



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

2026 DEFENCE BUDGET

In 2026, the defence budget will continue to grow and will amount to 4.9% of GDP.

THE MAIN BUDGETARY PRIORITIES OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE IN 2026



Strengthen National Armed Forces capabilities

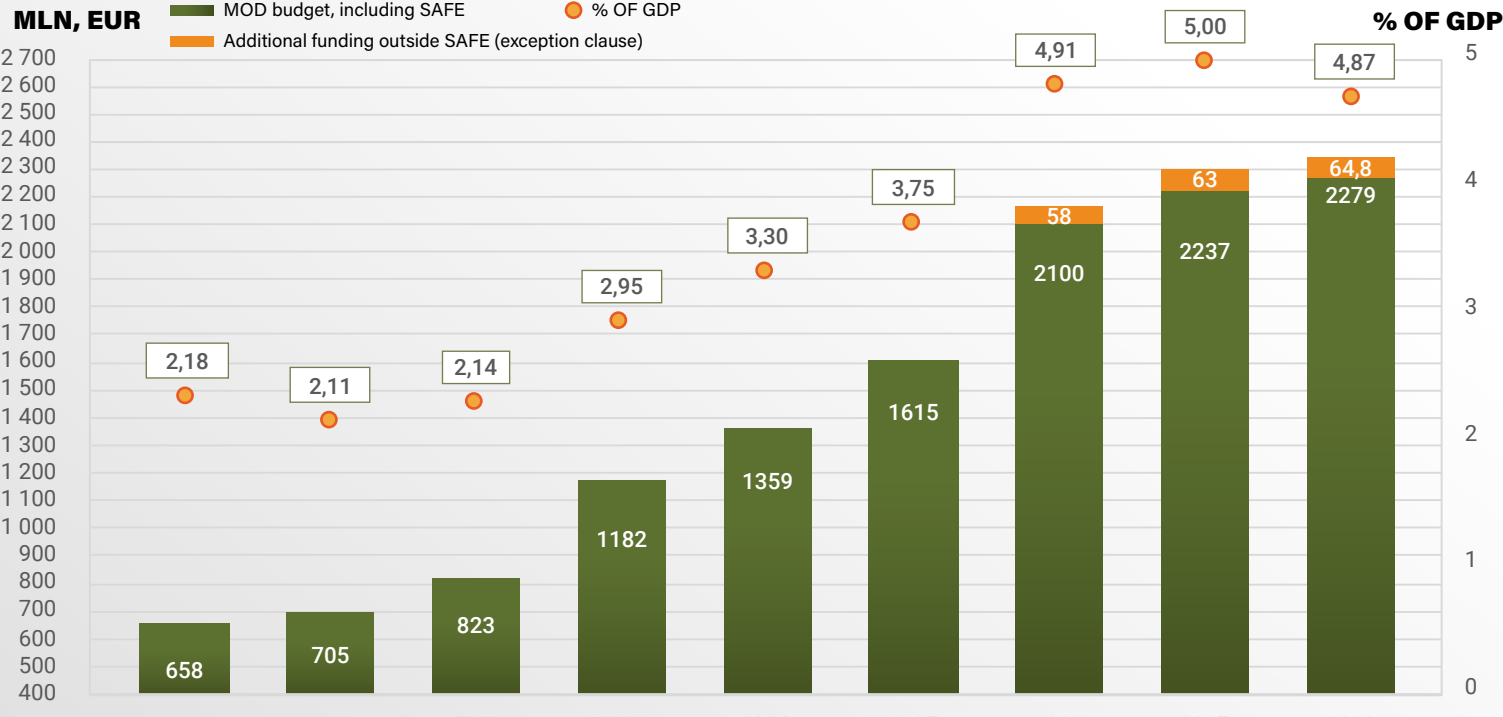


Promote the development of the defence industry



Develop military infrastructure, including anti-mobility infrastructure to defend Latvia's eastern border

DEFENCE EXPENDITURE 2020 - 2028

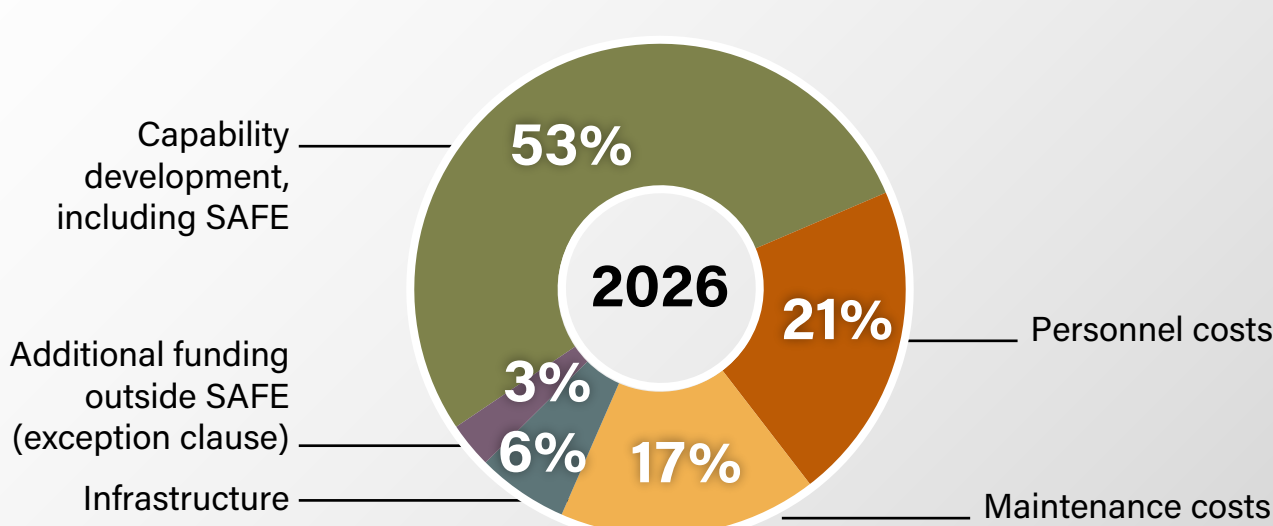


*The defence expenditure % of GDP is calculated using the GDP data provided by the Ministry of Finance (12.06.2025.).

** Percentage of GDP is calculated according to NATO's definition of defence spending, excluding foreign financial assistance and non-attributable NATO payments.

*** SAFE – a financial instrument created by the European Union that allows member states to obtain additional financial resources from the European Commission to reduce critical defence capability gaps, as well as to promote increased defence investments and strengthen the European

DEFENCE EXPENDITURE IN 2026: BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORY (ACCORDING TO NATO'S STANDARDS)



MOST SIGNIFICANT NAF CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN 2026 - 972,53 MLN. EUR

INFANTRY FIGHTING VEHICLES

- (including SAFE financing)
- Infantry fighting vehicle platform
- Acquisition of repair and maintenance solutions

303,77
MLN, EUR

LAYER-BASED AIR DEFENCE CAPABILITY

Base sum for air defence (200 MLN, EUR) is included in government's priorities

- Airspace surveillance radars
- Close range air defence systems (launch devices and rockets)
- Medium range air defence systems (launch devices, rockets and radars)

200,54
MLN, EUR

SUPPLY: AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT

- (including SAFE financing)
- Large caliber ammunition, explosives and detonators
- Food (dry rations, drinking water and food supply for crisis)
- Individual equipment (harnesses/armoured vests, armoured headgear, battle uniforms, etc)
- Weapons (support weapons and individual weapons)
- Thermal optics and night vision devices

181,68
MLN, EUR

INDIRECT FIRE SUPPORT CAPABILITY

- Mortar systems
- Self-propelled wheeled artillery systems
- Long range rocket systems

158,97
MLN, EUR

EASTERN BORDER FORTIFICATION

(including repayments to European Peace Facility)

55
MLN, EUR

50
MLN, EUR

UNMANNED ARIAL VEHICLE CAPABILITIES

(including SAFE financing)

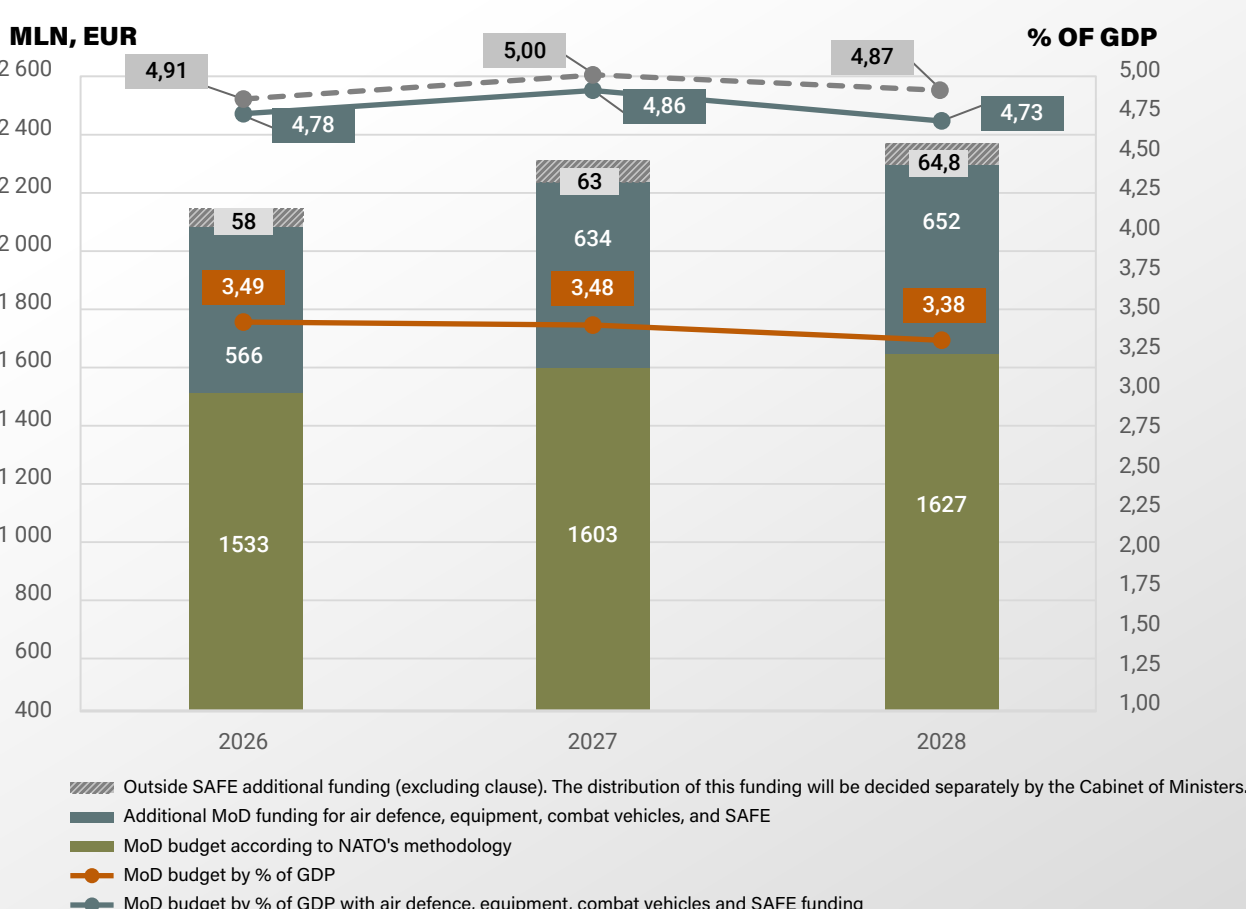
50
MLN, EUR

22,57
MLN, EUR

MARITIME CONTROL AND COASTAL DEFENCE CAPABILITIES

- Anti-naval rocket launch devices and rockets
- Mine countermeasures vessel reconstruction

DEFENCE BUDGET AS % OF GDP



BENEFITS FOR SOCIETY



Well prepared soldiers in a technologically advanced and modern army



Involvement of Latvian entrepreneurs so that investment in defence also strengthens Latvian economy and the prosperity of citizens



Armament budget that develops air defence, drones and counter-drones, innovations and technologies, combat capabilities, firepower and border fortification



Developed infrastructure and military training areas for the National Armed Forces and for hosting allies, anti-mobility infrastructure, strengthening the eastern border of Latvia



SUPPORT TO UKRAINE 0,25% OF GDP OR 110 MLN, EUR IN 2026

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