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LEADER/CLLD implementation in Latvia

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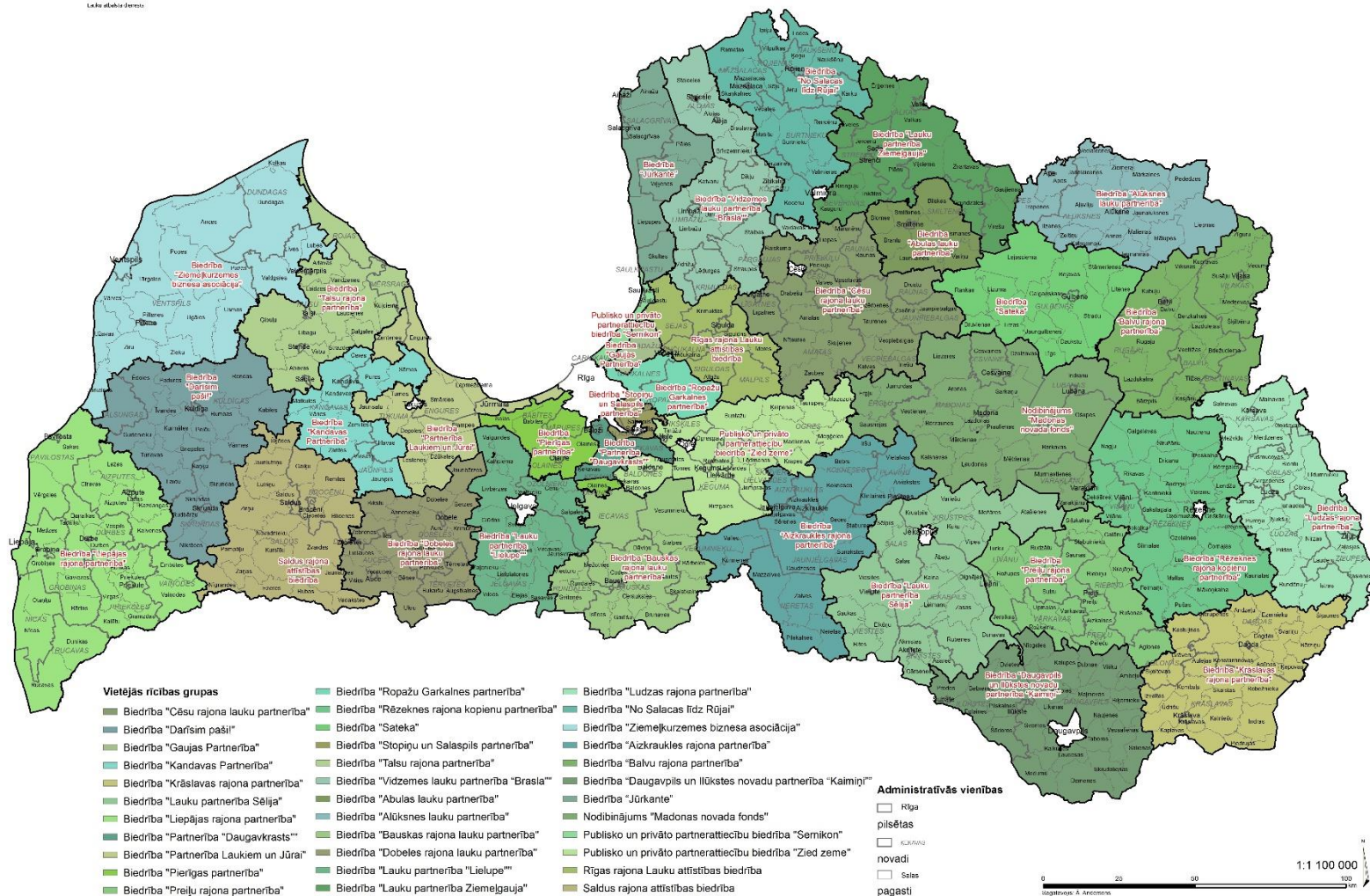


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Local Action Groups

LAG (35) activity areas covered the entire territory of Latvia that complies with eligibility conditions under LEADER





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LEADER/CLLD –implementation in Latvia

Sub-measure	Announced finance milj. EUR	Announced % from the available	Public funding of project applications submitted million EUR	Requested% of announced
19.1 Preparatory support				
	<i>0,3</i>	<i>100,0%</i>	<i>0,3</i>	<i>100,0%</i>
19.2. Support for the implementation of activities with regards CLLD strategy				
19.4. Running costs and animation				
Open calls as announced by LAG	<i>74,6</i>	<i>100,0%</i>	<i>102,5</i>	<i>137,4%</i>
19.3. Inter-territorial and cross-border cooperation				
7 open calls	<i>4,1</i>	<i>100,0%</i>	<i>5,0</i>	<i>122,0%</i>



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Inter-territorial and cross-border cooperation funding from EAFRD and EMFF

Sub- measure	Indicative funding	Eligible costs of one project	Eligible costs of common project (if more than one LV LAG)	Preparatory for TNC technical support
RDP M 19.3. Inter- territorial and crossborder cooperation	EUR 4 113 896	≤ 100 000 EUR	≤ 100 000 EUR	≤ 4000 EUR Part of 100 000 EUR
OP EMFF Cooperation activities	EUR 600 000	≤ 50 000 EUR	≤ 50 000 EUR	≤ 4000 EUR Part of 50 000 EUR



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TNC – main priorities

The target of the cooperation project shall be correspond to the objectives set by CLLD strategy.

RDP main topic of cooperation:

- Implementation of new and innovative cooperation ideas which promoting development of entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.

OP EMFF condition:

Joint actions in the cooperation projects are related to:

- fishery,
- promotion of fisheries and maritime cultural heritage,
- diversification of activities in the fishery sector and into other sectors of maritime economy,
- enhancing and capitalising of water and live resources of waters.



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TNC - Eligible costs

Eligible costs:

- for the purpose of **technical preparation support** costs related to, for example:
 - meeting of the potential partners,
 - surveys,
 - translation services,
 - legal services during preparation of cooperation contract.
- for the purpose of **implementation of the cooperation project**, for example:
 - costs of common activities (including purchase of fixed assets),
 - costs related to public relations,
 - administrative costs directly related to coordination and supervision of the cooperation project;
 - costs for translation;
 - legal services.
- The cost of acquiring **fixed assets** that is directly related to the achievement of the objective of the project and the implementation of the activities and ensures the sustainability of the project during its monitoring



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TNC conditions

Eligible partners:

EAFRD: LAGs and similar organizations in the member states of the European Union and in the territories with organizations implementing activities similar to LEADER approach.

EMFF: Cross border cooperation among FLAGs in the member states of the European Union.

Eligible territories - the TNC is implemented in accordance with the local development strategy prepared by the LAG. The TNC project is implemented in a specific area, which is addressed in the local development strategy and in the area of the cooperation partner, bringing benefits to the LAGs involved in the co-operation and the working area of the cooperation partner of the population.

Eligibility criteria for TNC

- at least two partners shall be required, at least one partner beyond the territory of Latvia;
- common actions shall be determined in the project application;
- obligations of each partner of the project shall be determined.



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«Inter-territorial and trans-national cooperation» – regulation and timetable

All 7 open calls (06.2017 - 04.2019) now has been completed. 65 project applications were approved for the total public financing amount of EUR 4 023 247.

Max 4 months – time for approval of INC and TNC projects;
3 years – time for implementation of INC and TNC project.

The term of implementation of cooperation projects is 3 years from the decision of the Rural Support Service regarding the approval of the cooperation project application.



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Good practices cases – Cooperation projects

- **LAG Partnerība Laukiem un Jūrai**
- Partner- LAG Karhuseutu (Finland)
- Name of the cooperation project - **Coastal and Dune Management and Exploitation** (Experience Sharing Trips, DVD movie, Floating Footbridge on pontoons, Marine Medicinal Equipment).





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Good practices cases – Cooperation projects

LAG Aizkraukles rajona partnerība

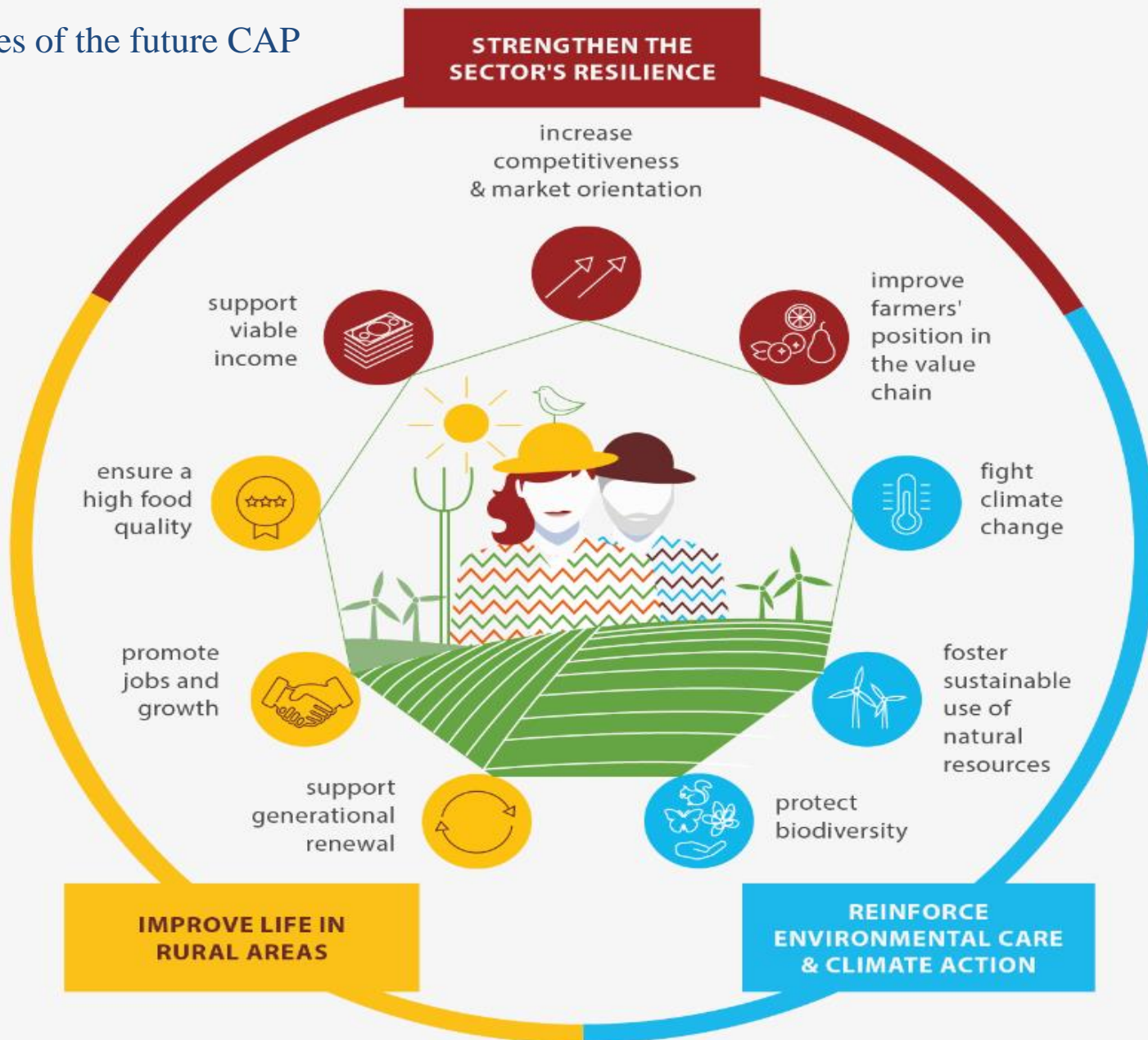
Partner- BDR Aizkraukles rajona partnerība, Aktiivinen Pohjois-Satakunta(Finland), MTÜ Lääne-Harju Koostöökogu (Estonia), Gal Valle Umbra e Sibillini (Italy), AD ELO – Associação de Desenvolvimento Local da Bairrada e Mondego, ProtugãleCampidano (Italy)

The project aims to:

- 1)to improve knowledge of the circular economy and to encourage companies to apply their basic principles to business production and marketing;
- 2)encourage young businesses and young people to stay in rural areas and become economically sustainable

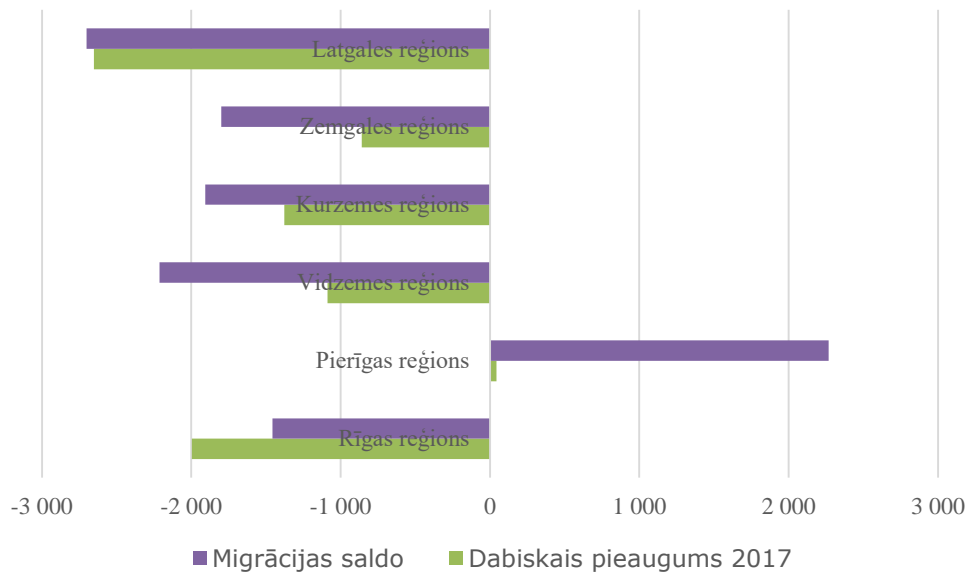


Objectives of the future CAP

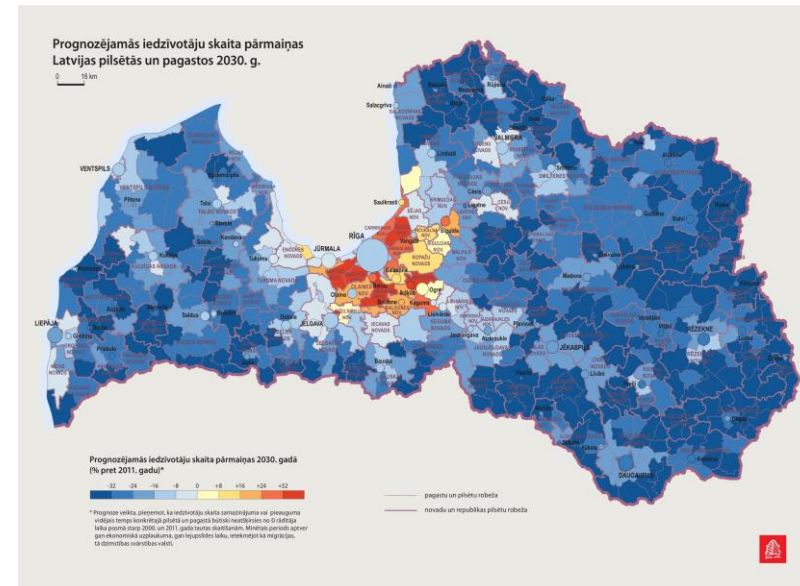


Population change in Latvia

Migration balance and natural increase,
2017



Forecast of population for 2030



Economical emigration – key factor for population change

- In 2010 – highest emigration over ten years (- 35,6 thous. in one year)
- In 2017 – lowest emigration over ten years (-7,8 thous.)



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Challenges for regions

- **Emigration of population from regions:**

- Key factor – difference in incomes (40% difference in average salary between rural region and the capital city)

- **«Market gap»:**

- Businesses prefer investments in more developed regions (capital city region) - 15time larger investments in the capital city than in the rural region
- Limited creditworthiness in regions due to low incomes
- **Need for strong local intervention**



LEADER/CLLD measure under discussion

RDP 2014-2020

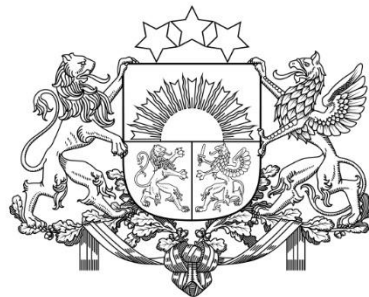
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- Investment for business projects should be at least 50% of LAG funding
- size of companies with turnover up to 70 000 EUR

CAP SP 2021-2027

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- investment for business projects should be **at least [70%]** of LAG funding
- Use of the CLLD approach also for other RDP measures (basic services and non-agricultural activities)
- Implementation of the multifund approach



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Thank you for attention!
Благодаря ви за вниманието!

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