



Kuldīgas novada pašvaldība

KULDIGA TOWN IN VENTA VALLEY

**PRESERVING
HISTORICAL
LANDSCAPE
FOR THE NEXT
GENERATIONS**



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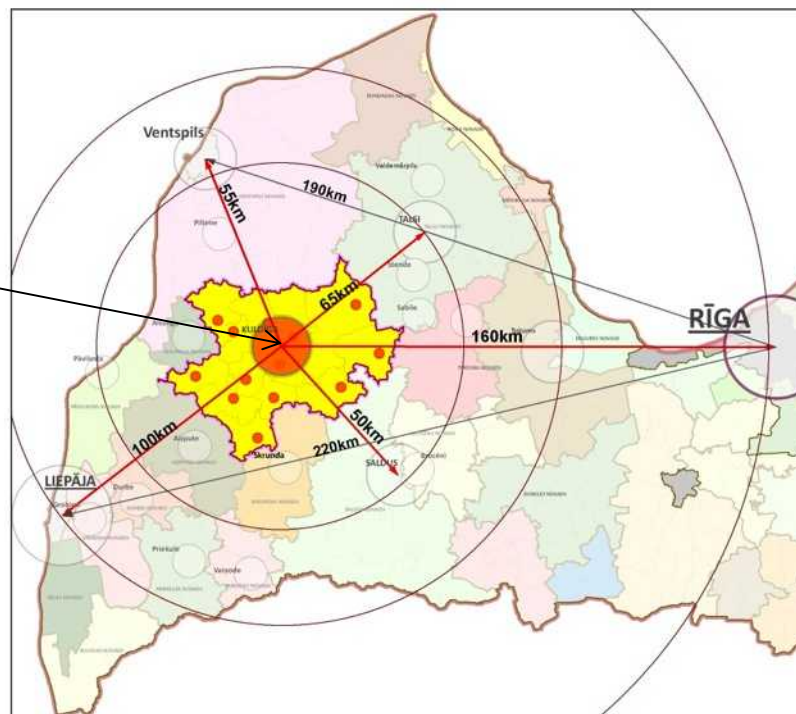
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GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION



**Kuldīga is a historical town in the western part of Latvia, historical territory of Courland,
with population of 11 200
(total population of Kuldīga Municipality including rural territories- 23 900)**

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OLD TOWN



The historical centre of Kuldīga had started developing already in the 13th century and it has preserved the planning elements from the 13th –19th century

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VENTA VALLEY



The river Venta forms up to 58 m deep valley in the vicinity of Kuldīga

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WATERFALL “VENTAS RUMBA”



Waterfall is a significant geologic-geomorphologic object in the valley of the river Venta. The height of it varies from 1, 8 m to 2, 2 m. The width of the fall reaches 249 m.

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ANCIENT BRIDGE



Built in 1874 it is one of the longest brick bridges in Europe, constructed according to the standards of the 19th century

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ROOF LANDSCAPE



The buildings have tile roofs sometimes with downcast endings

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THE PROJECT

The presented project is the case how Kuldīga Town promotes and maintains synthesis of Cultural Heritage and Nature Values for future by a set of several complimentary activities implemented starting from 2004.

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AIMS

Foster planning, protection and good management of Kuldīga town landscapes to promote safeguarding of cultural heritage and nature values for the next generations

- ❑ to improve ecological conditions and natural landscape of the river
- ❑ to restore and highlight Kuldīga town's culture and nature landscape on the banks of the river Venta
- ❑ to raise public awareness and promote the image of Kuldīga town within the Venta valley as an important heritage site

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ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS

Improved water quality

- ❑ the precondition to reduce pollution loads to the river is developed by implementing project for the new sewerage collection system
- ❑ Project Live Venta—the overgrowth with water plants is limited and ecological conditions of the river are significantly improved

Cleaned spawning sites thus promoting growth of fish population

- ❑ the lamprey and salmon spawning sites as well as general fish resting sites before crossing the waterfall are maintained thus improving also spawning success in upper stretches of the river



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VISUAL AND CULTURE HISTORICAL EFFECTS

Improved visibility of the river valley and waterfall landscape

- ❑ the landscape value of the widest waterfall (249m) in Europe is enlarged by limitation of overgrowth with water plants in the river Venta
- ❑ cleaned river banks, developed trails and arranged view perspectives

Renewed and highlighted culture historical landmarks

- ❑ renovated trademark of the town – the old brick bridge over the river Venta
- ❑ renovated town garden – historical venue of public activities
- ❑ restoration of the pearl of wooden architecture – Kuldīga district museum
- ❑ a concept for renovation of the streets in the old town of Kuldīga has been elaborated and subsequent implementation of several street reconstruction projects has been finished

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SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS

Well developed infrastructure for recreation and nature education activities

- ❑ the river Venta territory development (Mārtiņsala);
- ❑ the Blue Flag Beach on the river Venta;
- ❑ reconstructed town garden with an open-air cinema has become an important recreation territory for the inhabitants

Improved living conditions

- ❑ both sides of the town separated by the river are connected to the centralized sewerage system
- ❑ reconstruction of the old brick vault bridge and connected streets and squares



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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Activated and educated inhabitants

- ☐ River cleanup activities
- ☐ Training of teachers!! – river as a resource for environmental education
- ☐ Artistic events
- ☐ UNESCO city game, conferences etc.

Developed new entertainment events for the citizens

- ☐ Open-air cinema
- ☐ “Flying Fish in Kuldīga”

Economic value

- ☐ Increased number of tourists
- ☐ Well arranged infrastructure for development of entrepreneurship



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