinates with line ministries and involved institutions, submits to the Cabinet of Ministers.

### **Line ministries**

shall make proposals, participate in the analysis of measures, comment and co-ordinate the information report.

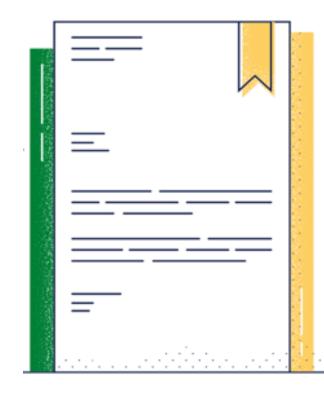
### **Inter-institutional Working Group**

Receive, comment and co-ordinate the information report.

### The Cabinet of Ministers

reviews the informative report and assigns tasks to line ministries.







# LINE MINISTRIES REPORTING IMPLEMENTED RESULTS TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE

**Identified resources** 

2023

2022

53 590

53 59

598 670

598 670

## The Ministry of Finance

requires line ministries
to report on
implemented changes
identified in latest
Spending Review thus
highlighting a link
between budget
planning and Spending
Review.

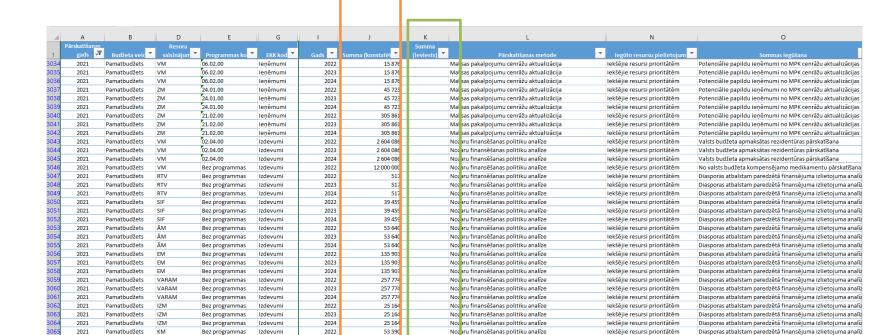
2021

2021

Pamatbudžets

34.00.00

Izdevumi



Implemented resources

Nozaru finansēšanas politiku analīze

Izde vumu neizpildes analīze

zde vumu neizpildes analīze

lekšējie resursi prioritātēm

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Diasporas atbalstam paredzētā finansējuma izlietojuma analī

Programmas kopējo izdevumu 2018-2020 vidējā neizpilde gad

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# EXPERIENCE IMPLEMENTING SPENDING REVIEWS HAS A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE USE OF FUNDING

Budget lines that have lost relevance or priority have been identified, as well as processes have been updated, ensuring more efficient use of funding and raising funding for new priorities



### **Implemented for 6 years**

Spending review is an annual process. (from 2016)



### Total identified resource 550,5 mil. EUR



### Main topics or areas of spending review include

Reviewing priorities – health and education sectors; Implementation of 'zero-based' budgeting; Pilot projects for Ministry of Health and Ministry of Culture;

Changes in the state budget policy; Changes in line ministry policy funding; Health sector assessment by reviewing the effectiveness of inpatient healthcare funding; Analysis of the Ministry of Education and Science supervised areas;

Fundamental analysis of the functions financed by the State budget.



# KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS OF SPENDING REVIEW

Type of performance indicator	Performance indicator	2020 (reached)	2021 (reached)	2022 (plan)	Defined in
Policy performance indicator	Share of expenditure on the general government budget basic functions revised in annual Spending review (%)	73%	87%	75%	Budget Explanations Strategy of the Ministry of Finance (2020-2024)
Result performance indicator	Within the framework of the Spending review areas revised (number)	2	2	2	Budget Explanations Strategy of the Ministry of Finance (2020-2024)
Result performance indicator	Share of the outcome of the Spending review from the total amount of funding allocated to priority actions, incl. internal priorities (%)	15,6%	32%	15%	Strategy of the Ministry of Finance (2020-2024)



# LESSONS LARNED - COOPERATION WITH LINE MINISTRIES IS IMPORTANT TO REACH BETTER GOALS

1. Spending review is **based** on successful cooperation with line ministries

2. To strengthen co-operation, before 2021st budget year's spending review, the Ministry of Finance organized a meeting with budget experts of the line ministries to inform about spending review **opportunities** 

4. Spending review is a mechanism that improves each year and creates a new focus, analysing budget expenditure and the results achieved, helping to find more economic ways of implementing public policy in the long term, and promoting the effective achievement of the expected results.



3. This year, in close cooperation with line ministries, financial resources amounting to **EUR 172.8 million** have been reached as part of the spending review (Highest result till now).



### MYTHS AND THE TRUTH ABOUT SPENDING REVIEW





### Thank you!

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