

Good practice example in implementing territorial cohesion in Latvia

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Latvia's interpretation of Territorial Cohesion concept

Territorial Cohesion:

- **a set of principles** for sustainable and coordinated development of all EU regions
 - goes beyond the scope of Cohesion policy
- Aimed at providing:
 - equivalent standards of life quality in regions
 - accessibility of services for inhabitants
- **Increases the importance to national regional policies**



Territorial Cohesion principles

- **Subsidiarity:**
 - increased discretion at sub-national level
 - increased responsibility at sub-national level
- **Coordination of policies:**
 - interaction and coordination of different sectors within a particular territory
- **Territorial coordination:**
 - more effective use of resources in order to achieve common goals
 - complementarity of investments and positive spill-over effects beyond administrative borders



Territorial Cohesion within EU Cohesion policy post 2013

- CP should respect territorial diversity and different challenges they faces
- Decisions on support areas and intensity should be taken at national/regional level
- CP should encourage implementation of local development strategies and solutions on the ground
- Territorial cooperation objective should be strengthened, programme implementation rules should be harmonised and simplified

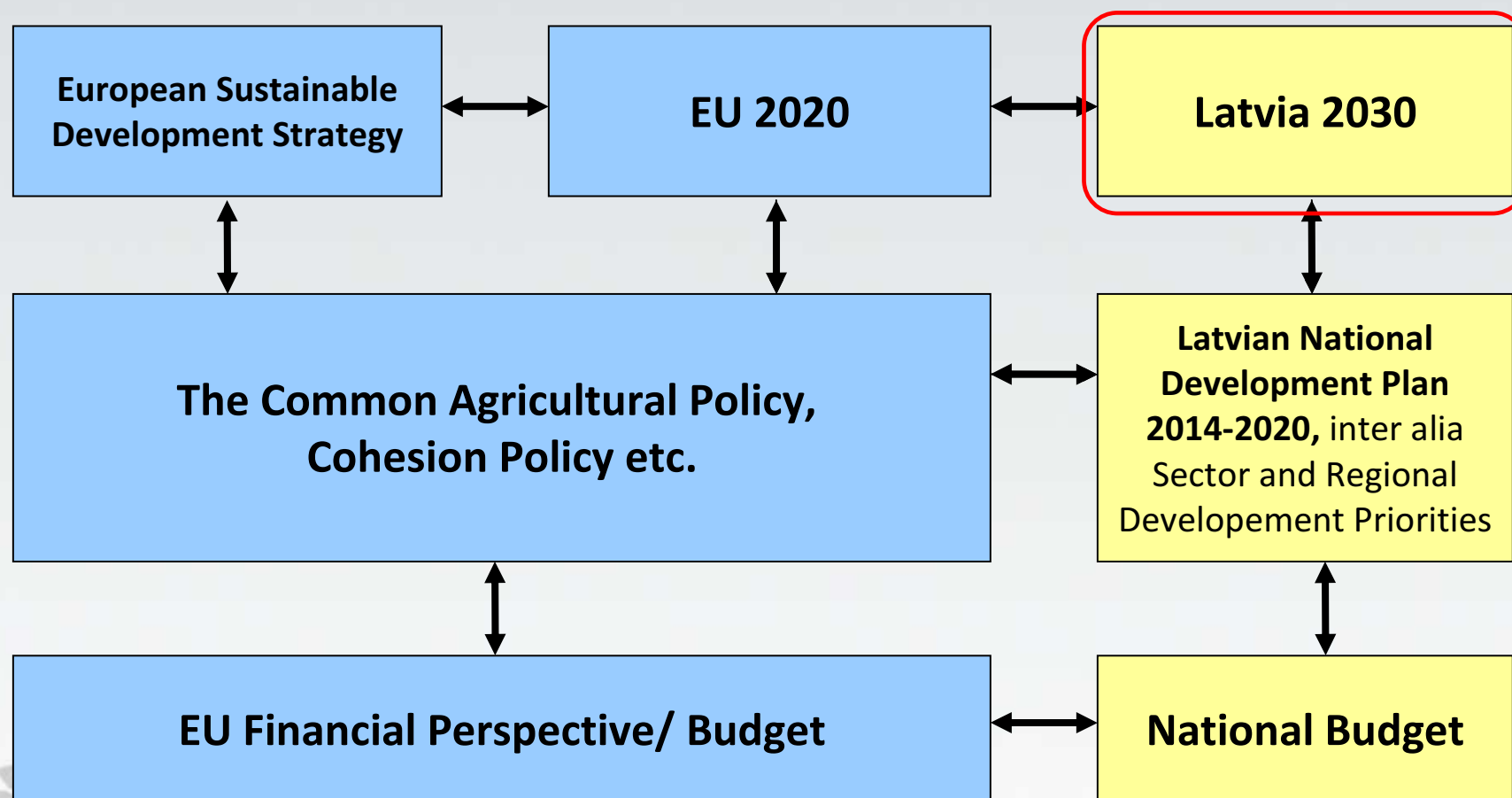


Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia until 2030

- Approved by Latvian Parliament on June 10, 2010
- Defines long-term:
 - overall national development objectives
 - social, economic and environment development priorities and development directions
 - spatial development perspective



Latvia 2030 position in the planning system of Latvia and relation European planning system



Latvia 2030 elaboration process (2007-2010)

Vision, research and analysis

12 thematic “brain storms”

Discussion reports:

Society

Competitiveness and resources

Spatial development

Energy and transport

Strategic **dilemmas**

“Latvia 2030.Your choice” – regional forums, youth and expert discussions

Scenarios for long-term development

“Latvia 2030.Your choice” – regional forums, involvement of youth

Summary and the **1st draft**

“Take-off. Latvia 2030” – National forum, round table discussions

Latvia 2030 1st draft

Public discussion (27.04 -17.07.2009) and the improvement of draft

Latvia 2030 project > **Cabinet of Ministers** > **Parliament**

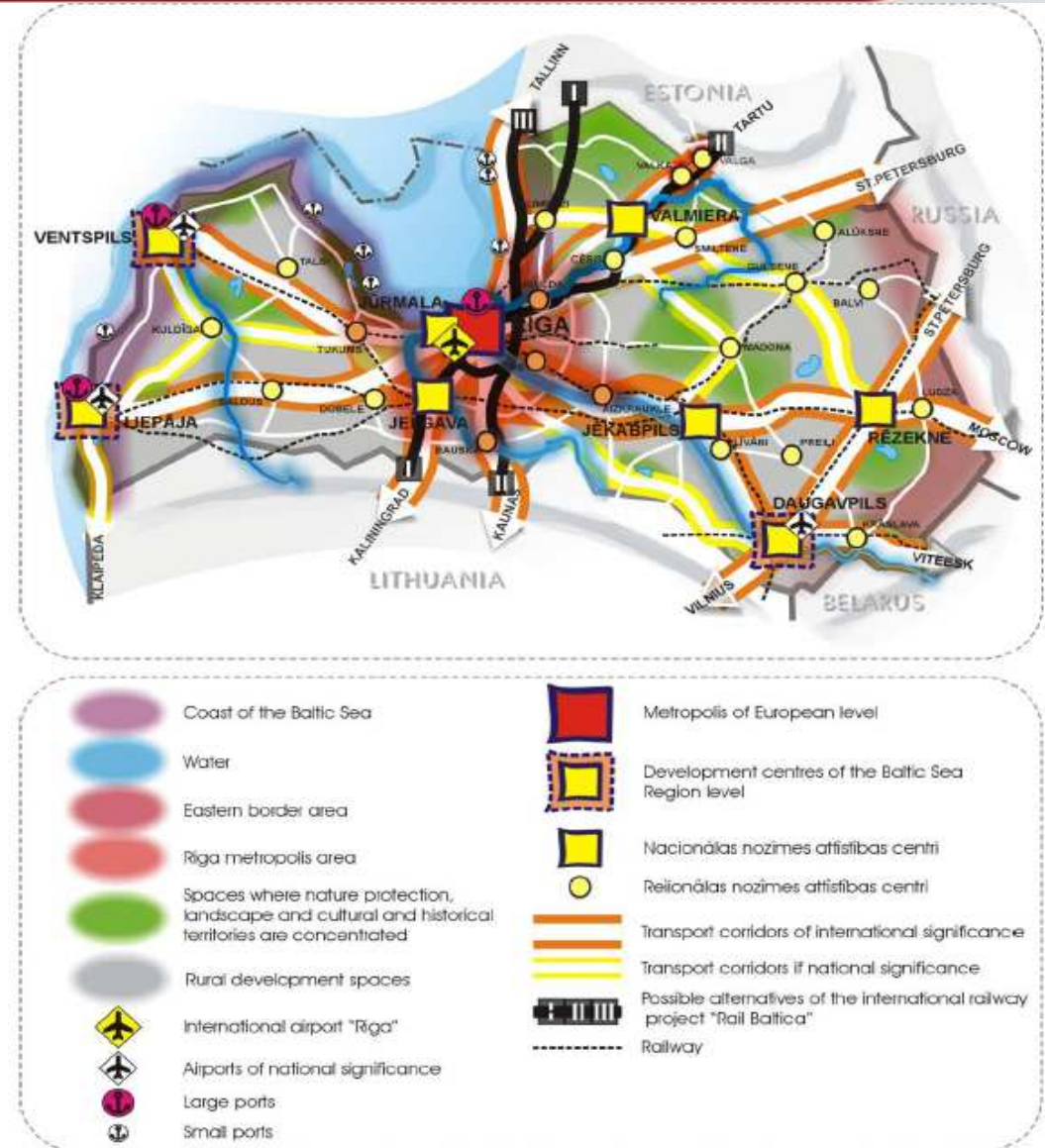


Spatial development perspective of Latvia until 2030

Policy directions for sustainable and balanced territorial development

Main aspects:

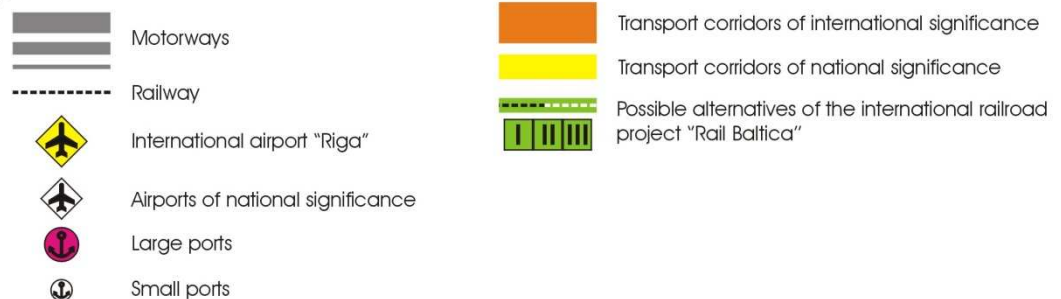
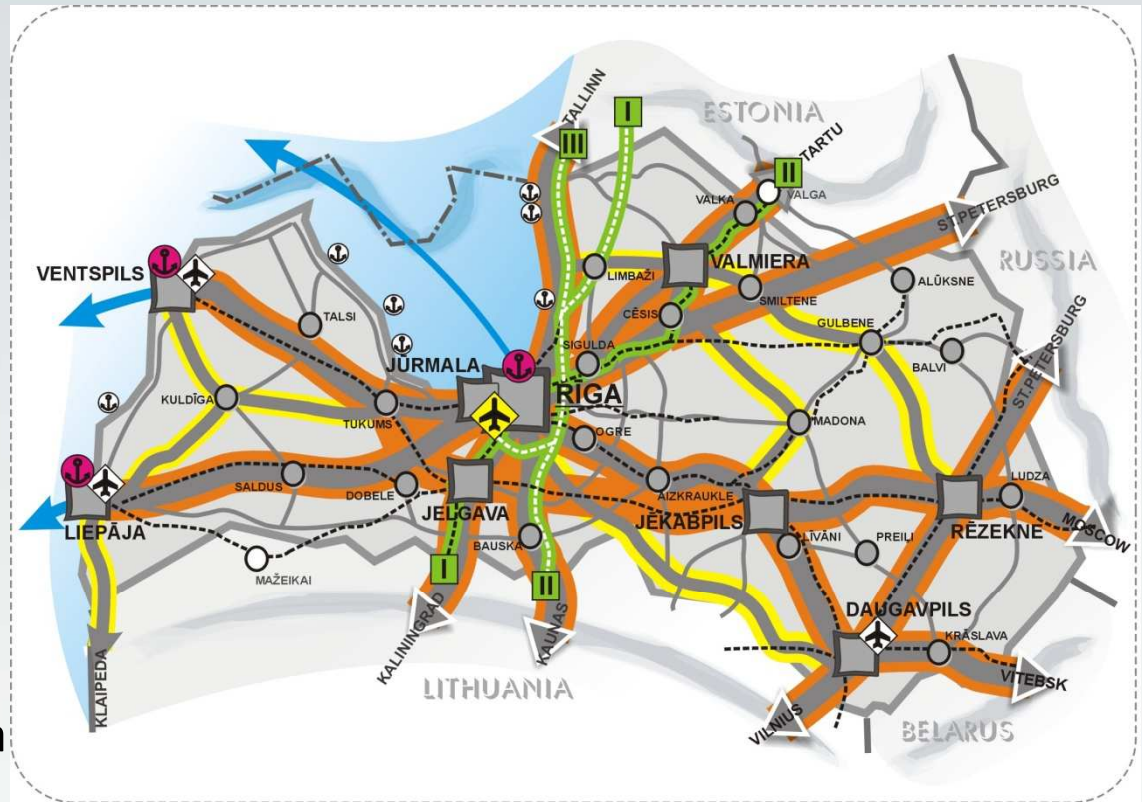
- accessibility and mobility
- settlement as the economic development, human life and work environment
- spaces of national interest – unique specific territories



Accessibility

Development directions:

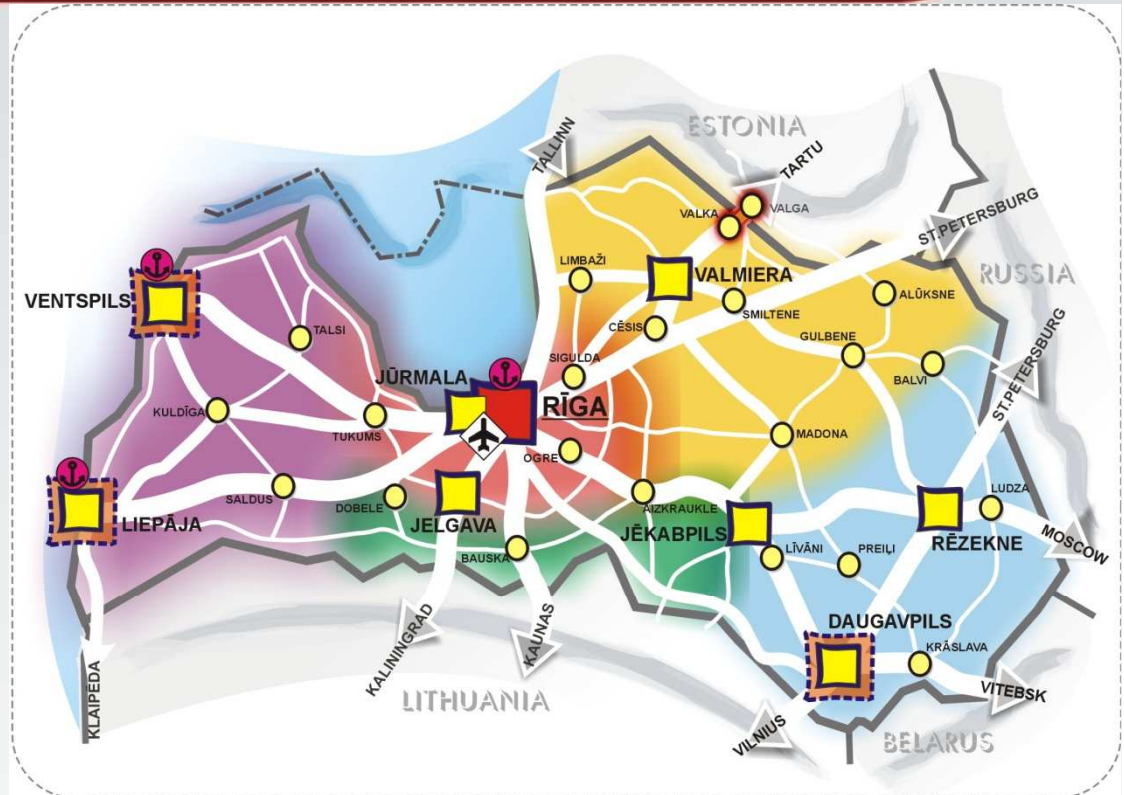
- improvement of external accessibility
- improvement of internal accessibility
- availability of communications, mass media and data transmission



Settlement structure

Development directions:

- enhancement of the potential and competitiveness of the development centres
- mutual co-operation and interaction of urban and rural areas
- establishing of functional networks of development centres



Metropolis of European level

Development centres of the Baltic Sea Region level

Development centres of national significance

Development centres of regional significance



Functional network of development centres of Kurzeme

Functional network of development centres of Zemgale

Functional network of development centres of Pierīga

Functional network of development centres of Latgale

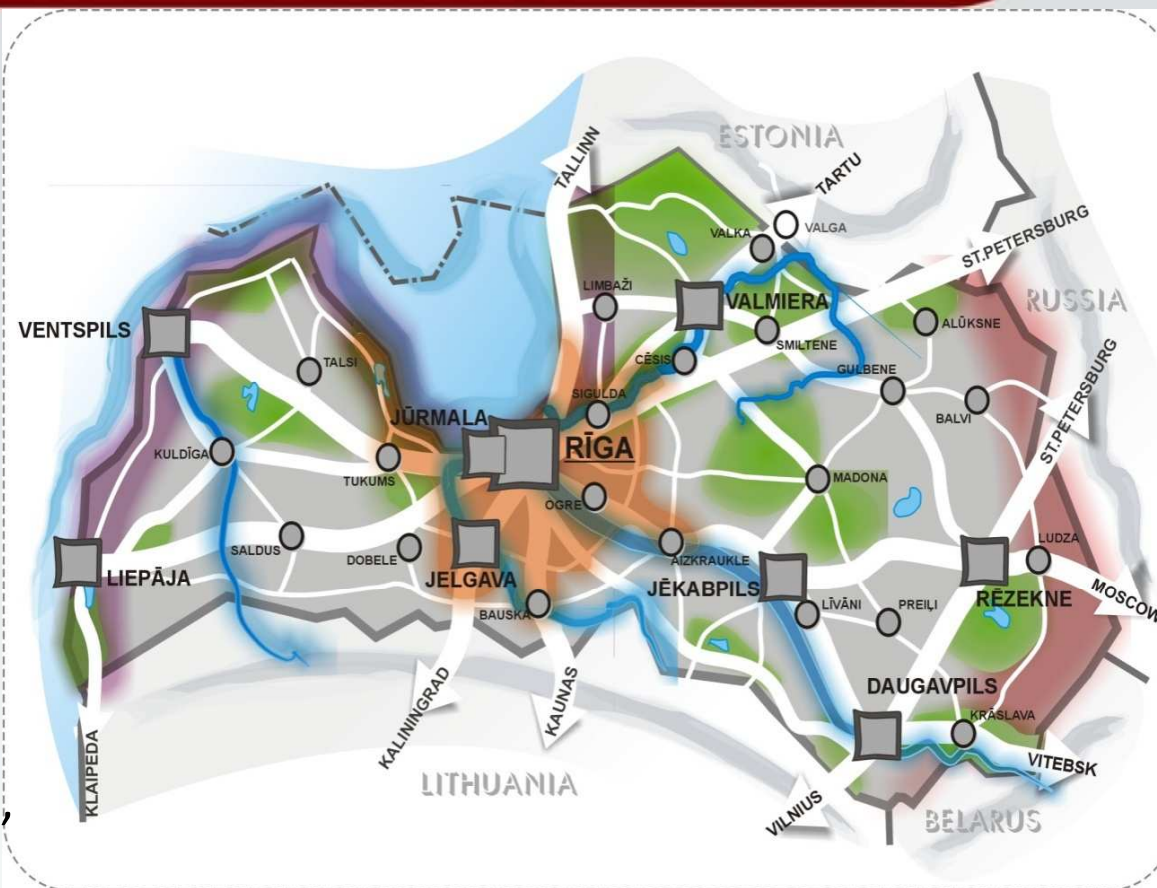
Functional network of development centres of Vidzeme



Spaces of national interest

Development directions:

- rural development space
- Baltic Sea coastal area
- Riga metropolis area
- Eastern border (EU external border)
- outstanding areas of nature, landscape and cultural history



Coast of the Baltic Sea

Water

Eastern frontier

Area of Riga metropolis

Spaces where nature protection, landscapes and cultural history territories are concentrated

Rural development spaces

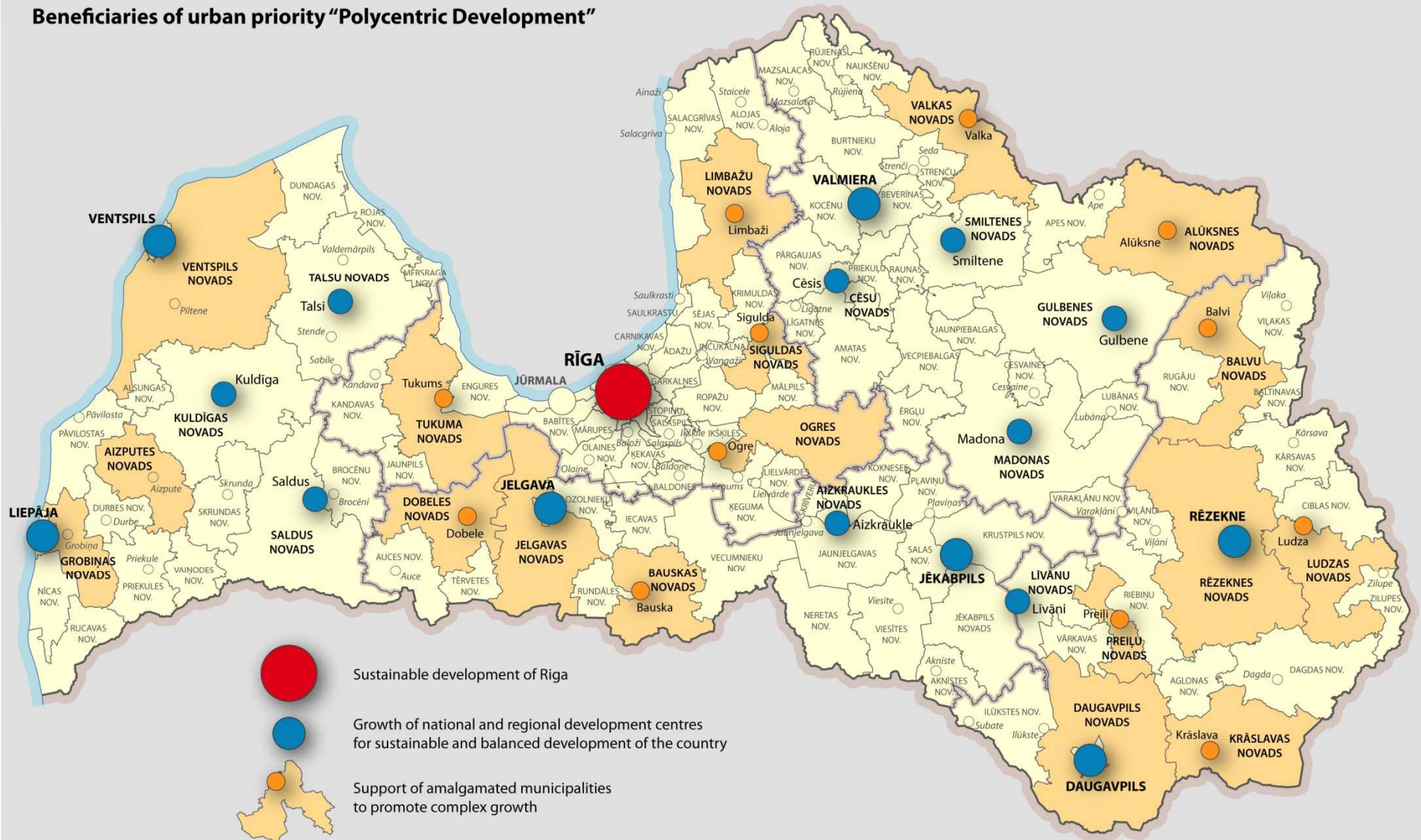
Urban priority “Polycentric development”

- **Objective**
 - To foster polycentric development
 - strengthening competitiveness, accessibility and attractiveness of the urban environment and city-regions according to integrated local development strategies
- **Activities**
 - Growth of national and regional development centres
 - Sustainable development of Riga
 - Growth of amalgamated municipalities
- **Total ERDF co-financing – 268 701 076 EUR**

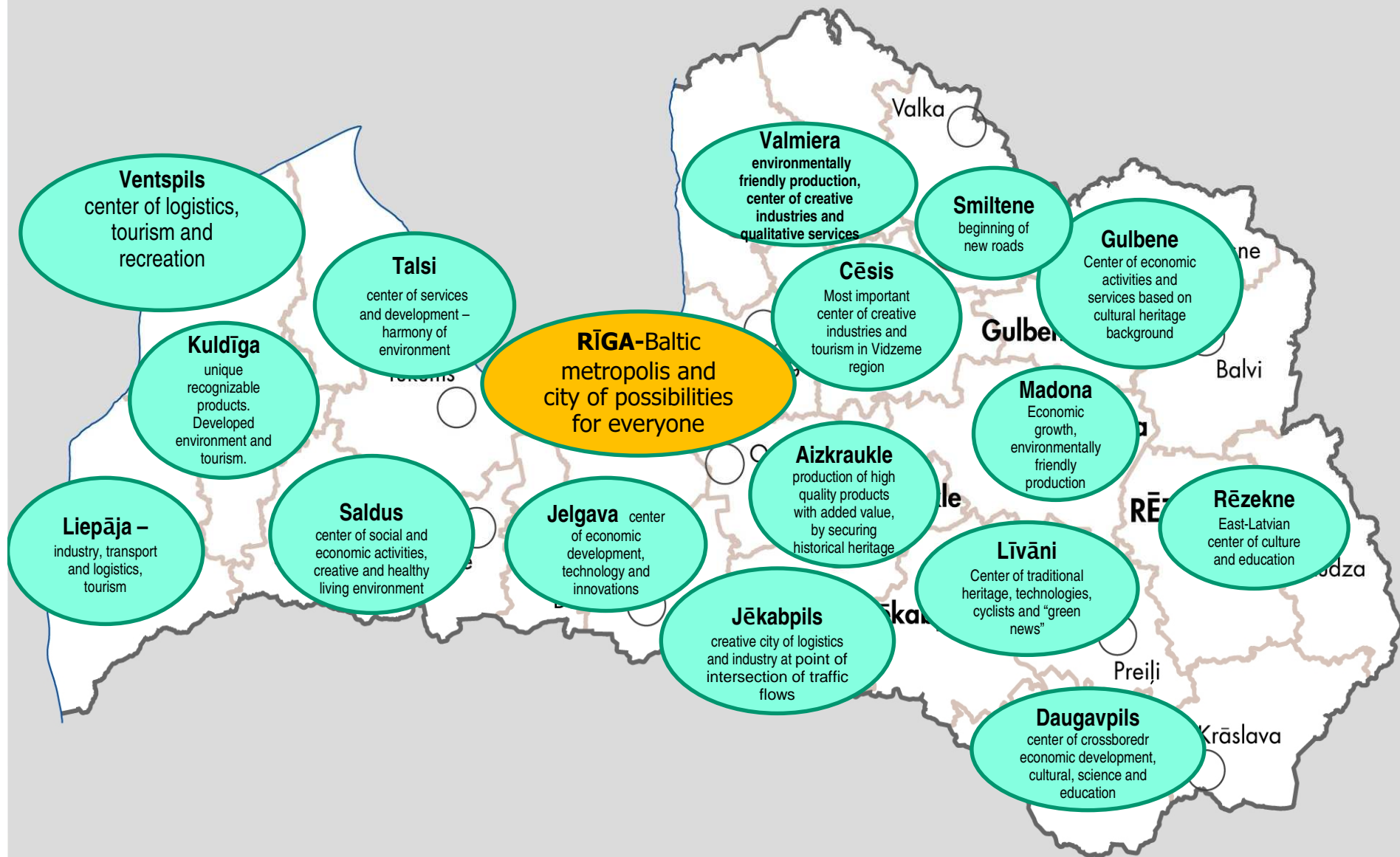


Urban priority beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of urban priority "Polycentric Development"



Development visions of cities and towns



Support directions of the Urban Priority

- Development of entrepreneurship infrastructure
- Construction or renovation of streets and roads essential for inhabitants and entrepreneurs
- Improvement of efficiency of public transport
- Development of tourism objectives
- Preservation of culture and historical heritage
- Energy efficiency activities
- Renovation or construction of water supply, sewage and heat supply infrastructure
- Reducing pollution and general improvement of territory
- Development of deprived neighbourhoods



Advantages of territorial approach

- Increased importance of strategic planning at local level
 - providing support for implementation of local development strategies and local initiatives
- Investments are based on the real needs of a particular territory
 - identified in the development strategy
- Opportunity to make complex investments that cover more than one sector
- Opportunity to coordinate (in time and space) investments related to different sectors



Examples of integrated projects

City: Jelgava	Priority: Modern and sustainable living environment	Project: Development of transport infrastructure in order to promote transport security as well as accessibility of city center and surrounding areas	Supported activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the cities main streets reconstruction (one part) • Reconstruction/building of communications
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City: Valmiera	Prior directions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Development of infrastructure; – Development of entrepreneurship 	Project: Reconstruction of Matīšu motorway	Supported activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of state importance motorways reconstruction (one part) • Construction of industrial building in order to provide operation of Valmiera Business and Innovation incubator
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Town: Līvāni	Priority: Improvement of life quality and sustainable development	Project: Improvement of inhabitants life quality	Supported activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstruction of streets • General improvements in area of apartments houses • Reconstruction of library • Energy efficiency improvement in schools and in municipality buildings • Reconstruction of music school
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Further steps (untill 2014)

- Review of Regional Policy Guidelines (2011)
- Elaboration of national medium-term development strategy (National Development Plan) (2013)
- Elaboration of new territorial development measures for next programming period (2014-2020) according to national regional policy strategy (2013)
- Capacity building of local municipalities (planning and fiscal capacity)



Thank you for your attention!

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