

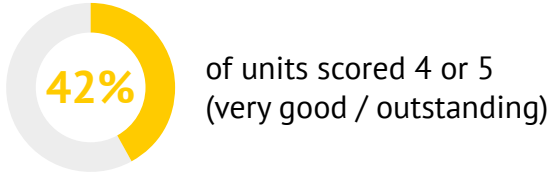


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Key results of the 2025 evaluation

Overall performance



Majority of scores clustered at 3–4 (good to very good)



Very few units scored 1 (poor)

Average trends across criteria



Highest scores:

- » Social impact
- » Economic impact

Lowest scores:

- » Impact on scientific discipline (international visibility)

Key findings of the 2025 evaluation

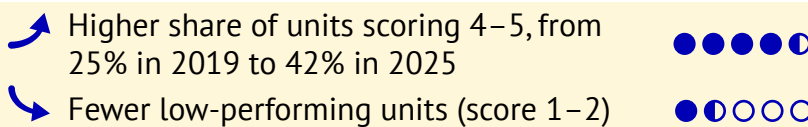
Strengths:

- ★ Strong societal and economic relevance
- ★ Research is closely linked to national priorities (RIS3)
- ★ Active engagement with industry, policy, and public sector
- ★ Visible contribution to public debate and policy development
- ★ Significant investments have improved labs and facilities
- ★ Strong strategic ambition across institutions
- ★ Opportunities through:
 - Institutional integration
 - International partnerships
 - New infrastructure investments

Challenges:

- ~ Limited international disciplinary impact
- ~ Many institutions remain nationally strong but internationally less visible
- ~ Few units demonstrate leadership in global scientific debates
- ~ Limited presence in top-tier journals and agenda-setting networks
- ~ Fragmentation reduces critical mass
- ~ Research capacity spread across many institutions and topics
- ~ Makes it harder to achieve international excellence and visibility
- ~ Strong infrastructure – but constrained use
- ~ Limited protected research time
- ~ Small research teams
- ~ Heavy teaching loads

Clear progress since previous evaluation | 2019 → 2025 trends



More consistent performance across disciplines



Improved research organisation, infrastructure, and publication output



Increased participation in international collaborations (e.g. Horizon Europe)



Strengthened doctoral training system

Latvia's research system has moved from "developing" to "consolidating"

- ✓ Strong national relevance
- ✓ Improving quality and infrastructure



Next step: international excellence and leadership