



GOVERNMENT

- ◆ **On Wednesday, 23 January, during its extraordinary sitting, the Saeima gave a vote of confidence to the new Cabinet of Ministers headed by Prime Minister Krišjānis Kariņš (New Unity).** The new government was approved by 61 votes "for" and 39 votes "against". The new coalition government includes ministers representing five political parties – New Unity, the New Conservative Party (JKP), KPV LV, For Development/For and the National Alliance. (RĪGA, Jan 23, [Cabinet of Ministers](#))

FINANCING AND DEBT

- ◆ **Debt Management Quarterly Bulletin by Treasury has been published.** The bulletin reflects development of the central government debt management of the 4th quarter of 2018. (RĪGA, Jan 28, [Treasury](#))

MACROECONOMICS

- ◆ Data of the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) show that **compared to December 2017, in December 2018, the level of producer prices in Latvian industry rose by 5.4 %.** Prices of goods sold on the domestic market grew by 7.3 % and prices of exported products by 3.7 %. Prices of both products exported to euro area countries and products exported to non-euro area countries went up by 3.7 %. (RĪGA, Jan 22, [CSB](#))
- ◆ **In the 3rd quarter of last year, Latvia's general government debt was 37.1 % of GDP.** (RĪGA, Jan 21, [Eurostat](#))

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