




Targets for the bioeconomy strategy in Latvia

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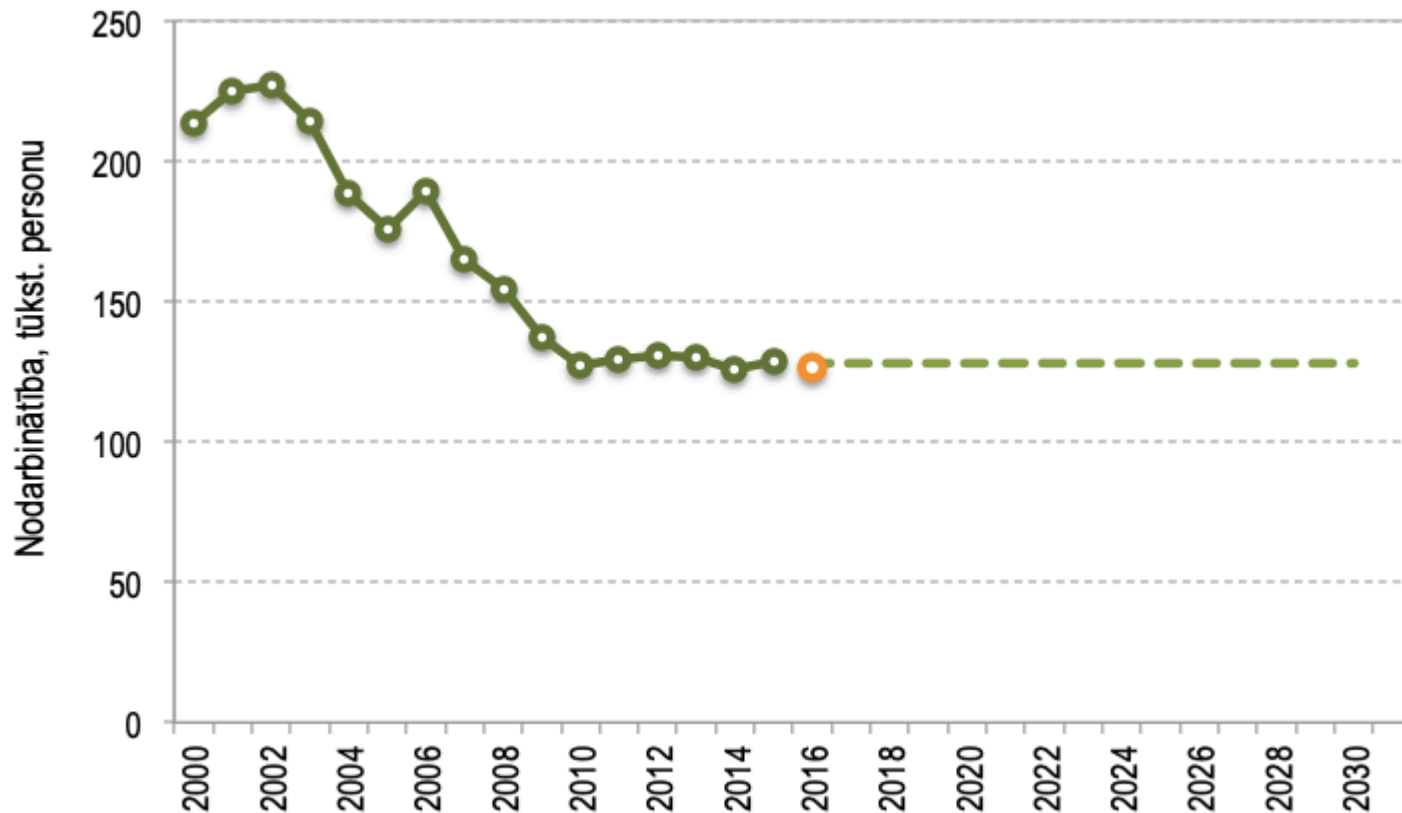
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What is the value added of the Bioeconomy Strategy?



- Economic development – employment is the biggest challenge, but that is why the role of the bioeconomy is important
- Rural development – land use policy, motivated municipalities and regions
- Sustainable management of bioresources
- Research, innovation and development



What was your level of ambition in the bioeconomy strategy?

- ▶ Long-term strategy (until 2030) because of the external political context (eg., EU climate and energy framework 2030)
- ▶ Action plan currently not foreseen
- ▶ In 2017, when the Strategy was approved, funding post-2020 was still unclear
- ▶ The Government Protocol Decision states that all ministries should contribute to the achievement of the strategic objectives





What have you got out of the bioeconomy so far – has there been an impact?

- ▶ Achievement of a common understanding that bioeconomy is cross-sectoral and not just a competence of the MoA
- ▶ Better understanding of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy
- ▶ Interministerial working group still in place and now analysing the EU Bioeconomy Strategy
- ▶ Strategy is taken into account when developing policies, like CAP Strategic Plan, Circular economy strategy
- ▶ Development of new projects and collaborations
- ▶ Bioeconomy is mentioned also in the action plan of the new government