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Latvian Landscape Policy

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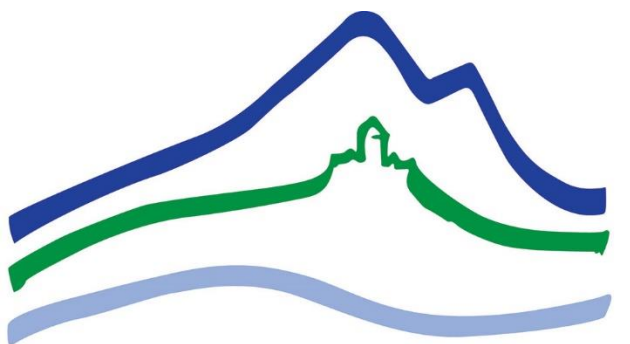
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European Landscape Convention



EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION
CONVENTION EUROPÉENNE DU PAYSAGE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE/CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

- ✓ **signed** in 2006
- ✓ **ratified** in 2007

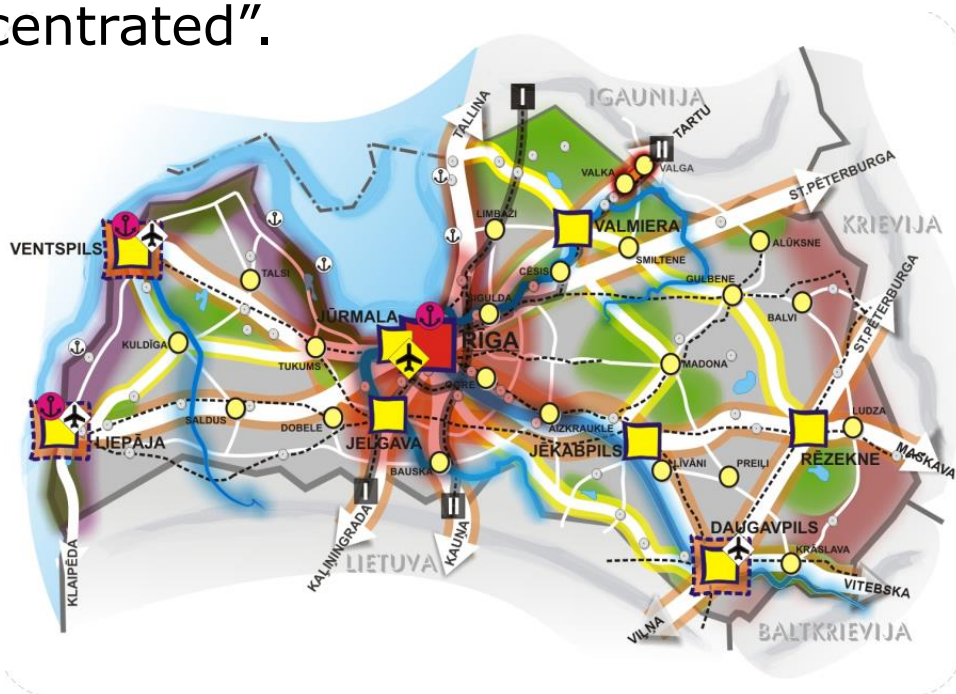
Elaboration of national policy –
Landscape Policy Strategy –
started in 2008



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Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia until 2030

Latvia 2030 was approved by Parliament in June 2010 and it defines state spatial priorities, territories of national interest and includes "Spaces where nature protection, landscape, natural and cultural values are concentrated".





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Process of elaboration of the Strategy

Institution responsible for Landscape policy –
Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional
Development (MoEPRD).

On 2011 **a working group** of representatives
from ministries, planning regions, universities and
NGOs was established for elaboration of the
Strategy.

Landscape Policy Strategy was approved by the
Government on 2013.



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Aim and priorities of the Strategy

To identify and plan the necessary measures and define the competences of the parties involved in the implementation of the Convention

Priorities:

1. Improvement of landscape governance and legislative framework;
2. Building of understanding of landscape values and enhancement of education, expert training and research in the field of landscapes.



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Most important actions of the Strategy

- ✓ Define valuable landscapes at national and local level;
- ✓ Prepare landscape plans for nationally valuable landscapes;
- ✓ Prepare electronic Landscape Atlas;
- ✓ Prepare suggestions for improvement of legislative framework in spatial planning;
- ✓ Prepare guidelines for evaluation, management and planning of landscapes at local level;
- ✓ Organise different activities for society regarding landscapes.



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First evaluation of Strategy

In 2017, a first mid-term evaluation of the Strategy was carried out and a report was prepared by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development .

The Report includes information relating to the implementation of priorities of the Strategy and implementation of the Convention in local municipalities.



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Activities in local municipalities

Many practical activities on the implementation of the Convention, such as site greening, joint landscaping, competitions the most treasured house and others - mostly planned and implemented in the short or medium term of up to seven years.

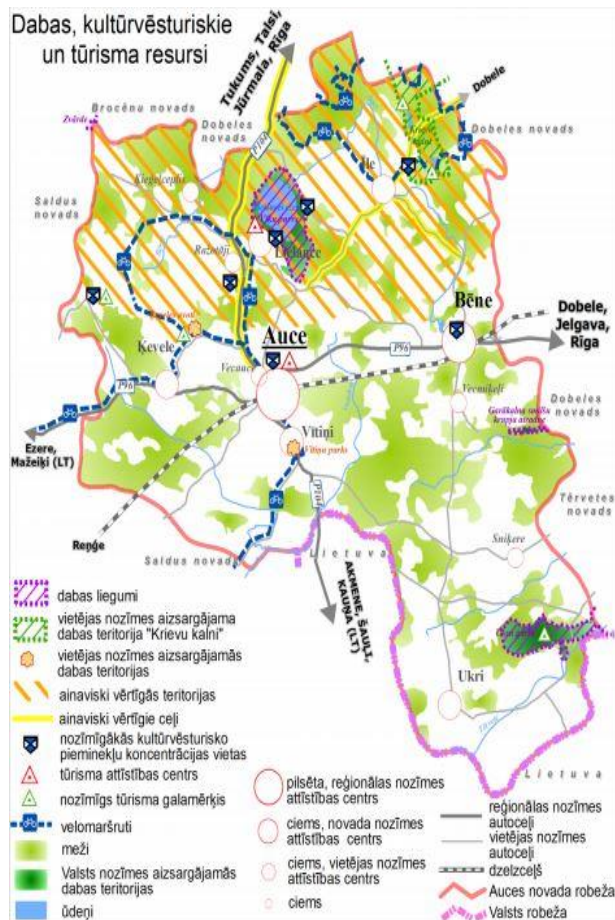
A long-term challenge (more than seven years) - landscape planning in spatial development documents:

- Spatial Development Strategies
- Territorial plans



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Spatial Development Strategies

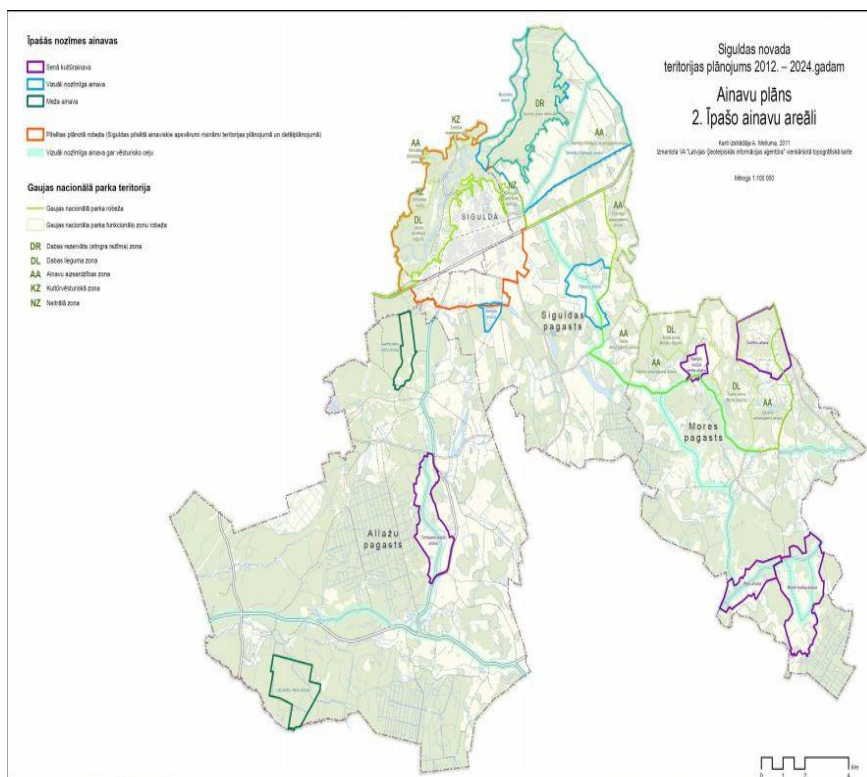


- The importance and value of landscapes have been described by about 80% of local municipalities
- There is a tendency that municipalities near the capital describe the value of landscapes less frequently than the average of all Latvian municipalities



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Territorial plans

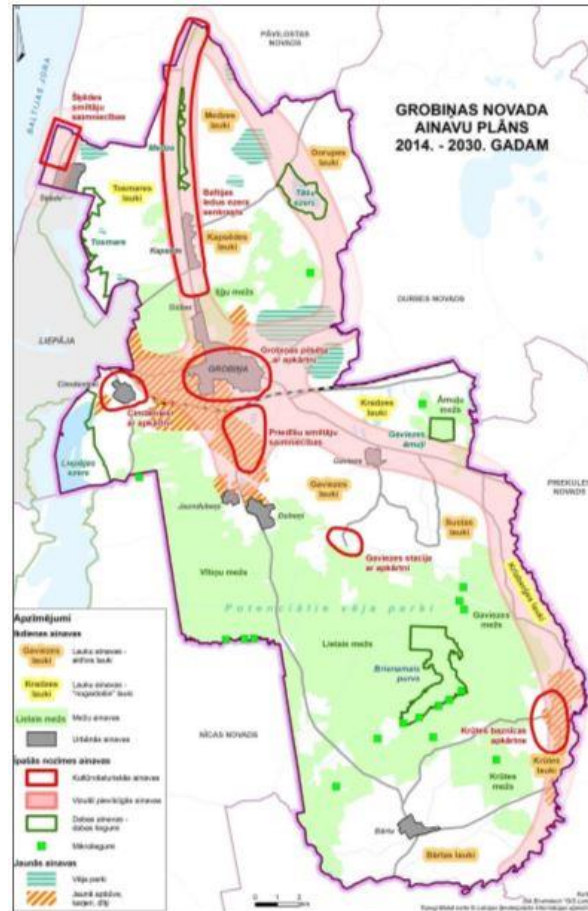


- More than 90% of the Territorial plans includes general conditions for the preservation of landscapes
- Only 50% of these plans have defined valuable landscapes spatially, with specific conditions



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Thematic plans



Some municipalities have developed thematic landscape plans that serve as the basis for developing other planning documents.



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Landscape Award of CoE

- ✓ 4 national selections;
- ✓ Number of nominees double each time;
- ✓ The Regeneration Project of Daugavpils Fortress on the 5th Session of Landscape Award of Council of Europe is granted the Landscape Award;
- ✓ For the 6th Session of Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, Latvia is organising the national selection in contests in each of the five regions.



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National selections of Landscape Award



Dzintaru mežaparka izveide
(iesniedzējs Īlmalas dome)

2012



Atkritumu izgāztuves „Utupurvs” rekultivācija
(iesniedzējs Ādaži novads)



Daugavpils cietokšņa reģenerācija
(iesniedzējs Daugavpils pilsēta)



Jāņa Čakstes bulvāra rekonstrukcija Jelgavas pilsētā
(iesniedzējs Jelgavas pilsēta)



projekts BELLA DVINA
(iesniedzējs Latgales attīstības aģentūra)

2016



projekts VILLAGE HERITAGE
(iesniedzējs Latgales plānošanas reģions)



Cēsu Pils parka kultūras un ekoloģisko vērtību
saglabāšana (iesniedzējs Cēsu novada dome)

2014



Krustpils saliņas un tilta rekonstrukcija pilsētvides
atjaunošanai un kultūras veicināšanai
(iesniedzējs Jēkabpils pilsētas dome)



Daudzfunkcionālie rekreācijas areāli Rēzeknē
(iesniedzējs Rēzeknes pilsēta)



Maskavas, Krasta un Turģeņeva ielu kvartālu
degradētās teritorijas revitalizācija
(iesniedzējs Rīgas pilsēta)



Kuldīga, pilsēta Ventas ielejā – vēsturiskās ainavas
saglabāšana nākamajām paaudzēm
(iesniedzējs Kuldīgas novada dome)



Saursliežu dzelzceļa atjaunošana Ventspils pilsētā
(iesniedzējs Ventspils pilsētas dome)



Siguldas pilsdrupu rekonstrukcija un pielāgošana
tūrisma produktu attīstībai (iesniedzējs Siguldas
novads)



Valmieras pilsētas apstādījumu inventarizācija un
attīstība (iesniedzējs Valmieras pilsēta)



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Daugavpils Fortress

*Council of Europe
Landscape Award
Forum
of National
Selections
5th Session 2016-2017*

**Daugavpils, Latvia
19-21 June 2018**





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Identification of landscape treasures

1st phase – Public participation –

- submission of landscape treasures;
- voting and selection of 10 landscape treasures per region or 50 treasures for whole country;
- handing in historical and actual photos, sharing memories and future wishes.

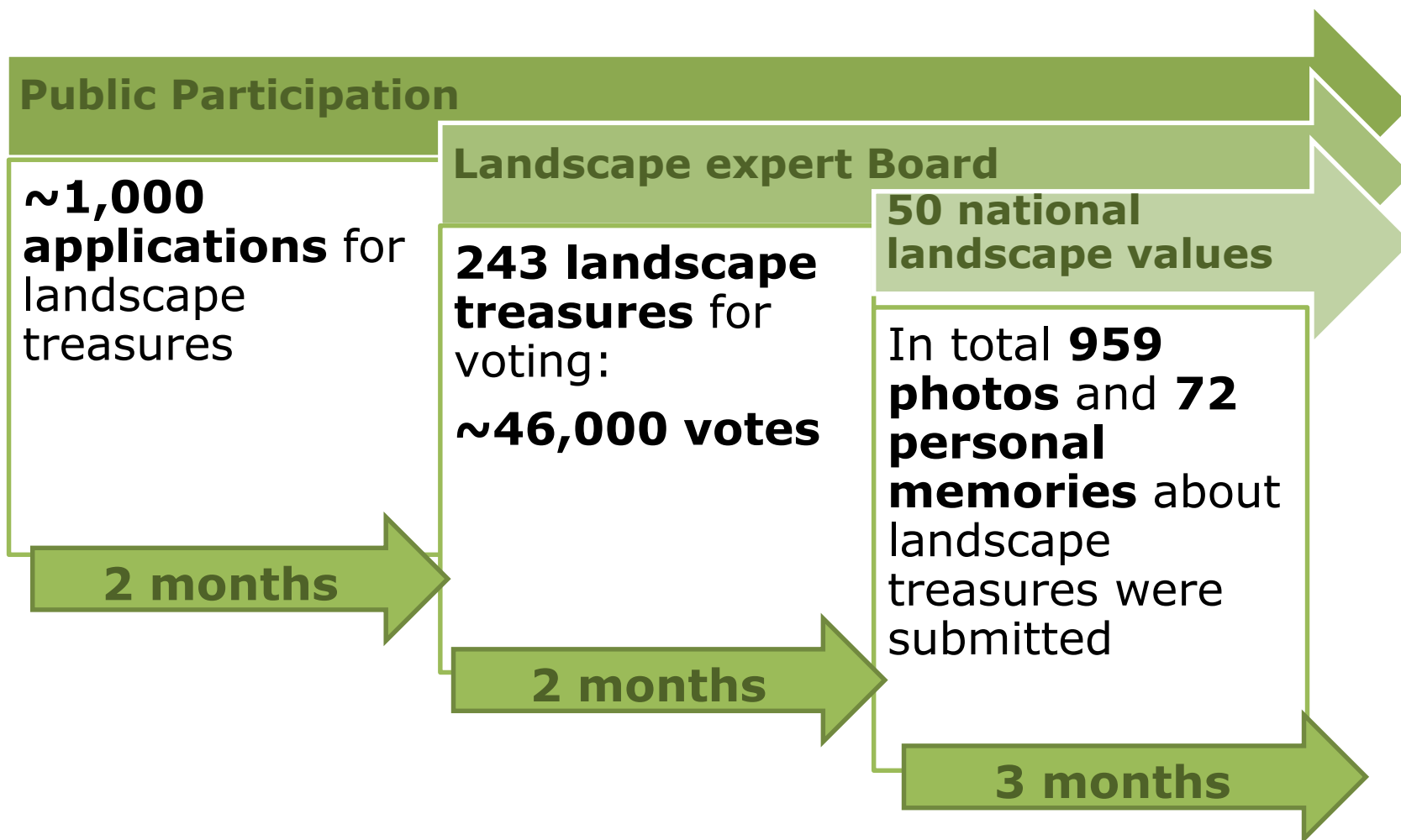
2nd phase – Development of electronic storage for landscape treasures.

3rd phase – Regional discussions and gala forum with exhibitions.





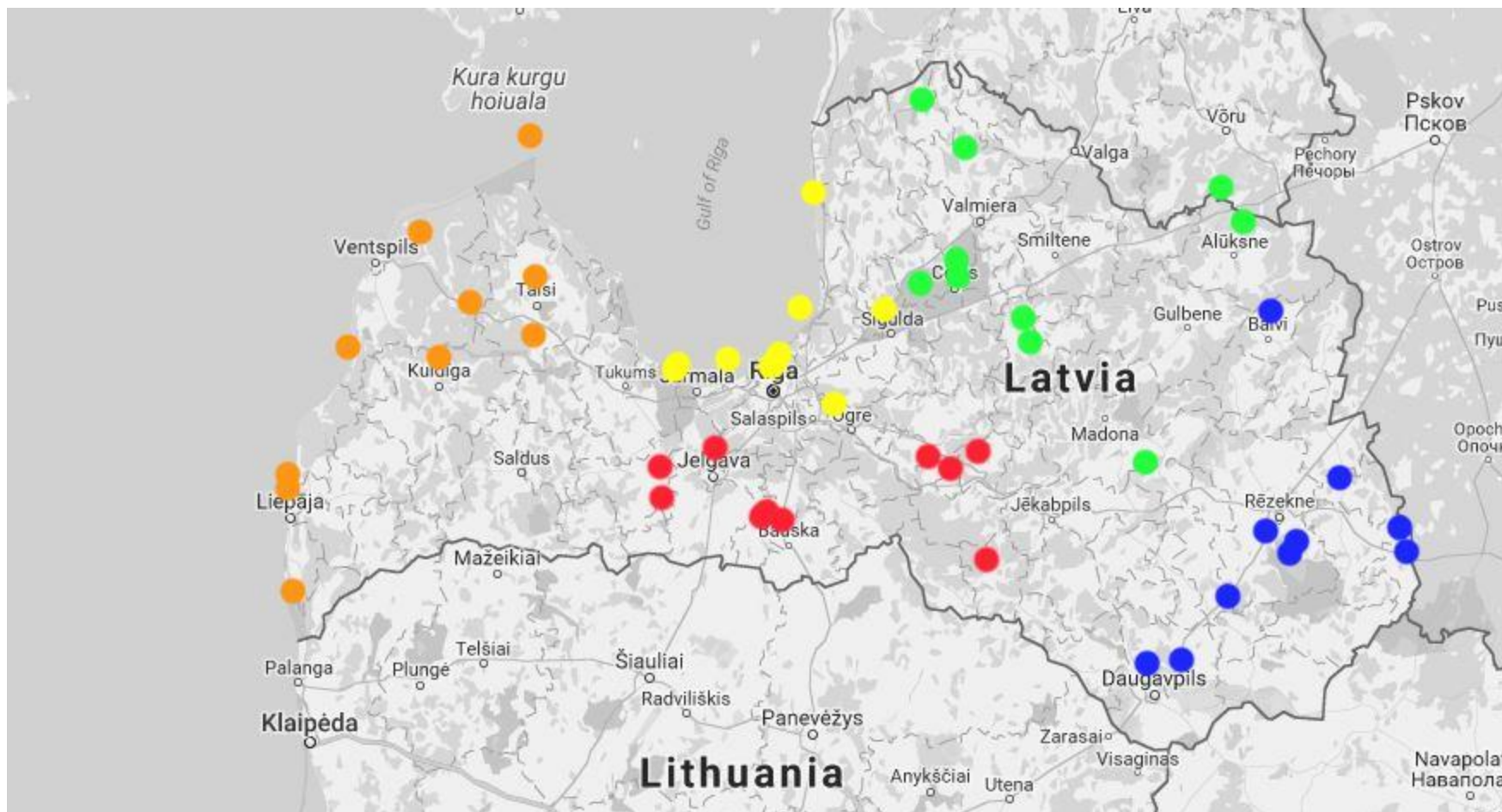
Public participation – unexpected activity in first phase





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50 Landscape treasures of Latvia



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Landscape treasures of Riga region



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Landscape treasures of Vidzeme region



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Landscape treasures of Zemgale region



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Landscape treasures of Kurzeme region



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Landscape treasures of Latgale region



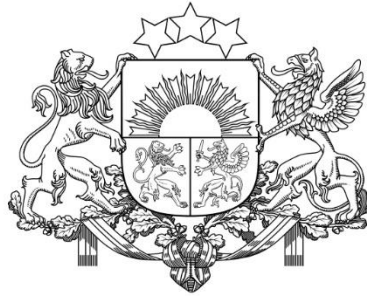
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Planned activities for 2018

- ✓ A mobile exhibition with historical and contemporary photos and descriptions of 50 treasured landscape values - **August**
- ✓ Regional discussions on value and importance of landscapes - **September**
- ✓ Gala forum in National Library with ~400 participants - **October**
- ✓ Present for centenary of Latvia - Electronic storage in National Library "**Treasured landscape values of Latvia – yesterday, today and tomorrow**" - collection of stories, memories, historical photos – **November 2018**



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Thank you very much for your attention!

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