

**Discover Latvian Animation**

# Key Figures Latvia

Total population	1 988 400
Population of capital city Riga	695 539
Currency	EUR
Standard VAT rate	21%
Personal income tax	23%
GDP 2014	240 580 000 000
GDP per capita 2014	12 051
Inflation rate 2014	0,6%

# Key Figures CINEMA

Number of cinemas 2014	<b>15</b>
Number of screens 2014	<b>64</b>
Number of multiplex cinemas 2014	<b>4</b>
Average ticket price 2014	<b>4,37</b>
Gross Box Office 2014	<b>10 177 331</b>
Number of Admissions 2014	<b>2 311 130</b>
Admissions per capita 2014	<b>1,16</b>
Market share of domestic films 2014	<b>7,58%</b>
Market share of European films	<b>21,36%</b>
Annual state support 2015	<b>3 889 944</b>

# How cinema developed

- The history of cinema in Latvia starts in 1910 with documentary filmmaking when Aleksandrs Stanke captured Tsar Nicholas II on film during his visit to Riga.
- Another Latvian, Eduard Tisse, who later became Riga-born Sergei Eizenstein's cinematographer, filmed WWI.
- Fiction film found its space in time in 1920 when the first Latvian feature film, *I'm Leaving For the War* was created.
- Animation in Latvia was born in 1966 with the first film *Ki-ke-ri-gu* by Arnolds Burovs and *Animation Brigade*.



# Animation Today

- Leipzig** (the Best Animation *Wings and Oars* by Vladimir Leschiov, 2009);
- Berlinale** (the Best Animation *Hedgehogs and the City* by Ēvalds Lācis 2013; *Little Ruddy* by Dace Riduze, 2014, *Lotte and a Moonstone Secret*, 2011, *Corrida* by Janis Cimermanis);
- Annecy** (*The Birth* by Signe Baumanė, *Wings and Oars* and *Villa Antropoff* by Vladimir Leschiov);
- Cannes** (*To Swallow a Toad* by Jurgis Krasons in 2012);
- Hiroshima** (*Choir Tour* by Edmunds Jansons, *Rainy Days* by Vladimir Leschiov, both in 2014, *Ursus* by Reinis Petersons in 2012);
- Ottawa** (*Priorities* by Gints Zilbalodis, *Rainy Days* by Vladimir Leschiov and *Think Before You Buy!* by Edmunds Jansons, 2014);
- Zagreb** (*Choir Tour* and *International Father's Day* by Edmunds Jansons, *The Kiosk* by Anete Melece, all in 2014);
- Stuttgart** (retrospectives of Vladimir Leschiov and Rija Films);
- Clermont-Ferrand** Short film festival (*Wings and Oars* by Vladimir Leschiov, 2009, *Ursus* by Reinis Petersons, 2012);
- Nomination for The best European short film** (*Villa Antropoff* by Vladimir Leschiov, 2012);

# National Funding

- Public funding is granted by 2 agencies:

**National Film Centre  
of Latvia**

**State Culture Capital  
Foundation**

# TAX INCENTIVE SCHEMES

**National Co-Financing  
Programme  
(Started in 2013 -  
includes animation)**

**Riga Film Fund**

Both offer up to **25%** combined cash-rebate for international film projects  
having been produced in Latvia;

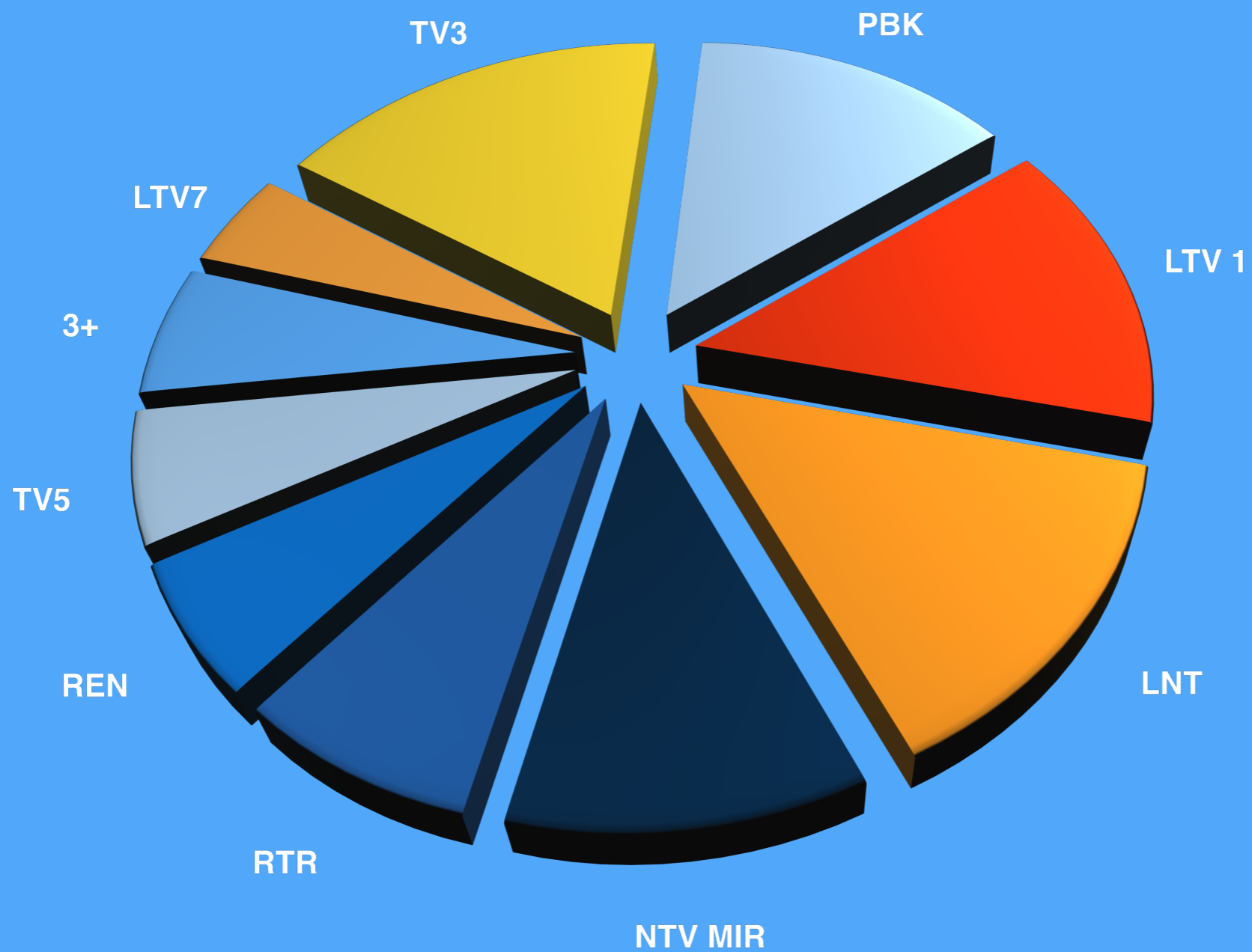
# European Public Support

**Member of  
Creative Europe  
MEDIA programme - 4  
million euros had been  
allocated to film  
production &  
distribution**

**Member of  
Euromages - 4  
animation feature films  
have gained funding**



# Top 10 TV Channels Latvia 2014



# All Major Cable Channels for Children are Available

Da Vinci Learning
Boomerang
Disney Channel
Disney Junior
Disney XD
Fox Life
Gulli
Jim Jam
K 1
Kidzone TV
Lolo TV
Nickelodeon
Sony Entertainment Television
Sony TURBO
TiJi

# VOD Platforms

Lattelecom
MEGOGO

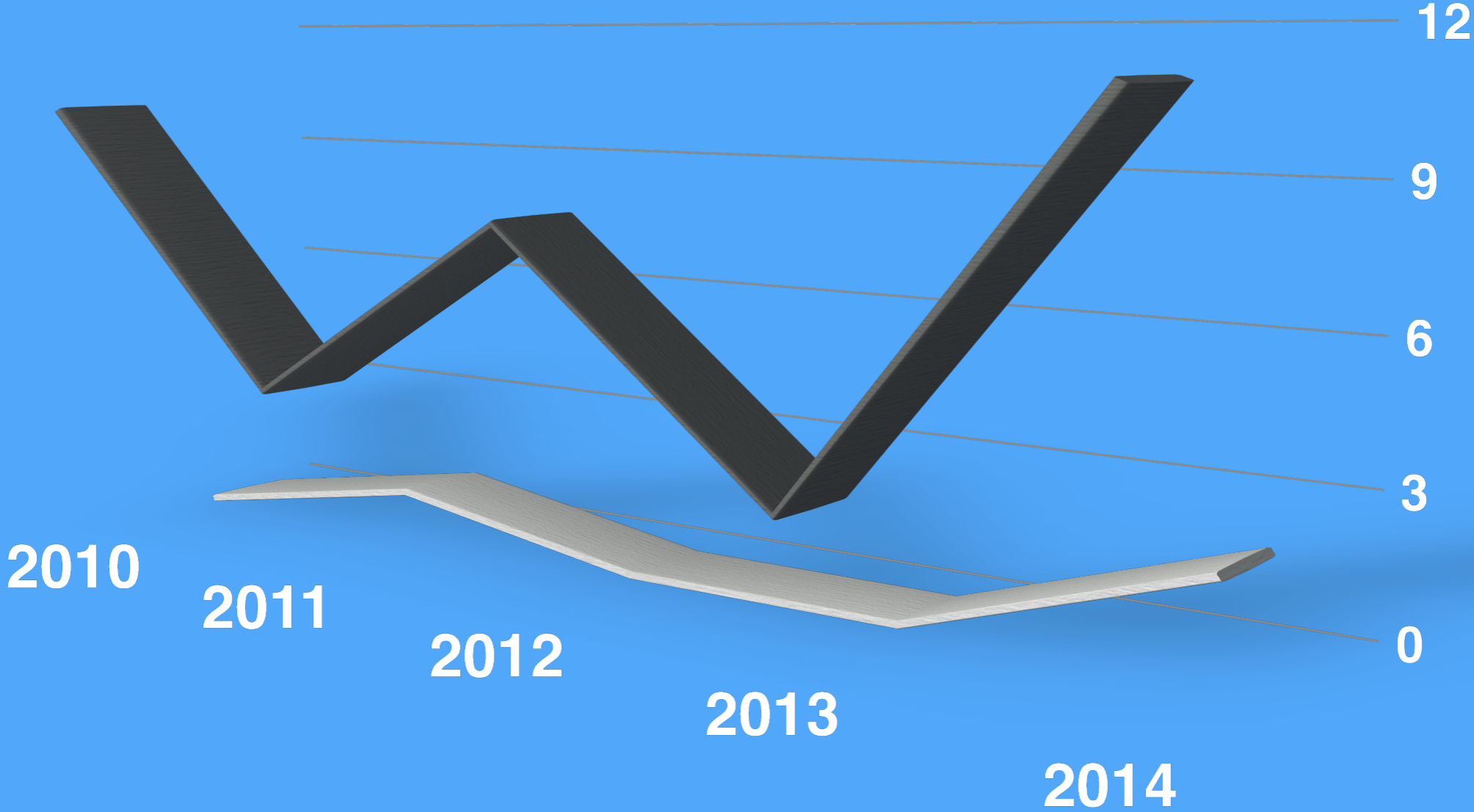
# Animation Companies in Latvia

Animācijas Brigade	Puppet	<a href="http://animacijasbrigade.jimdo.com/">http://animacijasbrigade.jimdo.com/</a>
Rija Films	2 D / 3 D computer; drawing	<a href="http://www.rijafilms.lv">www.rijafilms.lv</a>
Atom Art	2 D computer, cut-out; sand; puppet;	<a href="http://www.atomart.lv">www.atomart.lv</a>
Lunohod	2 D drawing; paint on glass	<a href="http://www.lunohod.lv">www.lunohod.lv</a>
Ego Media	Documentary animation	<a href="http://www.egomedia.lv">www.egomedia.lv</a>
Krasivo Limited	2D drawing	
Locomotive Productions	2 D / 3 D clay	<a href="http://www.locomotive.lv">www.locomotive.lv</a>
Urga	2 D / 3 D computer	
Air Productions	2 D	

# Animation Films Produced in Latvia 2014

English Title	Original Title	Length	Format	Director	Production Company
Crispy	Kraukšķītis	9'	2D puppet animation	Dace Rīdūze	Animācijas Brigāde
Face	Seja	14'	2D drawing animation	Jurģis Krāsons	Krasivo Ltd
Ghost Hour (LV/EE)	Spoku stunda	7'	2D/3D clay animation	Nils Skapāns	Locomotive Productions
The Golden Horse (LV/LU/LT/DK)	Zelta zirgs	77'	2D computer animation	Reinis Kalnaellis, Valentas Aškinis	Rija Films
How Shammies Were Getting Married	Kā Lupatiņi precējās	5'	2D cut-out animation	Edmunds Jansons	Atom Art
IMG_00:01. JPG	IMG_00:01. JPG	3'	2D sand animation	Zane Oborenko	Atom Art
The Isle of Seals	Roņu sala	6'	2D computer animation	Edmunds Jansons	Atom Art
Little Ruddy	Sārtulis	10'	2D puppet animation	Dace Rīdūze	Animācijas Brigāde
Priorities	Prioritātes	9'	3D computer animation	Gints Zilbalodis	Janis Rozentals Art Highschool
Rainy Days (LV/CA)	Lietus dienas	16'	2D drawing animation	Vladimir Leschiov	Lunohod
Robot Virus	Robota vīruss	6'	2D/3D computer animation	Kārlis Vītols	Urga
Rocks in My Pockets (USA/LV)	Akmeņi manās kabatās	88'	2 D stop-motion, papier-mâché, drawing animation	Signe Baumanne	Locomotive Productions
Vasa	Vāsa	7'	2D puppet animation	Jānis Cimmermanis	Animācijas Brigāde

# Animation Films Produced in Latvia 2010-2014



# Possibilities of Co-production

The most notable coproduction are:

*Lotte from Gadgetville* (2006) Estonia / Latvia - Rija Films

*The Three Musketeers* (2007) Denmark / UK / Latvia - ABOOM (Animācijas Brigade)

*Jungo Goes Bananas* (2007) Denmark / UK/ Canada/ Latvia - A Film Latvia

*Lotte and the Moonstone Secret* (2010) Estonia / Latvia - Rija Films

# Service Works

*Kirikou et la Sorciere* (1998, Les Armateurs) - Rija Films

*Lupo Alberto* (1998, Animation Band) - Rija Films

*Stressed Eric* (2001, Absolutely Productions) - Rija Films

*Props and Berta* (2001, Zentropa Entertainments3) - Animacijas Brigade

*Les Triplettes de Belleville* (2003, Les Armateurs) - Rija Films

*Kirikou et les bêtes sauvages* (2005, Les Armateurs) - Jet Media

*Oh wie Schon ist Panama* (2006, Papa Löwe Filmproduktion Gmbh) - Jet Media

*Chico & Rita* (2010, Isle of Man Film) - Jet Media

*Princess Lillifee and the Little Unicorn* (2011, Beta Film) - Jet Media

*MIFFI the Movie* (2011, A Telescreen Filmproducties Production) - Animacijas Brigade

*Zarafa* (2012, Prima Linea Productions) - Jet Media

Animation in Peter Greenaway's *Eisenstein in Guanajuato* (2014) - Rija Films