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Regional and international competitiveness

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Economic Development Issues to be considered in Metropolitan Planning

- React to new technologies, uncertainty, resilience – be ready for what will happen in the future
- Transport network to better serve needs of businesses. What will be future transport needs?
- Other work arrangements? What is our common view on the system we want to focus our efforts on?
- Specialization of places, different needs?
- Coop between municipalities should be more powerful to attract businesses
- Role of the Baltic Sea (especially in more outlying locations): Protection, nature, joint research, joint environmental plan
- Sense of belonging – to what → Brand building. What are assets, specialities, USPs?
- Industrial territories for the metro area
- Distribution of functions on a metropolitan scale. E.g. Conference location lacking.
- Align tax and financing system to our goals

WG2 Riga Metropolitan plan I

- 'Mediation' document – Regional, Transport guidelines
- Action plan instead of thematic plan – so more like agreement among stakeholders
- **Finding common elements, interests, goals:**
 - Coastline (walking routes, LIVE RIGA as promoter)
 - Nature does not have borders -
- Tax models (income from commuters, some part for metropolitan issues – special Metropolitan budget)
- VASAB network as facilitator
- Green space development
- Riga with surrounding more effective for branding
- Simplified ideas based on strong research

WG2 Riga Metropolitan plan II

- Use of available spaces – plan for use
- Coach case – running around green area without coordination instead of planned actions, roles
- **Sectoral goals**
- **Equalization fund – change of approach**
- RPR role in operational programs (EU funds) in case of Metropolitan area. Strategies that fits with next funding period.
- Spaces for economic activities, role of satellite municipalities.
- Sharing of local small economical activities options.

Main conclusion

- Need for a 'football team'
- Need for great coach to coordinate players, implementing of plan, goals and roles addressed for each player

