



RISEBA Compared with Private Higher Education Institutions

Independent rankings, studies and benchmarking evidence | 2023–2026

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KPI SCOPE

RISEBA is benchmarked against the specified private higher education institutions founded by legal entities:

**Turība • BA School of Business and Finance •
EKA • ISMA • TSI • BSA**

TARGETS

- 1. Eduniversal: at least 3 Palmes.
- 2. Other independent publications/research: at least top 3 among the comparator group.

This approach makes the KPI auditable: each external source has a defined metric, comparator set, and pass/fail assessment.

ASSESSMENT LOGIC

Compare RISEBA only with the six specified private peers.

Where a source is a wider national ranking, calculate RISEBA’s position within the comparator set.

Non-ranking studies are used as supporting evidence and are not scored against the top-three threshold.

Executive scorecard



EXTERNAL EVIDENCE AGAINST THE KPI TARGET

Independent source	RISEBA result	Position within comparator set	Target	Status
LaSER 2025	4.4% of international students	3rd	Top 3	MET
Webometrics 2026	#18 Latvia / #10,663 world	4th	Top 3	GAP
uniRank 2026	#15 Latvia	3rd*	Top 3	MET
Eduniversal 2025/26	4 Palmes; #2 Latvia	1st among six	≥3 Palmes / Top 3	MET

SCORED COMPARISONS MEETING TARGET MET

3 / 4

PALMES TARGET MET

4 vs ≥3

IMPROVEMENT GAP GAP

Webometrics

LaSER, uniRank and Eduniversal

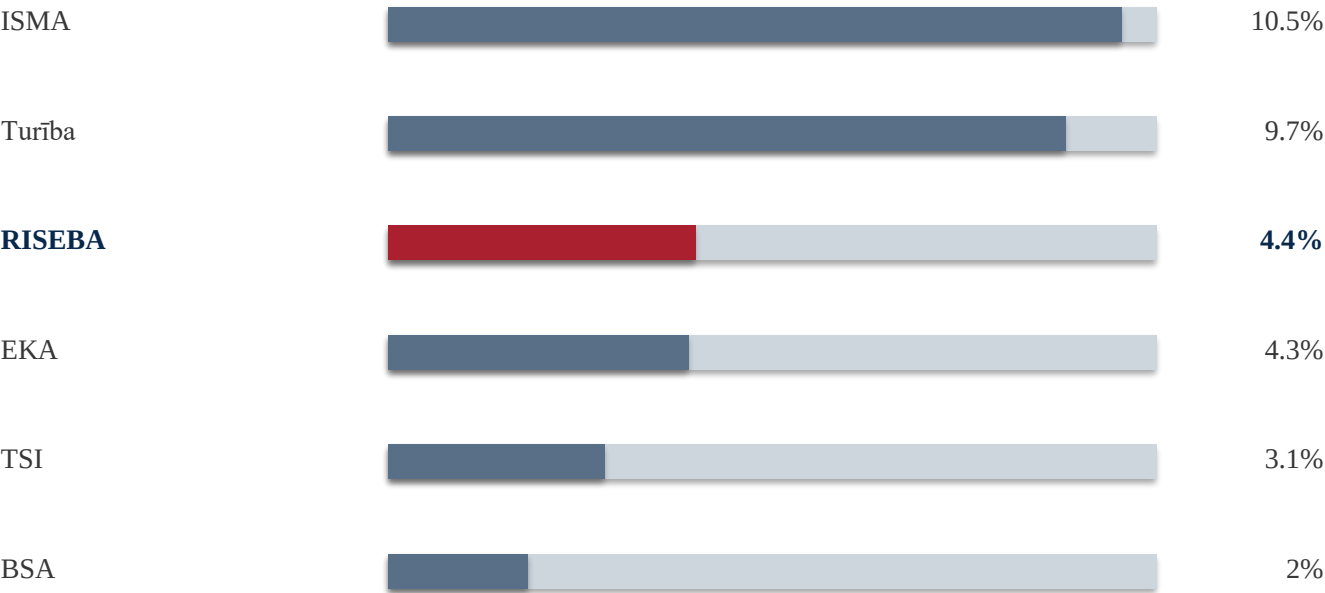
One Palme above the minimum requirement

RISEBA is 4th within the comparator set

* In the 2026 uniRank country list, RISEBA is 3rd among the named comparator institutions that are separately ranked; BA and ISMA are not separately positioned in the current list.

Research question

How large is each Latvian higher education institution’s share of international students, and how has it changed since 2015?



RISEBA ranks third among the six specified private comparator institutions.

RISEBA RESULT

4.4%

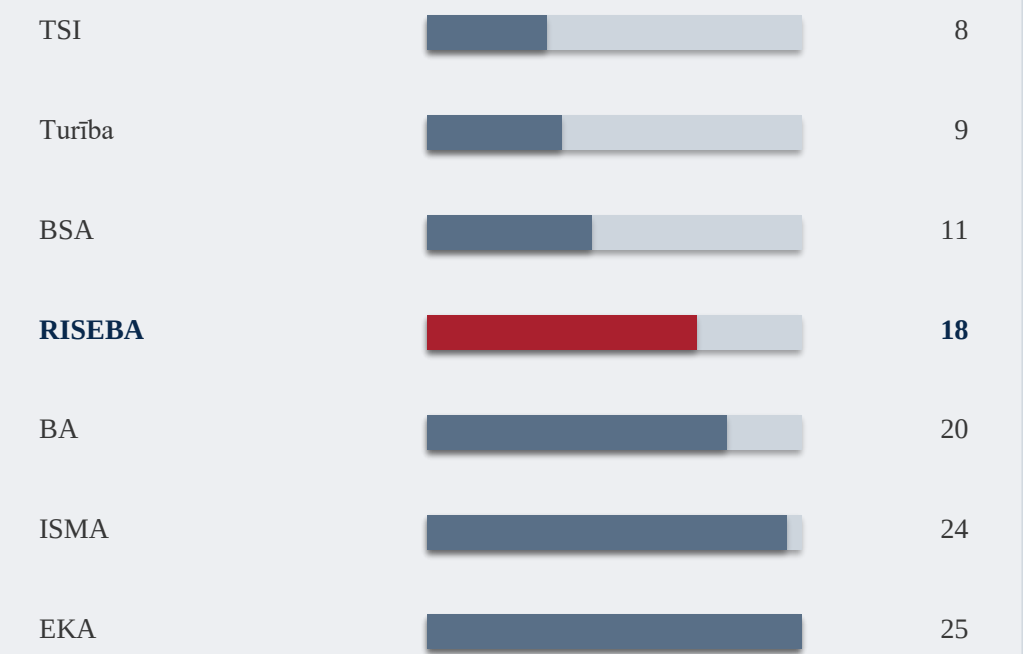
share of Latvia’s international students in 2024

2015 → 2024

1.5% → 4.4%
+2.9 percentage points

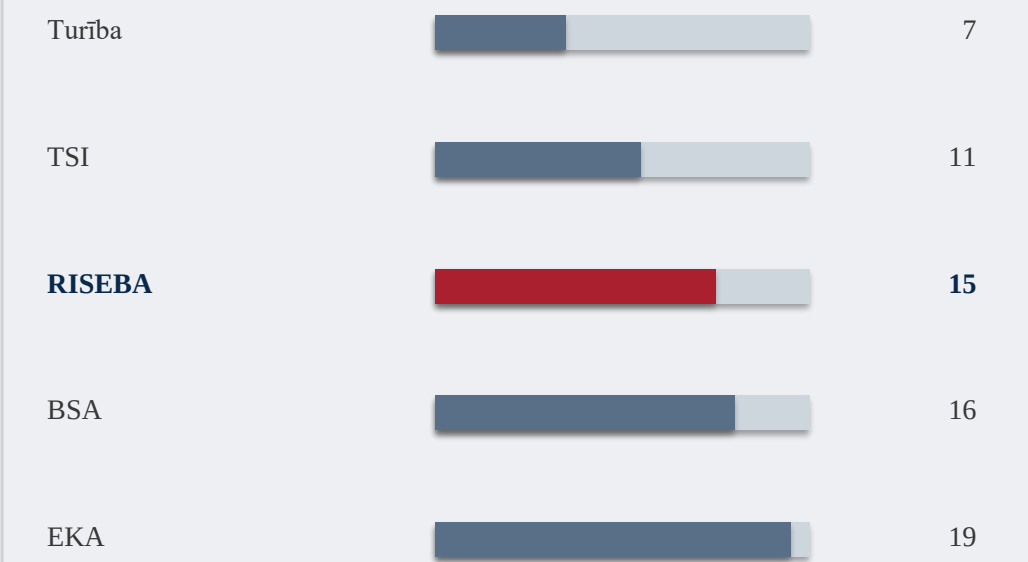
KPI assessment: TOP 3
Target achieved

WEBOMETRICS — JANUARY 2026



RISEBA = 4th of the seven specified institutions in the ranking.

UNIRANK — 2026



RISEBA = 3rd among the named comparator institutions that are separately ranked in the 2026 country list.

BA and ISMA are not separately positioned in the current uniRank country table.

Eduniversal 2025/26: business school reputation



PALMES TARGET

Eduniversal places RISEBA in the 4 Palmes of Excellence league and ranks it #2 in Latvia overall.

RISEBA

4

PALMES

Target ≥ 3 Palmes

Institution	Palmes league position	Deans' Recommendation
RTU RBS + FEEM	1	121‰
RISEBA	2	118‰
BA School of Business and Finance	3	69‰

Selected Schools (not in a Palmes league): EKA • Turība • ISMA • ViA

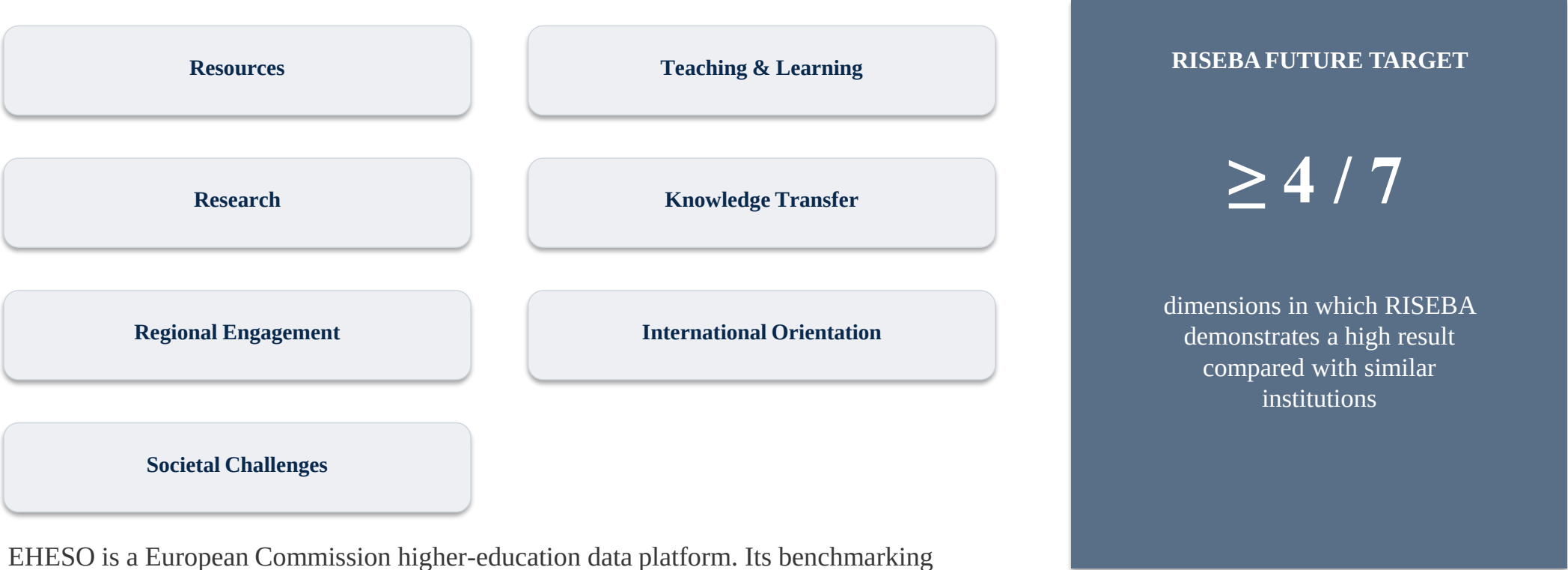
KPI assessment: target ≥3 Palmes → achieved with 4 Palmes.
Within the specified private comparator set, RISEBA is the highest-ranked institution in the Palmes league.

Future measurement: EHESO European benchmarking



PLANNED KPI DEVELOPMENT

From 2026 onward, RISEBA plans to complement national rankings with the European Higher Education Sector Observatory (EHESO).



EHESO is a European Commission higher-education data platform. Its benchmarking tool compares institutions with up to 15 similar peers across seven performance dimensions.

Baseline: establish RISEBA's 2026 EHESO profile; subsequent annual measurement will track movement against peer institutions.

EFQM Criterion KPI — conclusion

ASSESSMENT OF RISEBA AGAINST THE INSTITUTIONAL TARGET



OVERALL ASSESSMENT

The evidence supports RISEBA’s compliance with the KPI at the level of the selected independent evidence base: the Palmes target is exceeded, while three of four scored external comparisons place RISEBA within the required top-three position among the specified private comparator institutions.

Continuous improvement priority: strengthen the factors captured by Webometrics while establishing EHESO as the future annual European peer-benchmarking measure.

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<https://www.webometrics.org/latvia>

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<https://www.unirank.org/lv/ranking/>

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<https://eduniversal-ranking.com/business-school-university-ranking-in-latvia.html>

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