

# Latvia's Pledges

## **1. Enhancing capacity for media literacy, research and exposure of disinformation**

Since its independence, and most recently during the COVID-19 pandemic – Latvia has accumulated experience in fostering inter-agency cooperation towards building resilience against disinformation. We are prepared to set our goals even higher. Latvia will amplify its efforts towards bolstering resilience against disinformation not only within its territory, but also in Europe's Eastern Neighbourhood. We will also continue to support journalists who were forced to flee Russia due to the increasing persecution of independent media.

## **2. Strengthening civil society**

Latvia undertakes to continue its work on strengthening the standing and capacity of civil society on an international level. Latvia intends to concentrate its efforts on increasing its support to the civil society of Belarus to aid its attempts to resist the Lukashenko regime.

## **3. Contributing towards the cessation of the occupation of Crimea**

Building upon the successful launch of the Crimea Platform, Latvia will organize an international event to advance the role of multilateralism and the rules based international order towards the de-occupation of Crimea. Latvia's historical experience has been testament to the vital role of international law in regaining its independence. These are lessons that we are eager to share with our partners.

## **4. Implementing efficient collection of information on legal and beneficial ownership of joint stock companies.**

Latvia is prepared to continue its work on the transparency of legal owners of joint-stock companies. To this end, we are planning to introduce amendments to the Company Law to ensure that shares of joint-stock companies are registered either in the accounts of relevant financial instruments or in the shareholders register to be submitted to the Enterprise Register (Business Register). After these amendments enter into force, the Enterprise Register will become the main source of information on legal

and beneficial ownership of joint-stock companies. This will ensure public access to information on shareholders and beneficial owners of joint-stock companies.