Public involvement in decision making - Latvia experience

Aarhus Convention-Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety round table on access to information, public participation and access to justice regarding GMOs (Geneva, 16-17 October 2013)
Law On Circulation of Genetically Modified Organisms (15.11.2007) prescribes:

- Openness and Availability of Information
- Public Involvement in the Decision-making Process
- Obligation to Provide Information
- Circulation of Information
Legislation on involvement of public at decision making

Regulations of Cabinet of Ministers on deliberate release of Genetically Modified Organisms into environment (26.05.2009) prescribes that:

- CA inserts all relevant information in the Register of Genetically Modified Organism

- Any person, within 30 days, may express opinion and submit written proposals to the CA

- In case of the adverse effects the CA shall, within one day after receipt of information, inform the public
National decision making framework

**Ministry of Agriculture**
Draft of national position

**Position signed by Minister of Agriculture**

**Subcommittee of Parliament on EU matters**

**Cabinet of Ministers**
*adoption*

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**National GMO coordination group**

- MoEPRD
- MoH
- MoFA
- MoE

Different opinions
Thank you for your attention!

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