

# APPLICATION FORM

1. Name of the organization

In the original language:	Latvijas Vācu savienība
In the country's official language:	Latvijas Vācu savienība
In English:	<i>"Association of the Germans in Latvia"</i>
In French:	
In German:	Verband der Deutschen in Lettland (VDL)
In Russian:	Союз Немцев Латвии
  
2. Seat of the organization:

State:	Latvia
Region:	
Present postal address:	Mēness 10-13, LV-1010
Telephone numbers (with country and local codes):	+ 371 29297823
Fax numbers (with country and local codes):	-
E-mail address:	aina.balasko@gmail.com
Homepage:	-
  
3. Characteristics of the organization

Registered society with individual members:	-
Number of members:	-
Registered umbrella organization of association:	Yes
Number of members:	12 +
  
- 4.1 How is the organization structured according to the statutes? VDL has a VDL-Council (chairmen of all the member organisations) + chairman of the board
- 4.2 Name of the President of the organization Aina Edīte Balaško
- 4.3 Name of the Vice-President of the organization Ilze Krokša
- 4.4 Name of the General Secretary/Chairman -
  
- 5.1 Date of the last congress of the highest body of the organization: 16 May 2009
- 5.2 Year of the next congress of the highest body of the organization: 2010
- 5.3 Date of the last regular election of leading members of the organization: 16 May 2009
- 5.4 Date of the next regular election of leading members of the organization: 2013
  
- 6.1 Are there any youth organizations of your Yes

- minority?
1. Name of the organisation: VDL Jugendgruppe (*VDL youth group*)  
Present postal address: Lettland, Riga, Meness 13-10, LV-1010  
Telephone numbers (with country and local codes): + 371 29895722  
E-mail address: Ilze.kroksa@inbox.lv
  
  2. Name of the organisation: Verein der Dünaburger Deutschen „Erfolg”  
Jugendgruppe (*Association of Dünaburg Germans “Erfolg” – youth group*)  
Present postal address: Imantas iela 3/5, Daugavpils, LV-5400, Latvia  
Telephone numbers (with country and local codes): + 371 26756553  
E-mail address: jesseolga@inbox.lv  
Homepage: www.erfolg.lv
  
  3. Name of the organisation: Lettisch-Deutsches Kinder- und Jugendzentrum  
“Odera” (*Latvian German children and youth centre “Odera”*)  
Present postal address: Saules iela 9-3, Ventspils, LV-3601, Latvia  
Telephone numbers (with country and local codes): + 371 26352802  
E-mail address: [kraule@tvnet.lv](mailto:kraule@tvnet.lv)
  
  - 6.2 Is/are the youth organization(s) of your minority members of the Youth of European Nationalities? No
  
  7. Is your minority present with elected delegates in parliamentary political life? No
  
  - 7.1 on a district level Yes. Involved in projects with the town administration of Riga in the committee for education, culture and sports
  - 7.2 on a regional (country, etc) level No
  - 7.3 on a federal level (regional or state parliament) No  
Number of delegates: No  
Name(s) of the party(ies): -
  - 7.4 on a national level No  
Number of delegates: -  
Name(s) of the party(ies): -
  - 7.5 In the European Parliament No  
Number of delegates: -  
Name(s) of the party(ies): -
  
  8. Does your organization publish a newspaper/magazine in the language of your minority? Yes  
Name of the medium Lett-landweit

- Present postal address:  
 Telephone numbers (with country and local codes):  
 Fax numbers (with country and local codes):  
 E-mail address:  
 Homepage:
9. Of which domestic or foreign NGOs is your organization a member:
10. Please give a brief summary of organization's objectives according to the statutes
11. Which have been the primary activities, problems and achievements of your organization regarding the rights of minorities and minority policy in the last two years?
12. Are there any remarks on FUEN's work and cooperation of your organization with FUEN

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<http://www.dkv.oo.lv/archiv/lettlandweitaktuell.pdf>  
 In Latvia  
*Association of National Cultural Societies of Latvia*  
<http://lnkba.wordpress.com/contact/>

Representation of the German associations of Latvia in the country and abroad.

Helping to seek support from state and non-state institutions in Latvia, Germany and other countries.

Organising activities and trainings for the German associations.

Promoting contacts and coordination of cooperation between each other and with partners.

Maintaining, fostering and dissemination the German cultural heritage, language, songs and traditions in Latvia.

Organisation and implementation of culture and youth projects.

Press and public relations.

Long-term project "preservation, cultivation and dissemination of ethnic traditions and identity", which resulted in publishing the book "German culture in Latvia: Insight into the history of the German-Latvian regional cultures and the German association history" (in German). In the years 2007 and 2008 VDL successfully organised the project Jugend-Innovationstreff (*youth-innovation-club*).

VDL as well as the individual German associations have long-time experience in organising several initiatives.

Regular participation in FUEN-conferences. Organised a FUEN-conference in Riga in 2008 together with the Ministry for Integration of Latvia.