



RISEBA Environmental and Social Sustainability

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Indicator — RISEBA Environmental and Social Sustainability



To assess RISEBA's ability to systematically integrate sustainability principles into the University's operations, reducing its environmental impact and creating an accessible, inclusive, equitable and socially responsible study and working environment. The indicator covers two complementary dimensions — environmental and social sustainability.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY — TARGETS AND KPIS

The environmental dimension assesses trends in the use of resources — electricity and water — the reduction and sorting of municipal waste, as well as measures implemented to promote energy efficiency and efficient use of resources.

Energy

Target: controlled consumption increase $\leq 15\%$
KPI: MWh; going forward kWh/m²

Water

Target: consumption reduction $\geq 10\%$
KPI: m³ and m³/m²

Waste

Target: municipal waste reduction $\geq 20\%$
KPI: total volume, m³

Waste sorting

Target: share of sorted waste $\geq 25\%$;
KPI: %

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY — TARGETS AND KPIS

The social dimension assesses accessibility of education, financial support for students, diversity, equal opportunities, and an inclusive study and working environment.

Financial support

KPI: total amount and trend of tuition fee discounts granted, in the context of student numbers

Accessibility of education

KPI: availability of study modes and languages; changes in the study offer

Equality and inclusion

Evidence/KPI: equal opportunities, diversity and a non-discriminatory environment

External assessment

KPI: Sustainability Index result and its trend

3 academic years: results vs targets

The analysis covers the 2023/2024–2025/2026 academic years. Results are compared with operational targets to assess indicator trends, target achievement and further improvements required in the EFQM context.

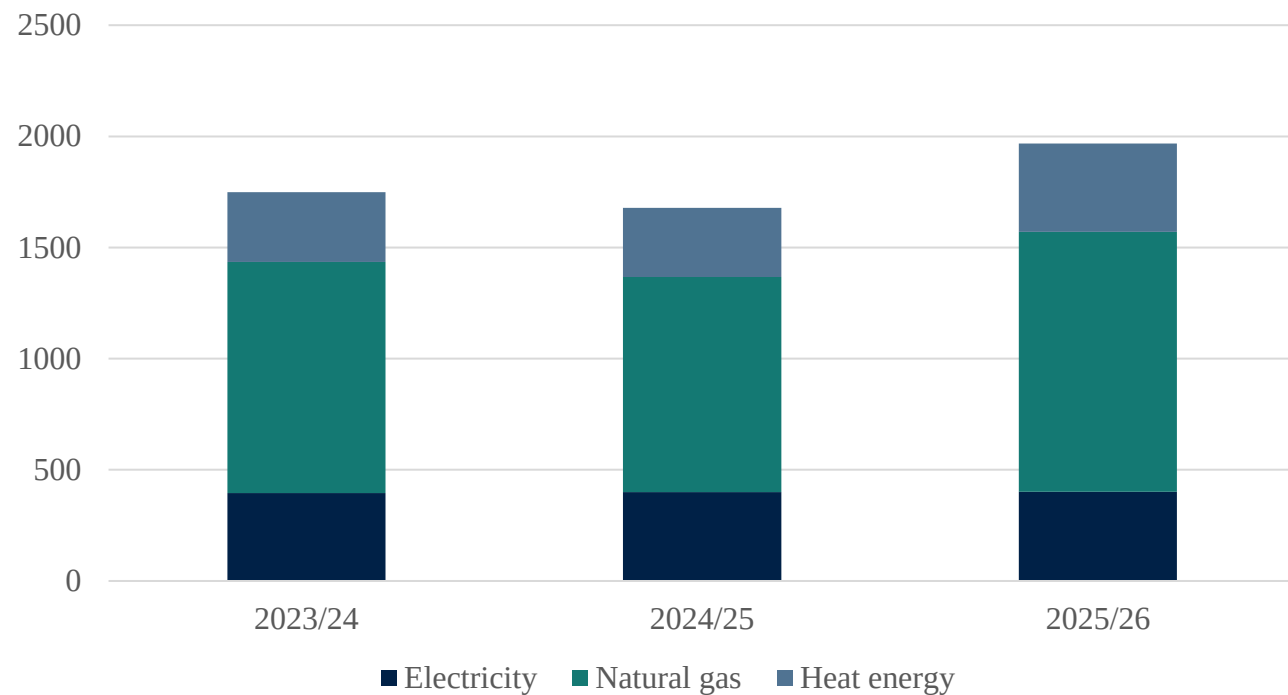
KPI	Target	Actual	Status
Energy	limit the increase to $\leq 15\%$	+12.5%	within target
Water	reduction $\geq 10\%$	−17.4%	target exceeded
Municipal waste	reduction $\geq 20\%$	−32.6%	target exceeded
Share of sorted waste	$\geq 25\%$	24.7%	nearly achieved

ENVIRONMENT

energy consumption trend



Energy consumption, MWh

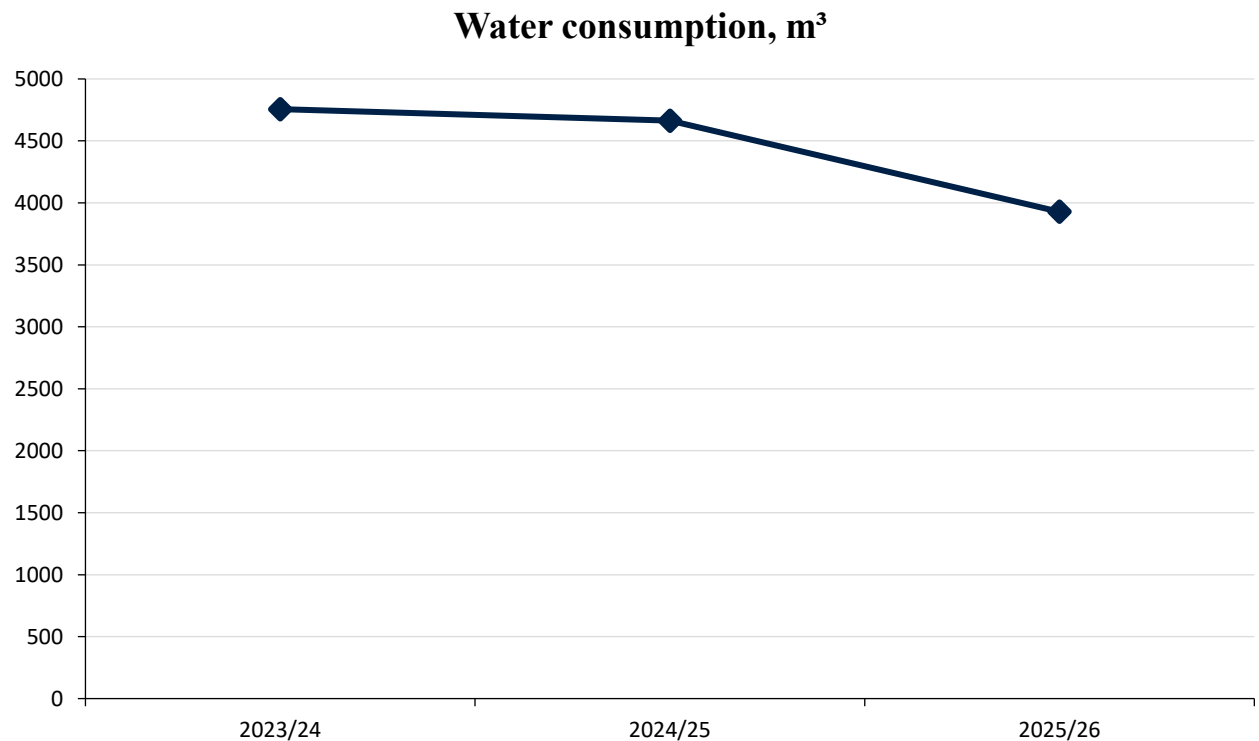


TARGET
≤ +15%
controlled increase

ACTUAL
+12.5%
within target

ENVIRONMENT

water consumption



TARGET
≥ -10%
3-year reduction

ACTUAL
-17.4%
target exceeded

PER 1 m²
-17.4%
0.3956 → 0.3267

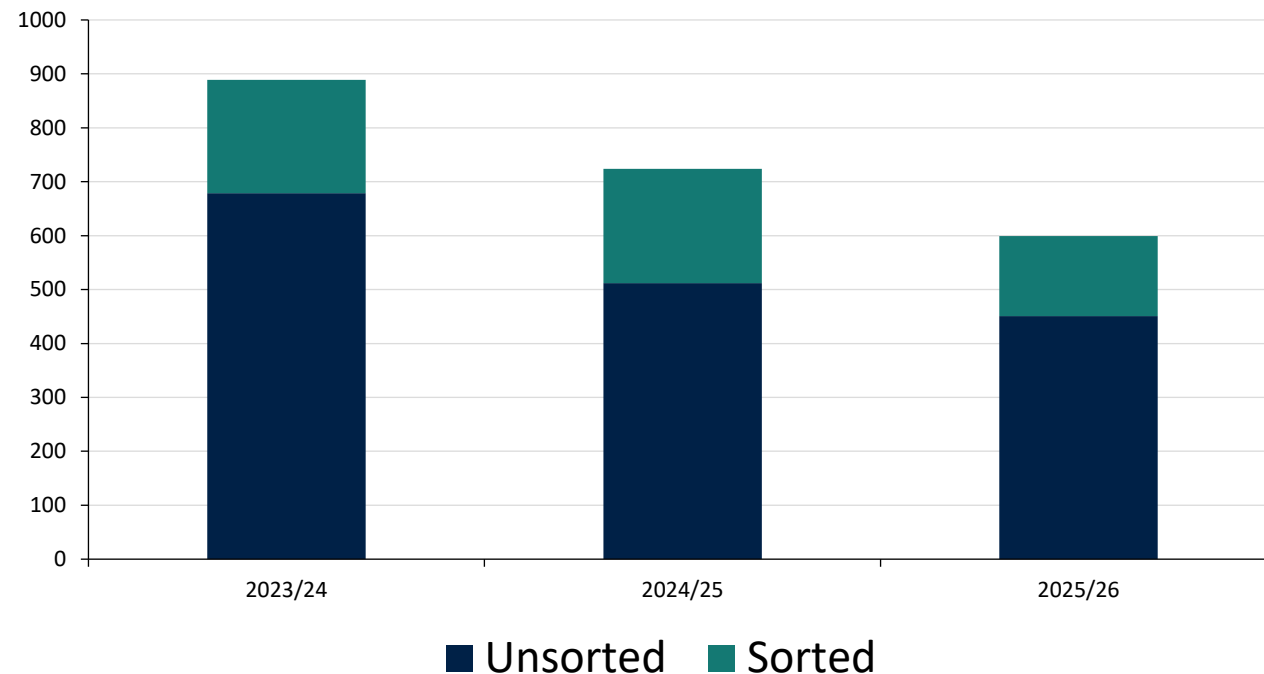
Water consumption shows a steady downward trend; this achievement supports the approach to resource efficiency and reducing environmental impact.

ENVIRONMENT

waste volume and sorting



Municipal waste, m³



VOLUME TARGET

$\geq -20\%$

over 3 years

ACTUAL

-32.6%

target exceeded

SORTING

24.7%

target $\geq 25\%$

Total volume decreased from 888.96 to 599.04 m³. The share of sorted waste in 2025/26 is only slightly below the target; the next focus is to increase the sorting rate.

GHG emissions accounting as the next KPI

RISEBA does not yet conduct GHG emissions accounting, but its introduction is planned as a further direction for environmental sustainability development.

Existing energy data provide a sufficient basis for calculating a Scope 1 and Scope 2 baseline.

Scope 1

Direct emissions: natural gas, fuel, refrigerants.

Scope 2

Emissions from purchased energy: electricity and heat.

Scope 3

Other indirect emissions: business travel, procurement, waste, etc.

implemented measures and evidence

LED lighting

Lighting audit; LED lighting introduced at Durbes 4 and Meža 3; payment covered by electricity savings.

Space efficiency

Study-space utilisation data used for decisions on the functional use of premises, including conversion of a photo studio into a classroom.

IT infrastructure

The number of computer labs at Durbes 4 was reduced from 4 to 3; relocation of computers and purchase of new equipment are planned.

Digitalisation

Electronic document workflows, digital study resources and remote access reduce the need for printing and travel.

Eco Council

Environmental monitoring, the Green Action Plan, and student/staff involvement in sustainability activities.

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

approach and strategic framework



The social dimension assesses accessibility of education, financial support for students, diversity, equal opportunities, and an inclusive study and working environment.

Accessibility of education

Different study modes and languages make it possible to combine studies with work, family and other commitments.

Financial support

A diverse tuition fee discount system reduces financial barriers.

Equality

The Code of Ethics and internal regulations provide for equal treatment and non-discrimination.

Student development

Student engagement, participation and continuation of studies are supported through specific mechanisms.

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY - tuition fee discount system



RISEBA's 2026/2027 regulations provide for 14 main types of tuition fee discounts, several of which include subcategories by study level, mode or cooperation partner. This demonstrates a diverse approach to social accessibility.

14

main discount types

5%–50%

most common support range

1st sem. → entire period

varying support duration

Academic excellence

Excellence in Studies 50%; Good Grades 10–15%; Honorary Student 25%; Achievements up to 50%.

Social accessibility

Social Benefit 5–25%; Relatives 15%; additional family member 5%.

Continuation of studies

RISEBA Graduate 15%; Renewal of Studies 10%; Doctoral Studies 20%; New Study Programme 25%.

Engagement and community

Student Council: up to €1,000 for a Board member and up to €500 for an active student; Community Member 10%.

Partnerships and transition

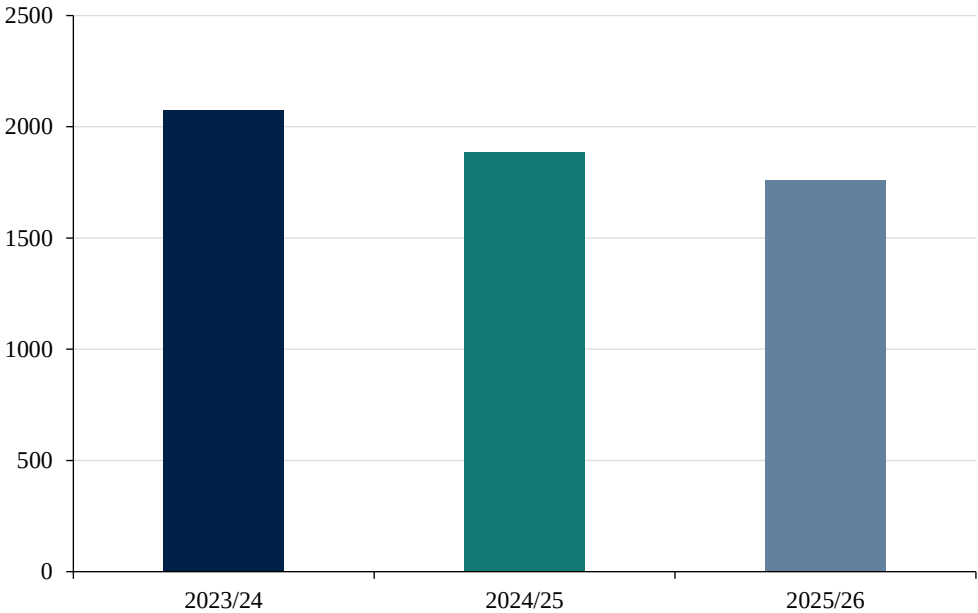
Cooperation Partner and Cooperation School — cooperation with associations, schools and partner organisations; in a specific case, a 100% discount.

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

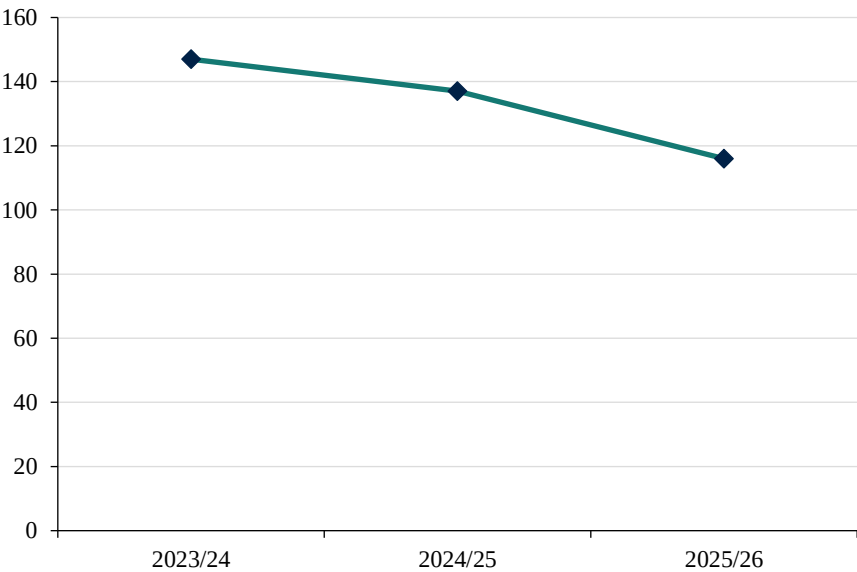
student numbers and tuition fee discounts



Total number of students



Average number of discount recipients per semester



STUDENTS
-15.2%
2,074 → 1,758

DISCOUNT RECIPIENTS
-21.1%
147 → 116

CORRELATION
r = 0.95
positive relationship

SUPPORT COVERAGE
7.1→6.6%
approximate

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

other evidence and indicators



Equal opportunities

Equal opportunities to study, receive discounts and participate in student representation.

Non-discriminatory environment

The Code of Ethics and internal regulations provide for equal treatment and non-discrimination.

Student retention

Strategy target: study discontinuation due to RISEBA-related factors <10%.

Accessibility

Flexible study formats make it possible to combine studies with work and family life.

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY



Study programmes, languages and study forms 2026/27

RISEBA ensures accessibility of education by offering different study forms and languages, including full-time and part-time evening and distance studies. At Bachelor's and Master's levels, RISEBA offers flexible study options through a variety of study modes. This makes it possible to combine studies with work and other life commitments, as well as to study from anywhere in the world. Each year, decisions on the study offer and admissions are made after assessing demand for study programmes, delivery modes and languages.

BACHELOR'S

6

programmes

MASTER'S

11

programmes

DOCTORAL

2

programmes

ALL LEVELS

3

Bachelor • Master • Doctoral

RISEBA's study portfolio includes programmes in Latvian and English; English-language study opportunities are available at Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral levels.

STRATEGY TARGET

65%

of programmes in English

ENGLISH

all 3 levels

Bachelor • Master • Doctoral

LV + ENG

several options

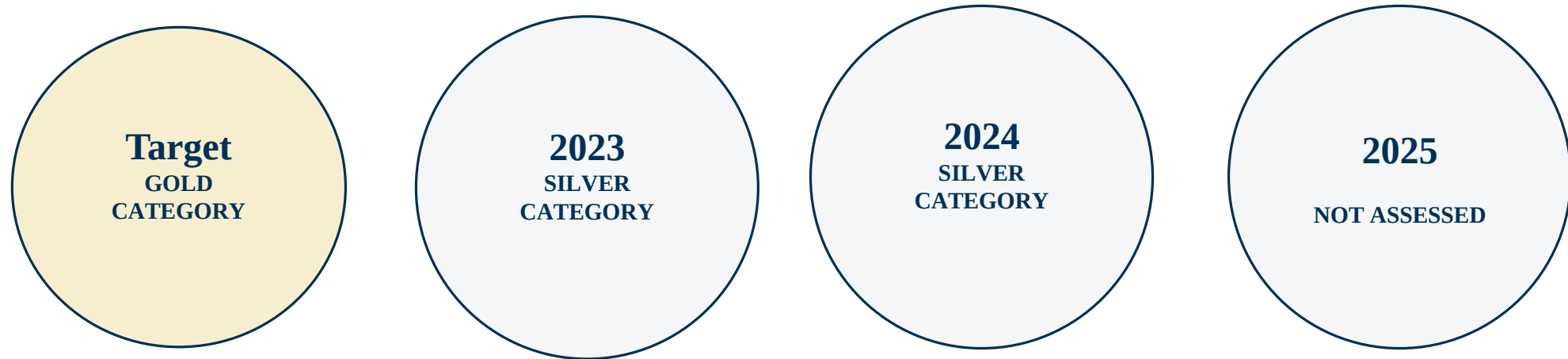
depending on the programme

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

external Sustainability Index assessment



RISEBA's strategic target in the society dimension: GOLD category in the National Sustainability Index.



Target — Gold category; in 2023 and 2024 — Silver.

Summary

focus and the broader RISEBA sustainability framework



This presentation provides an in-depth analysis of environmental and social sustainability. This is only one part of RISEBA's sustainability approach; other dimensions are assessed under other EFQM criteria and result indicators.

Strategic management

Sustainable growth; student, staff, society and financial targets

Digitalisation

Digitalisation of study and support processes; distance learning/hybrid approach

Environment

Energy, water, waste, space efficiency; Eco Council and Green Action Plan

Social dimension

The discount system and flexible study modes support accessibility; the KPI should be assessed in the context of student numbers

Economy

Projects, revenue, EBITDA, net profit, market share

Staff and research

Staff indicators, research productivity, intellectual contribution