

Political commitment to fiscal discipline: Is it more important than legal provisions?

Ilonda Stepanova
Ministry of Finance
Latvia

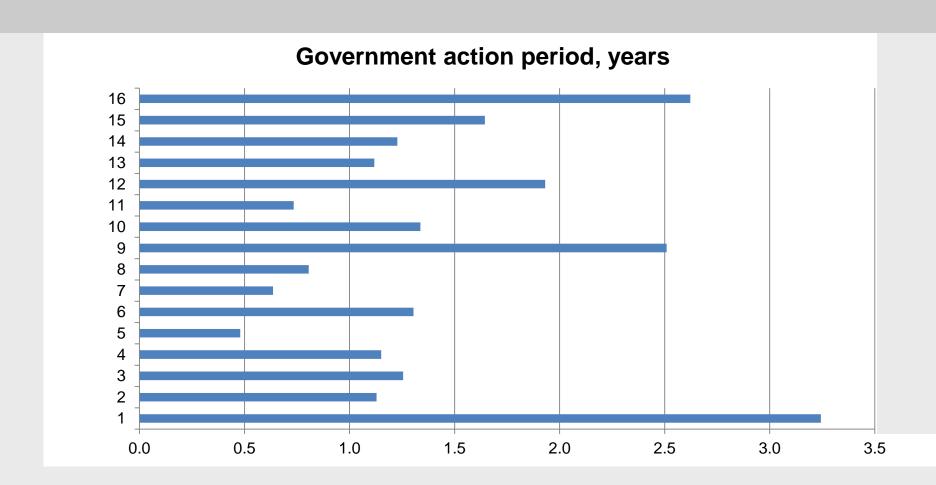
Framework (1)



- Each Government adopts the Declaration on Intended Activities;
- To implement the Declaration, the Government adopts the Action Plan;
- To ensure cooperation between the Government and the Parliament's coalition, the Coalition Collaboration Board is established.

Some facts (1)





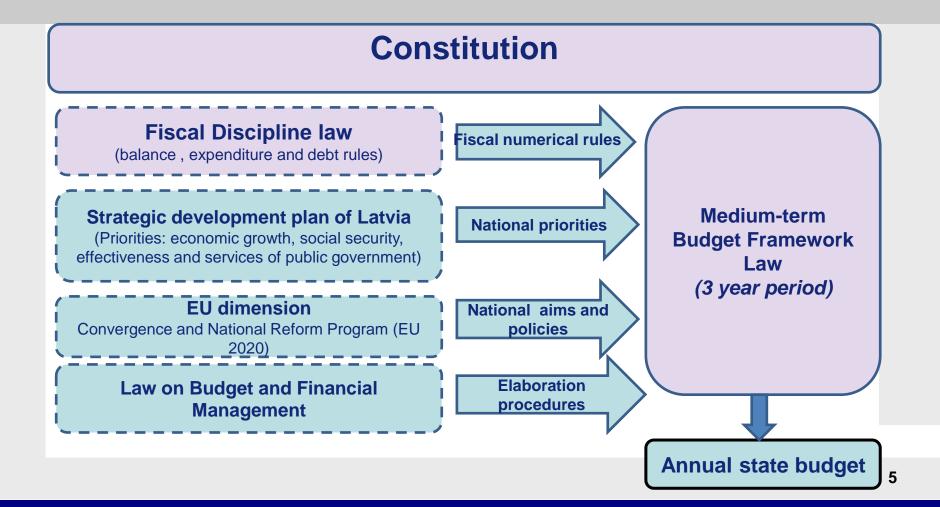
Some facts (2)



- In 2009, replacement of the Government and changes in the Parliament's coaliton did not change the ongoing fiscal consolidation process;
- The law "The Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union" - part of members of the opposition supported adoption.

Fiscal Policy principles (draft)





Conclusion



 In changing and dynamic political environment it is appropriate to foresee the main principles of the fiscal policy in the Constitution.