

# Folk art and non-material heritage

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## Basic information of the sector

The tasks of the ministry in the sphere of folk art and non-material heritage are such:

- to elaborate a policy and a strategy in the area of Latvian non-material cultural heritage and folk art, in collaboration with competent state administration, municipal and private structures to elaborate a policy planning document and drafts for legislative instruments in the area of non-material heritage and folk art and to prepare them for submission to the Cabinet of Ministers,
- to co-ordinate implementation of commitments under the Convention on Protection of Non-Material Cultural Heritage,
- to establish partnerships and collaborate with competent state, municipal and private non-governmental institutions on issues pertaining to the non-material cultural heritage policy and folk art,
- to provide methodical and consultative assistance on issues pertaining to the non-material cultural heritage policy to municipalities and non-governmental institutions working in the sphere of non-material cultural heritage,
- to ensure participation of the ministry in the international networks for collaboration in the area of non-material cultural heritage, to co-ordinate international co-operation with competent state institutions of other countries, especially those of the Baltic States, on issues pertaining to the implementation of the Convention on Protection of Non-Material Cultural Heritage,
- to ensure preparation and organisation of the Latvian Nationwide Song and Dance Festivals.

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