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# MAIN ASPECTS OF THE FUTURE METROPOLITAN ACTION PLAN

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# APPROACH –

## Time – Territorial – Thematical FRAMEWORK

### Time framework

**Long-term strategic objectives** – common understanding and long- term vision (2030+)

**Mid-term solutions** – issues to be adressed (2020+)

**Short-term solutions** or immediate steps ('acute needs' of next 3 years)

### Territorial framework

Riga metropolis **CORE area** – Riga, adjacent and closest areas

Riga metropolis **OUTER area** – Metropolitan centers and nearest territories

Riga metropolis **DIRECT IMPACT area** - Direct functional areas of influence

### Thematical framework

Metropolitan area **governance**

Regional and international **competitiveness**

Settlement **structure**

Transport and **mobility**

Public **services**

Natural **environment**



## Topical themes for ESPON Workshop

### Metropolitan area governance

Common understanding of metropolitan area territorial coverage (core area, outer metropolis, peripheral areas), governance models, cooperation between different stakeholders, responsibilities, decision-making and implementation mechanisms

### Regional and international competitiveness

Identification and advancing of main driving forces, regional marketing and branding – representation of metropolitan area values and resources in the international arena

### Settlement structure - Transport - Public services interaction

Role of smaller satellite cities and regional development centers around capital city Riga, solutions in urban sprawl areas, provision of effective public services and mobility



# GOVERNANCE

## Topical issues

Administrative region vs  
Functional region

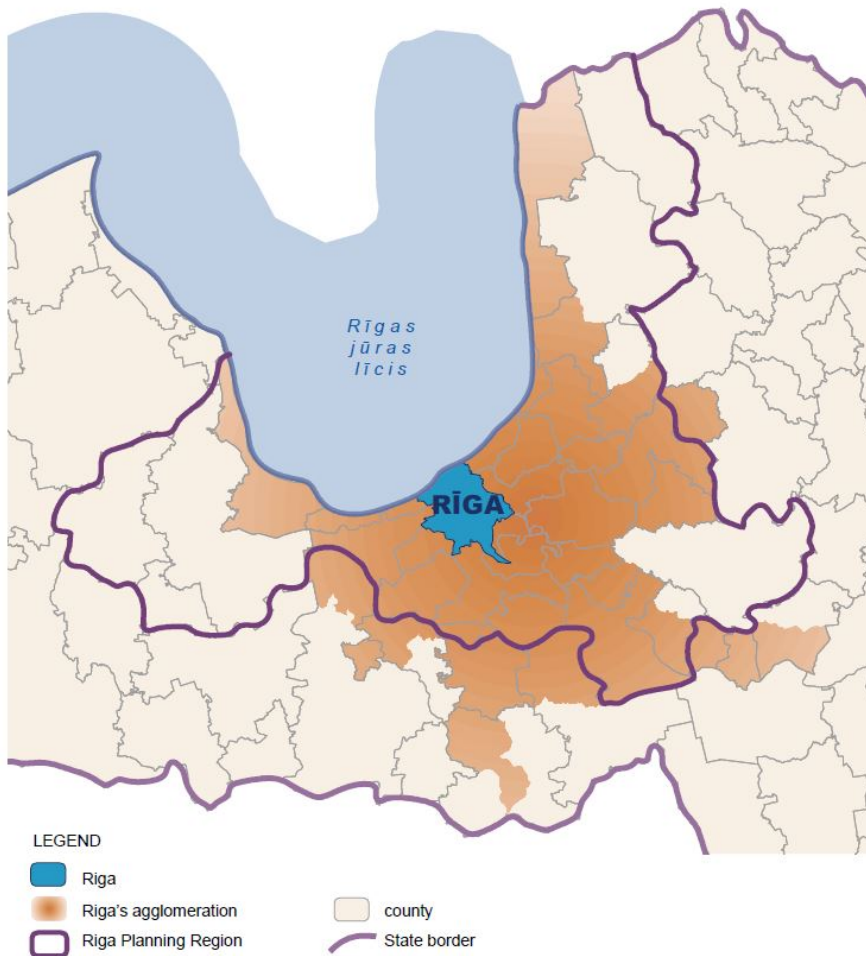
Metropolitan area territorial  
coverage - 'sense of belonging'

How to collaborate 'over borders' -  
cooperation models

Planning approaches,  
responsibilities, decision-making  
and financing

## Governance development opportunities

New forms or improvement of  
existing structures ?



Source: „Riga City Sustainable Development Strategy 2030”



# COMPETITIVENESS

## Example - We and Northern neighbours

Riga metropolitan area – 1,1 million inh. (60+ % of LV)

Harju (Estonia) – 0,5 million inh. (40+ % of EE)

Helsinki-Uusimaa (Finland) – 1,6 million inh. (30+ % of FI)

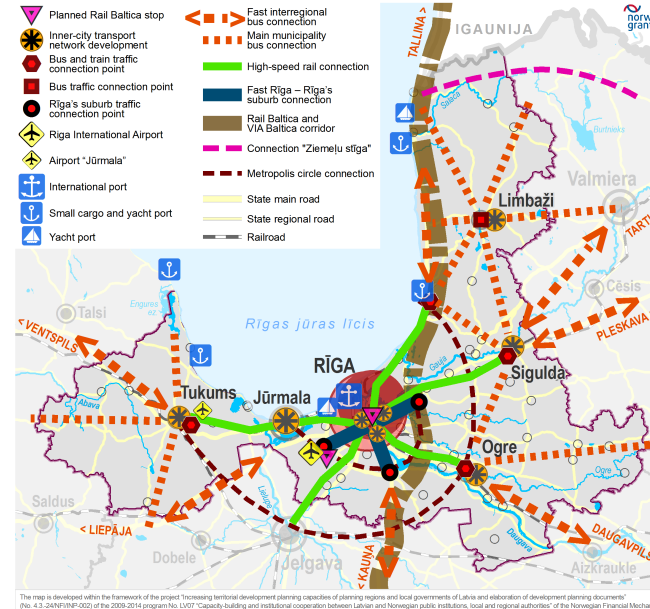
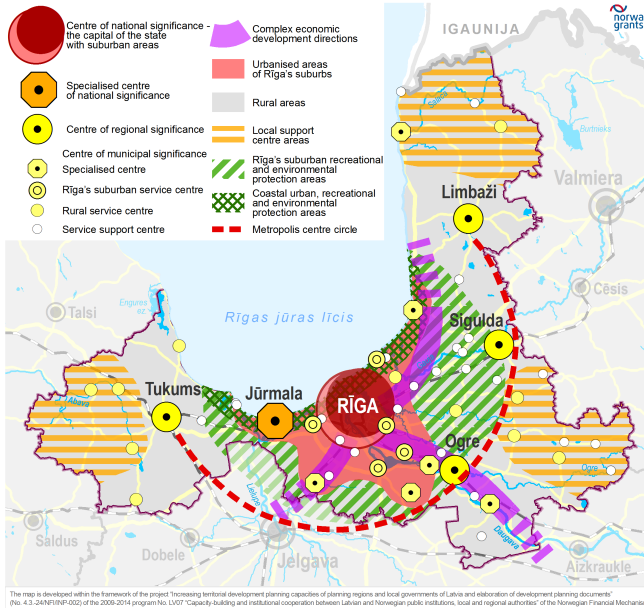


## Conclusions

Despite geographical location and size of the capital of Latvia, Riga's international competitiveness is lower than of similar cities in the Baltic Sea Region



# SETTLEMENT STRUCTURE – MOBILITY – SERVICES



## Need for coordinated actions

Coherent settlement structure – mobility – public services planning process

## Settlement structure

Riga city functions outside city borders and role of smaller 'sattelite' cities / places

## Mobility and services

Internal and external accessibility, Rail Baltica context and Riga-Pieriga transport system integration. Services coordinated with settlement structure and mobility options.



# Metropolitan area: Cities outgrow their boundaries

**Metropolitans Areas offer:**



**But only if they are organised.**

**Growth management or growth mis-management.**

“The BUSINESS of CITIES”

**PALDIES !**

**THANK YOU !**

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