

Implementation of anti-doping policies in 2021 - Latvia

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Objective :

In order to implement the requirements of the Article 9 of the Anti-Doping Convention, the online annual questionnaire is ready for collection of data regarding anti-doping policies in 2021.

Instruction :

For detailed instructions please select the links to documentation at the top of the page.

In case you face any problems which would prevent you from filling in the questionnaire, please report it to us by e-mail: sport.t-do@coe.int.

You are kindly requested to fill in, save and post your country's data for 2021 before 1 May 2022.

Questions :

1. Number of athletes

Please estimate the number of athletes in the following categories within your country:

international-level athletes

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[3200]

[] Data not available

national-level athletes

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[22000]

[] Data not available

recreational level athletes

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[107290] ; comment (optional)

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Summer Olympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[33]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Winter Olympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[57]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Summer Paralympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[7]


[] Data not available

athletes at the last Winter Paralympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[5]

[] Data not available

2. Doping definition 

What is the definition of "doping in sport" used in your country?

[] Council of Europe Anti-Doping Convention

[] UNESCO International Convention against doping in sport

[X] World Anti-Doping Code

[] Other, please specify (e.g. national law) :

3. Doping list 


Which list of banned pharmacological classes of doping agents and doping methods (i.e. Prohibited List) is implemented in your country?

[] Prohibited List, as adopted by the Executive Committee of WADA

[] List of banned pharmacological classes of doping agents and doping methods, as adopted by the Monitoring Group (T-DO)

[X] Prohibited List, as adopted by the Conference of Parties of the International Convention against Doping in Sport (UNESCO)

[] Other, please specify :

4. Additional doping lists 

For the purposes of restricting availability of doping substances, are there other lists than those defined in the question 3?

(X) Yes, please specify: On the Procedures for the Coming into Force and Application of The Criminal Law Annex 2 - Criteria for the Classification Amounts of Existing Illegally Traded Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances and Medicinal Products, as well as Substances, which May be Utilised for Illegal Manufacture of Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances (Precursors)

() No. Comment (optional)


5. Anti-doping laws 

Are there any anti-doping laws in your country? Please upload the respective texts

[] Anti-doping law (other than ratification of the Convention). Your comment (optional)

[X] Other public law rules, please specify: Cabinet of Ministers regulation "National Antidoping rules" were adopted on 24 September 2019, as well as Cabinet of Ministers regulations "On the acceptance of WADA World Antidoping Code 2021", also Latvia has ratified UNESCO international convention against doping in sport and Council of Europe Anti-Doping Convention. Sports Law regulates LAT-NADO, disciplinary anti-doping commission, appeal commission and therapeutic exemption commission rights.

[] No. Comment (optional)

6. National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) 

What is the legal status of your national anti-doping organisation? Please upload the statutes, if possible

- Public authority
- Non-governmental organisation
- Private company
- National Olympic Committee acting as a NADO
- Other, please specify:

7. NADO activities

Which of the activities below are conducted by your national anti-doping organisation? Please upload the organisational chart, if possible

	Yes. Comment(optional)	No, please specify which organisation is in charge
Co-ordination of action by all national stakeholders (NADO, public authorities, sport organisations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-ordination of the fight against trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We provide information about possible cases of illegal trafficking of medicinal products-prohibited substances to Health inspectorate of Latvia
Risk assessment and test distribution planning (TDP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We coordinate testing with part of the international federations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registered testing pool and/or whereabouts pools management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sample collection and transportation of samples to a laboratory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sample Collection Personnel training, accreditation and re-accreditation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Results management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intelligence management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investigations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education of athletes and athlete support personnel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Funding of anti-doping programme

What was the annual budget of the NADO for the 2021 calendar year?

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[594711] amountEURCurrency

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9. Funding sources

How is the NADO funded? Please select all that apply and indicate an estimate in percentages:

- Government 95%
- National Olympic Committee (NOC) %
- Other sports organisations %
- Fee for service 5%
- Private %
- Other %

10. Distribution of funding

What percentage of NADO's annual budget is put towards the following core programs?

- 13] Testing (including equipment, transportation, sample collection personnel fees)
- 30] Sample analysis (including Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis, Athlete Passport Management Unit fees, sample retention fees, additional and further analysis)
- 5] Information and intelligence gathering, and investigations
- 7] Results Management/Legal
- 6.5] Education
- 0.5] Research
- 7] Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)
- 31] Other (e.g. remuneration, administration) Maintenance and administrative expenditure of the Office, including expenditure on records, procurement, monitoring of athlete location information, utilities and service vehicles
- Data not available

11. Other funding for the anti-doping programme


Are other institutions funding any parts of the national anti-doping programme (e.g. laboratories, research, WADA contribution, Unesco Voluntary Fund)

- Yes, please describe
- No

12. Sport budget


What amount has been allocated to sport from the State budget through the national ministry responsible for sport for the year 2021?

- 33441487] amount EUR currency / other information
- Data not available

13. Limiting public funding to organisations 


Is public funding withheld from organisations that do not comply with anti-doping regulations and related legal instruments?

- Yes, all funding is withheld
- A limited amount of funding is withheld
- No financial implications
- Information not available / Comment

14. Limitation of public funding of persons 


Is sport-related financial assistance provided by public authorities withheld from banned athletes or athlete support personnel during the period of their suspension?

- Yes, all funding is withheld
- A limited amount of funding is withheld
- No
- Not applicable (no sport-related financial assistance is provided by public authorities to athletes or support personnel)
- Information not available / Comment

15. Testing programme 

Does your country have a national testing programme?

- Yes
- No, please explain

16. Quality certificate 

Is your NADO or part of its procedures certified according to a quality standard (such as ISO or any other quality assurance system)?

- Yes, please specify which standard, its scope and validity ISO 9001:2015 from 21 June 2019 until 20 June 2022. We are planning to resertificate. Scope of certification - implementation of Anti-doping policies
- In progress
- No

17. NADO staff, committee members and other anti-doping specialists 

Please outline below how many NADO staff, committees' members and other anti-doping specialists are involved in the coordination and management of your anti-doping programs (except sample collection personnel)

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[7] staff full time

[1] staff part time

[35] committees' members (including, but not limited to, members of the disciplinary panels, NADO Board, TUE,

[0] other specialists, please describe

[] Data not available

18. Number of DCOs and BCOs

If your NADO acts as a Sample Collection Authority (as per question 7), how many sample collection persons are involved in the sample collection?

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[4] Doping Control Officers

[2] Blood Collection Officers

[3] Chaperones

[0] Not applicable

[] Data not available

19. Use of WADA laboratories

Which WADA-accredited or approved laboratories are used for analysis of samples collected by your NADO as a Testing authority within your national testing program in the year 2021? Please list all that applies, including the laboratory in your own country (if you use it) and indicate the percentage of samples analysed in each laboratory. Enter "0", if you don't use this laboratory

	% of NADO samples (estimate)
ANKARA, TURKEY	0
ATHENS, GREECE	0
BANGKOK, THAILAND	0
BARCELONA, SPAIN	0
BEIJING, CHINA	0
BLOEMFONTEIN, SOUTH AFRICA	0
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA	0
COLOGNE, GERMANY	0
DOHA, QATAR	0
GHENT, BELGIUM	0
HAVANA, CUBA	0
HELSINKI, FINLAND	0

KREISCHA, GERMANY	100
LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND	0
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM	0
LOS ANGELES, USA	0
MADRID, SPAIN	0
MONTREAL, CANADA	0
NEW DELHI, INDIA	0
OSLO, NORWAY	0
PARIS, FRANCE	0
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL	0
ROMA, ITALY	0
SALT LAKE CITY, USA	0
SEIBERSDORF, AUSTRIA	0
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA	0
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN	0
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA	0
TOKYO, JAPAN	0
WARSAW, POLAND	0
Other	0

[] Data not available

20. Testing statistics

How many samples were collected under your national testing program in the year 2021?

	Urine	Blood (including ABP)
In-competition samples Min numeric value allowed : 0	196	1
Out-of-competition samples Min numeric value allowed : 0	375	69

[] Data not available

21. Testing abroad

Did you test athletes under your authority who reside or train abroad (directly or by using Delegated Third Parties)?

Yes

Not in 2021, but we have authorisation to do so

No, we do not have authorisation to do so / Comment

22. Disciplinary system

Please describe the disciplinary process for the anti-doping rule violations and application of the T-DO Recommendation on ensuring the independence of hearing panels (bodies) and promoting fair trial in anti-doping cases [T-DO/Rec(2017)01]

<http://rm.coe.int/recommendation-on-ensuring-the-independence-of-hearing-panels-bodies-a/1680735159>

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Has your State established centralised panel/body in charge of all hearing proceedings in anti-doping matters (hearing panel)?	Yes. According to Sports law article 11.5. paragraph 4 - The Disciplinary Anti-Doping Commission shall be established by the Antidoping Bureau of Latvia, including at least five persons in its composition (including a lawyer, physician, sports employee, and athlete) who are able to examine cases in a fair, objective, and independent manner and who are nominated by the Latvian Association of Physicians, the association Latvian Olympic Committee, the association Sports Federation Council of Latvia, the specialised sports organisation - the limited liability company SIA Latvijas Olimpisk vienba [Latvian Olympic Team] - and the Latvian Academy of Sport Education. The Cabinet shall determine the procedures by which the Antidoping Bureau of Latvia shall establish the Disciplinary Anti-Doping Commission, as well as the term of office of members of the Disciplinary Anti-Doping Commission.	-	-
Is the hearing panel independent, and operationally independent from sport movement (i.a. national federations, National Olympic Committee, National Paralympic Committee)?	Yes. Above mentioned organizations only provide the commission members but the LAT-NADO makes the decision of which will be accepted as a member in commission.	-	-
Is the hearing panel operationally independent from the government?	Yes	-	-
Is the hearing panel operationally independent from the NADO?	Yes. All functions including administrative are done by the commission. LAT-NADO is not involved in any decision making.	-	-

Is the composition of the hearing panel in line with the requirements outlined in the T-DO recommendation?	Yes	-	-
Are the rights of access to justice ensured in accordance with the T-DO recommendation?	Yes. There is no fee for hearing processes in Latvia for athletes or athlete support personnel. The mechanisms for legal aid is not in place but LAT-NADO is actively working in legal group to see the possibilities to make the legal aid mechanisms in Latvia as soon as possible.	-	-
Other comments	-	-	-
Suggestions	-	-	-

Data not available

23. Appeals system

Please describe the process for handling anti-roping rule violations appeals

Describe, upload documents or add the link to the relevant content Sports Law Article 11.5 - <https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/68294-sports-law>

Cabinet regulation No.661 National Anti-doping regulation section 6 - <https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/326512-national-anti-doping-regulations>

The amendments in laws and regulation are in progress to be in line with the Code 2021

Data not available

24. Appeals panel

What is the legal basis for the appeal panel to be fully 'institutionally independent' from NADO? Please select all that apply:

- Legislation or other applicable national law
- Anti-doping rules
- Procedural rules
- Other (free text)

25. Anti-doping rule violations (ADRV)


How many anti-doping rule violations cases were initiated in 2021 and how many of these initiated cases resulted in the imposition of a sanction?

	Initiated cases	Cases that resulted in a sanction	Cases that resulted in no sanction
Presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in an athlete's sample Min numeric value allowed : 0	4	4	0

Use or attempted use by an athlete of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Evading, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Whereabouts failures Min numeric value allowed : 0	1	1	0
Tampering or attempted tampering with any part of doping control Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Possession of prohibited substances and prohibited methods Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Trafficking or attempted trafficking in any prohibited substance or prohibited method Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Administration or attempted administration to any athlete of any prohibited method or prohibited substance Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Complicity Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Prohibited association Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Retaliation Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0

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26. Whereabouts failures

How many recorded whereabouts failures did you have in 2021:

[40] Recorded missed tests

[7] Recorded filing failures

[] Data not available

27. Co-operation with law enforcement agencies


What measures have been taken to ensure co-operation between NADO and law enforcement agencies?

[] Law, please specify

[] Agreement, please specify

[X] Ad hoc activities, please specify Consultation with State Police about conducting investigations

- Other, please specify
- None; your comment (optional)


28. Sanctions for doping trafficking 

Are there specific penalties or sanctions for illegal circulation of doping substances, in addition to those regulating the movement of medicines and narcotics?

- Criminal penalties, please specify
- Financial penalties, please specify
- Administrative or civil sanctions, please specify
- Professional disciplinary actions, please specify

None of above, please explain There are sanctions in the "Law on the Legal Trade of Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances and Medicinal Products, and also Precursors" and Criminal Law for illegal circulation of narcotics and medicines

- Not available; your comment (optional)

29. Statistics on doping trafficking 

Do law enforcement agencies share data on the seizure of doping substances with the NADO?

- Yes, please specify how many seizures have been reported in 2021
- No. comment (optional)


Other, please specify 1 case where State police reported that they have knowledge of a person distributing banned substances, 16 cases where Health Inspectorate discovered banned substances. No information whether seizures have taken place.

30. Whistleblowers 

Is your NADO implementing a whistleblower policy/programme?

- Yes; NADO has its own programme. Please explain the legal framework
- Yes; NADO applies WADA Whistleblowing programme/policy and procedure for reporting misconduct
- Yes, NADO applies the rules of the following organisations
- No, but NADO is developing own whistleblower policy/programme; please explain the legal framework
- No, NADO hasn't planned it for the time being

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31. Whistleblower protection 

If your NADO implements a Whistleblower policy/programme, do you ensure that the following Whistleblower rights are ensured:

- Right to provide information
- Right to confidentiality
- Right to secured and reliable reporting channels
- Right to be informed on the status of proceedings and overall guidance

- Right to be notified of information sharing with third parties
- Right to withdraw reporting or any disclosure
- Right to assistance
- Right to protection from retaliation
- Not applicable

32. Organisation of anti-doping education

Which organisations are involved in implementing anti-doping education programs?

- National anti-doping organisation
- Ministry responsible for sport
- Ministry responsible for education
- Ministry responsible for health
- Other governmental body
- National sport federations
- Regional/municipal sport organisations
- Universities
- Schools
- Sport clubs
- Other bodies National Olympic team

33. Anti-doping education target groups

Which anti-doping target groups are educated and by whom?

	NADO	Other organisations alone or in cooperation with NADO	Not targeted in 2021
International-level athletes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National-level athletes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth athletes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children / School sport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational athletes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gym/Fitness athletes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Athletes returning from a sanction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coaches, trainers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sports administrators, officials, managers, agents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical / Paramedical professionals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team staff/Members of a delegation at a major event	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School and university teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
University students	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial sponsors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Media, journalists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

34. Nutritional supplements

What measures have been taken to address the problems related to nutritional supplements in sport?

- Restrict availability
- Control of production
- Provide quality assurance
- Comprehensive labelling
- Limit advertising and promotion
- Educational and informational measures
- Other, please specify:

35. Anti-doping research

Has any anti-doping research been undertaken or supported?


- Yes; your comment (optional)
- Yes, to a limited extent; your comment (optional)
- No; your comment (optional) Since 2020 we have not conducted new studies in the field of anti-doping

36. Areas of anti-doping research

What are the areas of anti-doping research?


- Doping prevention
- Detection methods
- Social science, including behavioural and social aspects of doping
- Health consequences of doping
- Physiological and psychological training programmes

- Emerging substances or methods
- Alternative testing methods
- None
- Other; your comment (optional)

37. Publication of anti-doping research 

How many articles with the results of this research have been published in peer-reviewed scientific journals? Please upload a summary or share links to resources, if available

- in 2021; your comment (optional)
- Data not available

38. International agreements 

Has your country signed any agreements with other Anti-Doping Organisations (ADOs) or agreements on anti-doping with any other organisation or State concerning the following:

	Yes or No; if applicable please explain or upload the document (below)
(a) Sharing of information	No
(b) Law enforcement co-operation	No
(c) General co-operation	Yes, memorandum of cooperation with Estonian antidoping agency which was signed in 2019 is still in force
(d) Other	Yes. Memorandum of understanding with WADA about publication of Prohibited list translation and ADeL translation

- Data not available