

Development Planning System of Latvia and Regional Development Programmes

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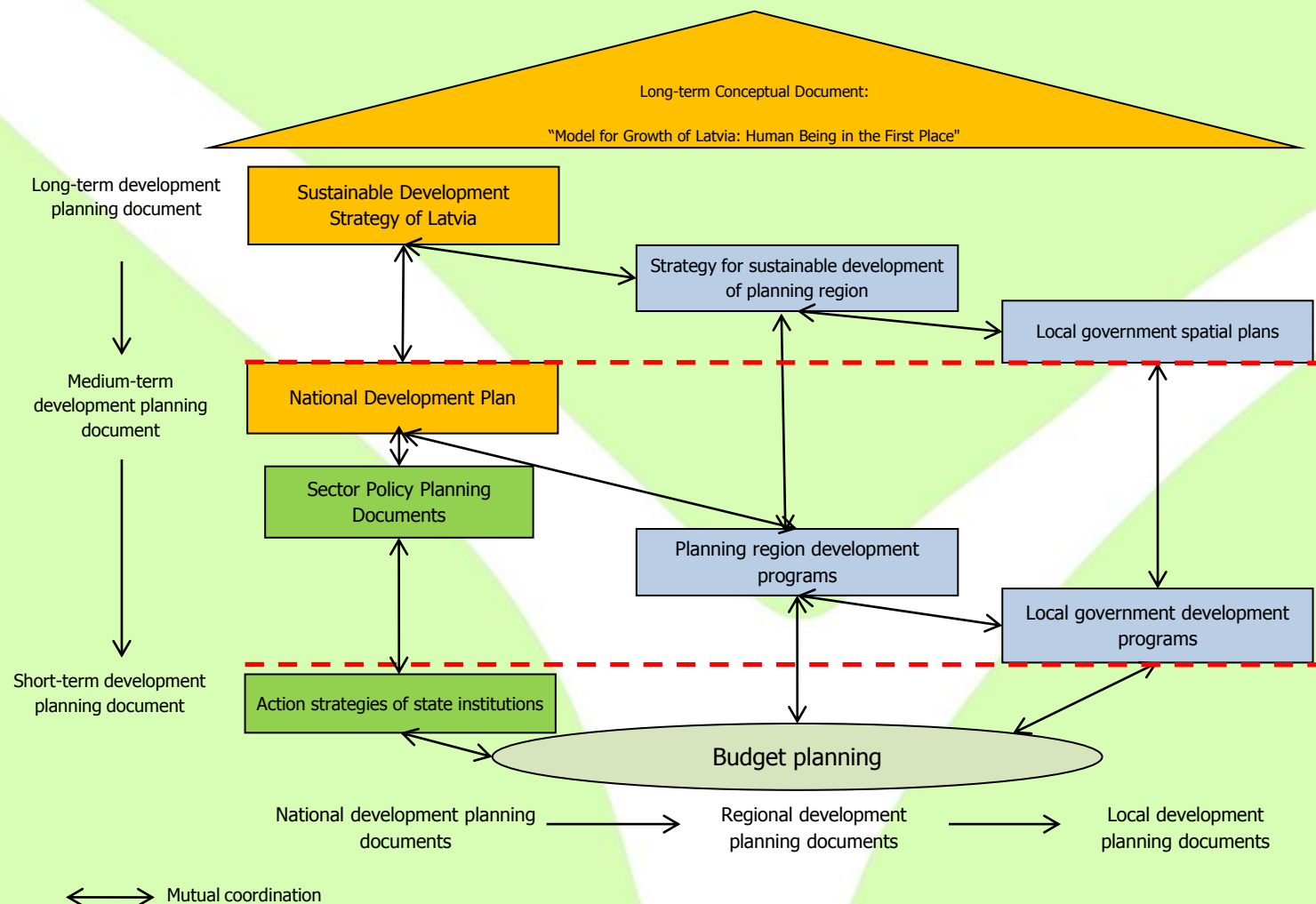
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Planning regions

1. Operating since 1999
2. Status established by Law on Regional Development in 2002
3. Functions:
 - regional development planning and co-ordination
 - promotion of local government co-operation and co-ordination of joint activities
 - co-operation with central government institutions
 - co-ordination of regional public transport



Development Planning System of Latvia



Development planning documents

At the national level – the Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia and the National Development Plan

At the regional level – strategy for sustainable development of planning region and development programme

At the local level:

strategy for sustainable development

development programme

spatial plan

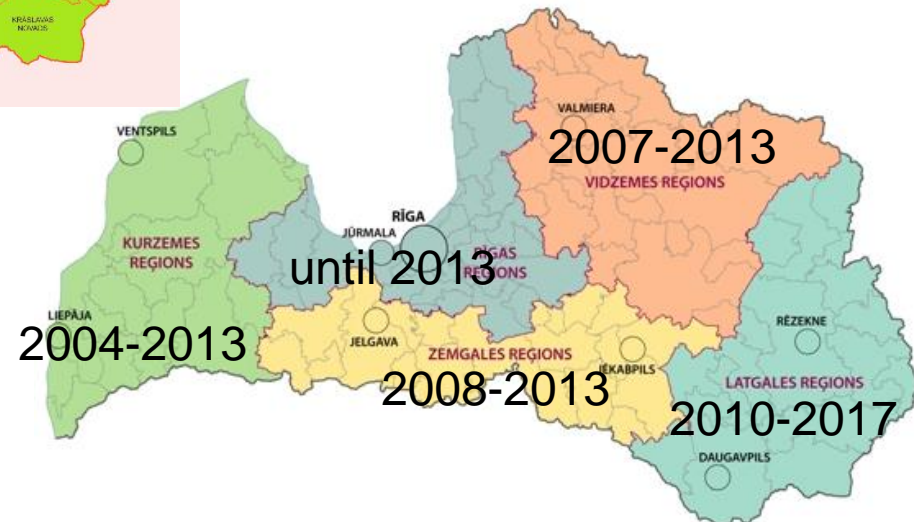
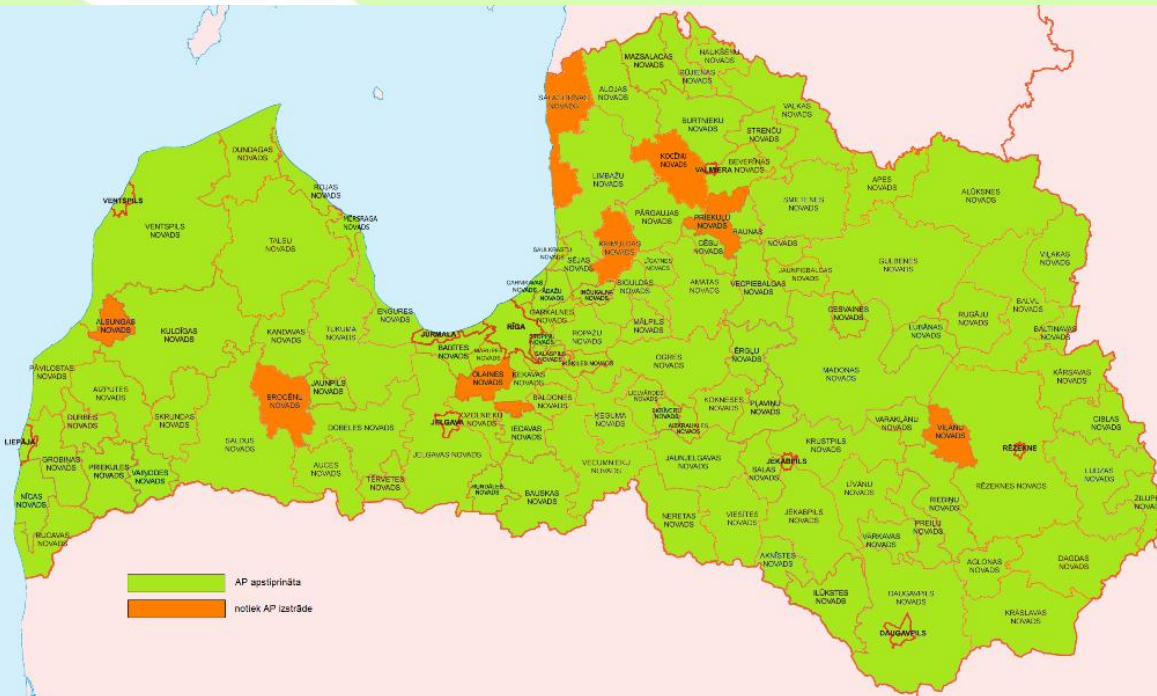
local plan

detailed plan

thematic plan

} In case of necessity

Development programmes at local and regional level (August 2014)



The role of development programmes of planning regions (minimal frame)

1. To coordinate territorial placement of public services
2. To improve regional mobility (proposals to the Ministry of Transport for provision of public transport route planning)
3. To improve business environment to coordinate support for SME's (formations of regional Business Support Centers)
4. To improve cooperation between local municipalities (to elaborate and implement projects at regional level and projects between local municipalities)

The most important challenges to ensure better planning documents at regional level

Regional development programmes need to be practically suitable for decision making (also at national level)

Mainly to define targets and tasks, where planning regions have influence

To define the recommendations for other institutions, which play significant role in regional development

Preparation process



Strategy for sustainable development and development programme

Analysis of current situation

Strategy for sustainable development

Strategic part

Spatial development perspective
(both – text and graphic)

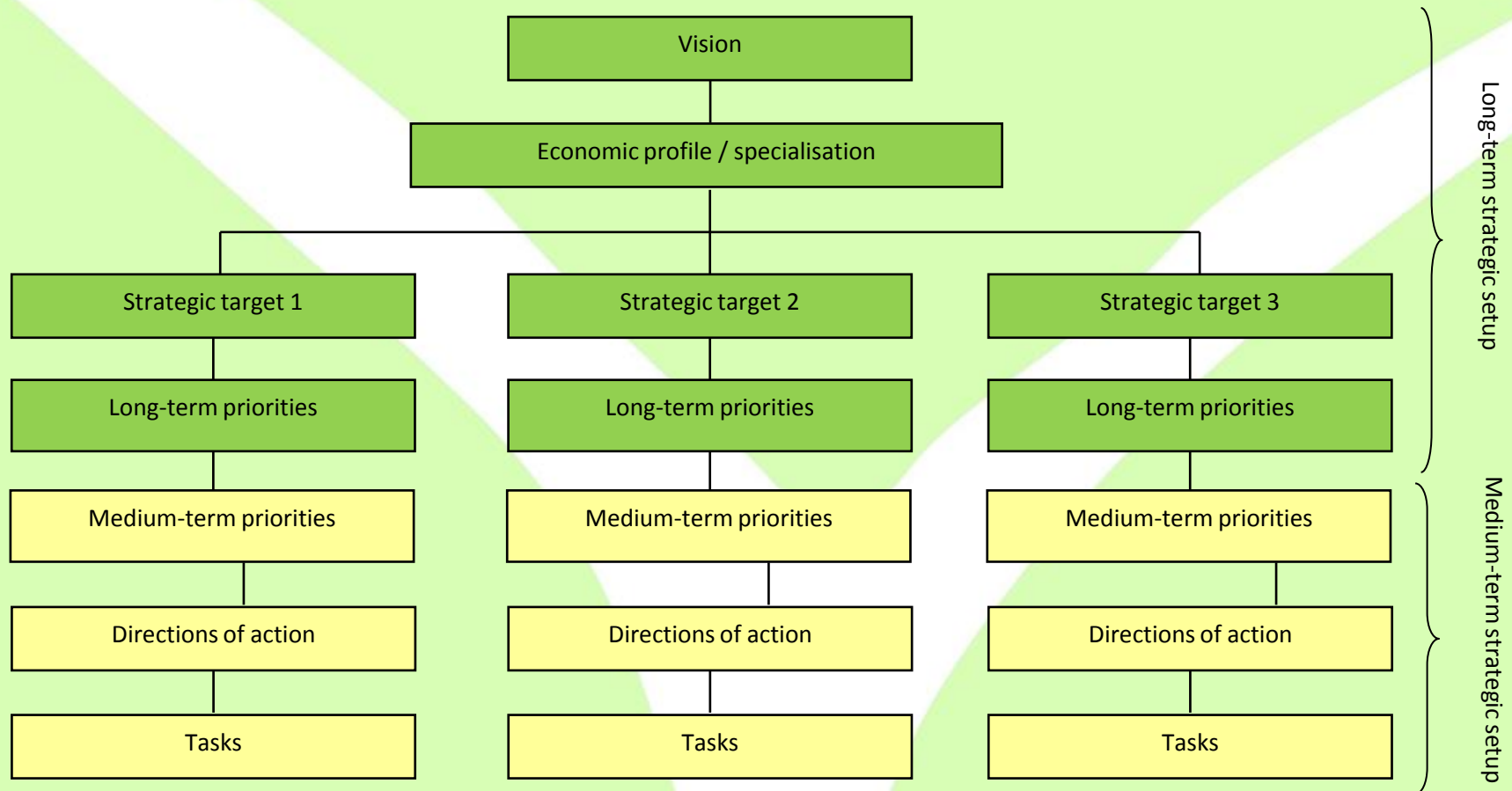
Development programme

Strategic part (up to 7 years)

Action plan (incl. investment plan) for
at least 3 years

Monitoring system

Strategic Part/Strategic Matrix of the Development Programme



Action plan (incl. investment plan)

The action plan should be prepared for at least three years period

The action plan should reflect all planned activities and investments in support of development of the planning region

It is recommended to update the action plan at least once in 3 years (without changing the strategic part of the development program) considering the progress of its implementation

Tasks	Measures, activities, investment projects	Responsible persons or structural units	Deadline or timeframe for implementation	Financial resources and sources	Resulting indicators
Medium-term priority no. 1					
Task no. 1					

Monitoring of the Implementation of the Development Programme

Structure of development programme monitoring report

The monitoring process should include:

- information system (or a database)
- preparation of the 2-year overview about the implementation of the development program

No.	Section	Content
1.	Introduction	Aim of the monitoring report, the timeframe for which the report has been prepared, the structure of the report, and the institutions involved in the preparation of the monitoring report.
2.	General description of development of the planning region/local government	The description of development should be prepared relying on analysis of the variations of the previously defined key indicators
3.	Implementation of the development program	The implementation of the development program should be evaluated in view of the defined resulting indicators for the implementation of the medium-term priorities. The following information should be provided for each of the medium-term priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • achievement of resulting indicators, their correspondence with the previous plans regarding the volume of the financial investment; • impacts of the achieved resulting indicators on the development or the territory; • justification in case of deviations from the plan; • conclusions and suggestions
4.	Conclusions	Overall conclusions and conclusions by aims and tasks
6.	Recommendations	Recommendations regarding updates to the development program, updates to the action plan, and improvements to the monitoring system
7.	Sources of information	Primary sources of information are mentioned

Role of the Ministry in the planning process

Elaboration of laws and regulations

Elaboration of guidelines (incl. sectoral policy guidelines)

Provision of financial support (experts, studies, etc.)

Organization of seminars (with sectoral ministries)

Participation in focus groups

Consultations

Assistance in obtaining statistical data

Recommendations to improve draft documents

THANK YOU!