

Country Name	LATVIA
Existing Projects	
Known Objects	
<i>Information taken from looted cultural property databases</i>	
<i>Information taken from publications</i>	
<i>Information taken from other sources</i>	<p>1) <u>Source</u>: Email exchange with Margeris Vestermanis, Director, Jewish Museum</p> <p>Margeris Vertermanis noted in correspondence with the Claims Conference that there is no information on privately owned Jewish art collections or Judaica that became the “property of Nazi Germany.”</p> <p>2) <u>Source</u>: Washington Conference on Holocaust-Era Assets, Delegation Statement “Latvia”; http://www.state.gov/www/regions/eur/holocaust/heac3.pdf, last accessed on 8 October 2007</p> <p>The State History Archive of Latvia holds more than 3,000 files that relate to the Holocaust in Latvia and specifically to Jewish property confiscations.</p>
Historical Commission	<p>1) <u>Source</u>: http://www.president.lv/pk/content/?cat_id=7, last accessed on 3 September 2008.</p> <p>The <i>Commission of Historians of Latvia</i> was established in November 1998 on the initiative of former president Guntis Ulmanis. The main task of the Commission was to study the issue “Crimes against Humanity Committed in the Territory of Latvia under Two Occupations, 1940 – 1956.”</p> <p>Four working groups covered the following areas: Crimes against Humanity in the Territory of Latvia in 1940 -1941 (chaired by Prof. I.Sneidere), The Holocaust in Latvia in 1941 - 1944 (chaired by Prof. A.Stranga), Crimes against Humanity in the Territory of Latvia during the Nazi Occupation in 1941-1944 (chaired by Prof. I. Feldmanis), and Crimes against Humanity in the Territory of Latvia during the Soviet Occupation from 1944 - 1956 (chaired by Prof. H. Strods).</p>
Notes	
Selected Bibliography	<p>→ Please note that the general literature may also contain information on the specific country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Latvian Parliament Rejects Jewish Restitution Law”. <i>DPA</i>, 23 November

	<p>2006.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commission of Historians in Latvia: http://www.president.lv/pk/content/?cat_id=7
<i>List of Experts</i>	<p>→The general contact list of experts in the field may be relevant for the specific country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Valts Apinis, Executive Director, Center for Judaic Studies ▪ Andrew Ezergailis, Professor of History, Ithaca College ▪ Aivars Stranga, Professor of History, University of Riga, Latvia ▪ Marger Vestermanis, Director, Jewish Museum of Riga