





# Project "Increasing territorial development planning capacities of planning regions and local governments of Latvia and elaboration of development planning documents"

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### General information about the project

**Objective:** to increase **territorial development planning capacities** of planning regions and local governments of Latvia and to elaborate regional and national level territorial **development planning draft documents**.

**Total budget:** 1 195 823,32 EUR

Implementation: 18.12.2013. - 30.11.2016.

Partners: 11 (6 from Latvia and 4 from Norway)

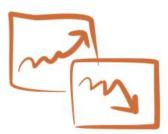
Main activities: experience exchanges, training events, methodological guidelines, document elaboration etc.

### **Activity 1 -** Strengthening the capacity of planning regions for elaboration of regional development planning documents

#### **Achieved**



3 exchanges of experience



Research study on the provision of public services



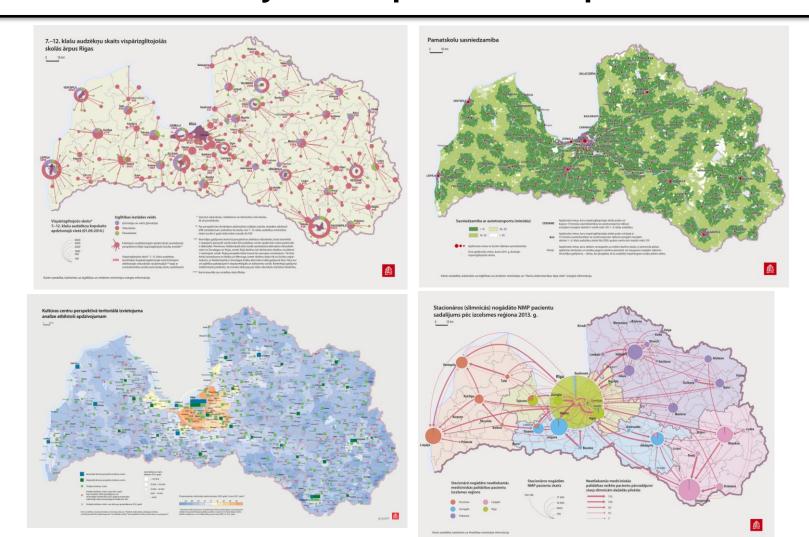
51+ seminars or workshops during the elaboration of regional planning documents



development planning documents (including cartographic material)

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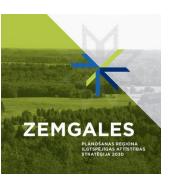
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### **Activity 1 -** Strengthening the capacity of planning regions for elaboration of regional development planning documents

#### **Achieved**









Long-term sustainable development strategies (booklets)



Strategic partnerships between Latvian and Norwegian state and regional authorities (support of Bilateral fund)

### **Activity 2 -** Improvement of territorial development planning capacities of local governments

#### **Achieved**



6 exchanges of experience



The OECD training programme



5 seminars "Future city"



Report on small and medium-sized urban areas challanges



Training programme for municipalities



Training programme for local communities



Guidelines for elaboration of development plans of local action groups

### **Activity 3 -** Establishment of linkage between the development planning and budget planning at the local level

#### **Achieved**



5 training seminars on the linkage between territorial development and budget planning





Local governments improved their local development programmes



3 exchanges of experience

Methodological guidelines on the establishment of the linkage between territorial and budget planning

### **Activity 4 -** Elaboration of national long-term thematic plan for the coastal area of the Baltic Sea

#### **Achieved**



3 exchanges of experience



Seminars on the elaboration of the state long-term thematic plan for the coastal area of the Baltic Sea



The national longterm thematic spatial plan for the Baltic Sea coastal area



Including
Public water
management
guidelines

#### **Activity 5 - Publicity**

- •40+ press releases
- Project-related information on the internet sites of all project partners
- •Information in mass media
- •2 Publicity conferences

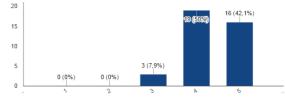




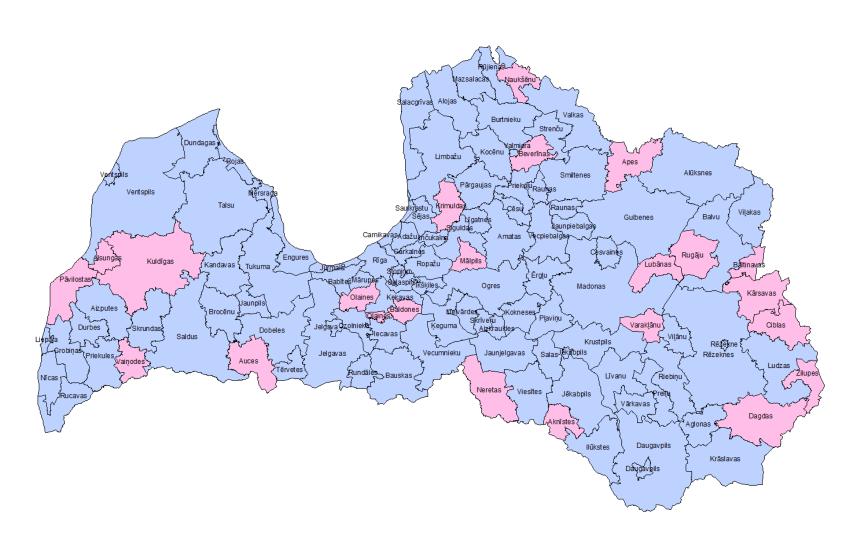
### Publicity conference in Bauska, 29.10.2015.







### **Project results**



### To do before 30th of November

- 1. A camp- **summer school** for development planning experts
- 2. Summary of **experience stories** (good practice examples and stories from the people involved in the project activities)
- 3. Video of project results
- 4. Final project conference
- 5. Project administration

## Support of the Fund for Bilateral Relations

#### 2 events organised:

- Latvian and Norwegian local strategic partnership (matchmaking) workshop – 27.05.2015.
- The Latvian local governments' visit to Norway 24.-26.11.2015.

### 2 events planned:

- Conference "Competitiveness through cooperation: new strategic and governance solutions for Riga metropolitan area – October 2016
- Experience exchange regarding public water management and protection – Summer/Autum 2016

### Future challanges

Project continuity and the "maintenance" of the results achieved



### Cooperation with other project

- Regular daily basis communication
- •Common events due to the same target audience (e.g. publicity conferences)
- Participation at the other project's events/seminars

