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Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Latvia

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EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION
CONVENTION EUROPÉENNE DU PAYSAGE
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European Landscape Convention

- ✓ the convention was **signed** in 2006
- ✓ the convention was **ratified** in 2007

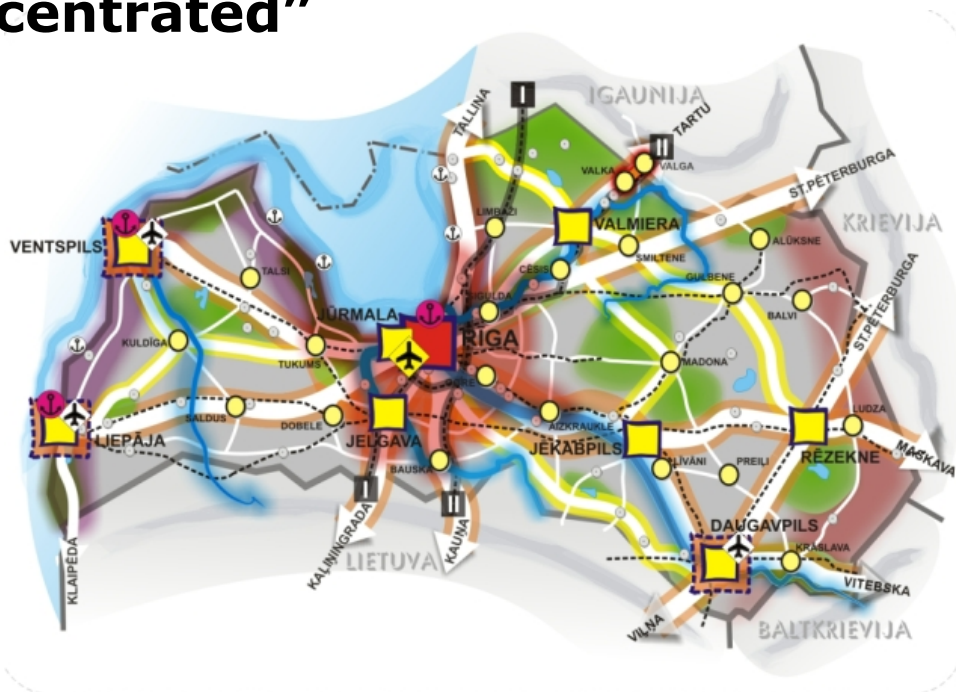
Elaboration of national policy –
Landscape Policy Strategy was
started in 2008



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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 interests and includes **“Spaces where nature protection, landscape, natural and cultural values are concentrated”**





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Process of elaboration of the Strategy

Responsible institution for Landscape policy – Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (MoEPRD)

In 2011 **A working group** that includes representatives from ministries, planning regions, as well as universities and NGOs, was established for elaboration of the Strategy

Landscape Policy Strategy was approved by the Government in 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 about 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 on 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 about 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 MEPRD.

The report includes information relating to the implementation of priorities of Strategy and also implementation of the convention in local municipalities.



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Activities in local municipalities

A lot of practical activities on the implementation of the convention, such as site greening, joint landscaping, competitions for the most treasured house and others - mostly planned and implemented in the short or medium term up to 7 years

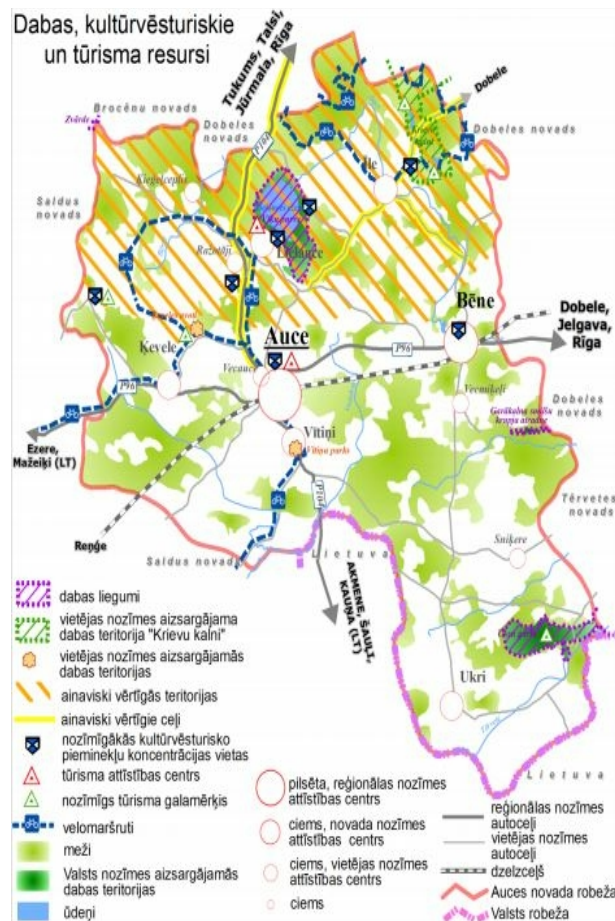
A long-term challenge (over 7 years) - landscape planning in spatial development documents:

- Spatial Development Strategies
- Territorial plans



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Spatial Development Strategies

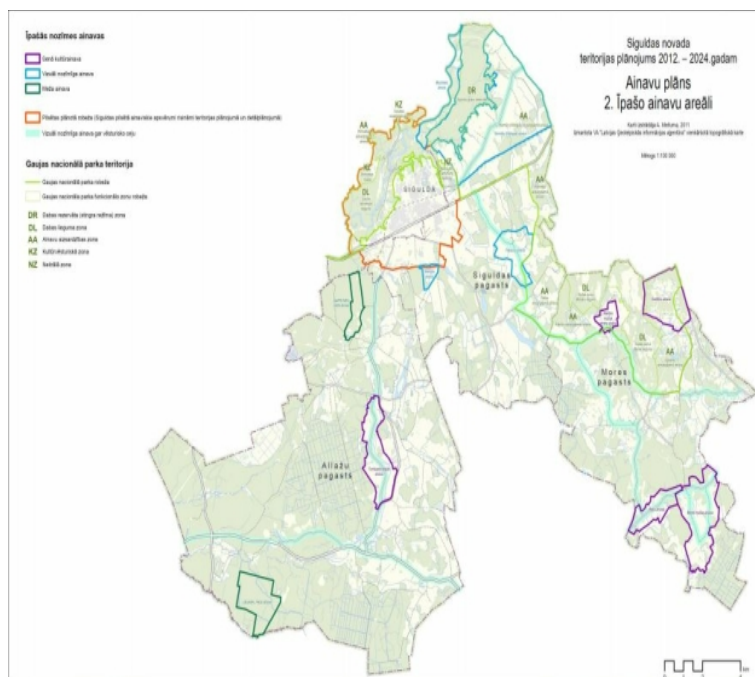


- The importance and value of landscapes have been described by about 80% of local municipalities
- There is a tendency that municipalities near the capital describe the value of landscapes less frequently than the average of all Latvian municipalities

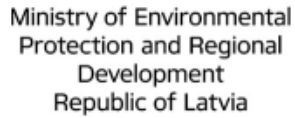


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Territorial plans



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



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





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Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

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



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National selections of Landscape Award



Dzintaru mežaparka izveide
(iesniedzējs Jūrmalas 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)



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

2014



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



Šaursliežu dzelzceļa atjaunošana Ventpils pilsētā
(iesniedzējs Ventpils pilsētas dome)



Daudzfunkcionālie rekreācijas areāli Rēzeknē
(iesniedzējs Rēzeknes pilsēta)



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



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



Valmieras pilsētas apstādījumu inventarizācija un
attīstība (iesniedzējs Valmieras pilsēta)



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*Council of Europe
Landscape Award
Forum
of National
Selections*

5th Session 2016-2017

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

Daugavpils Fortress





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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 the whole country;
- handing in historical and current photos, sharing memories and future wishes

2nd phase – Development of electronic storage for landscape treasures

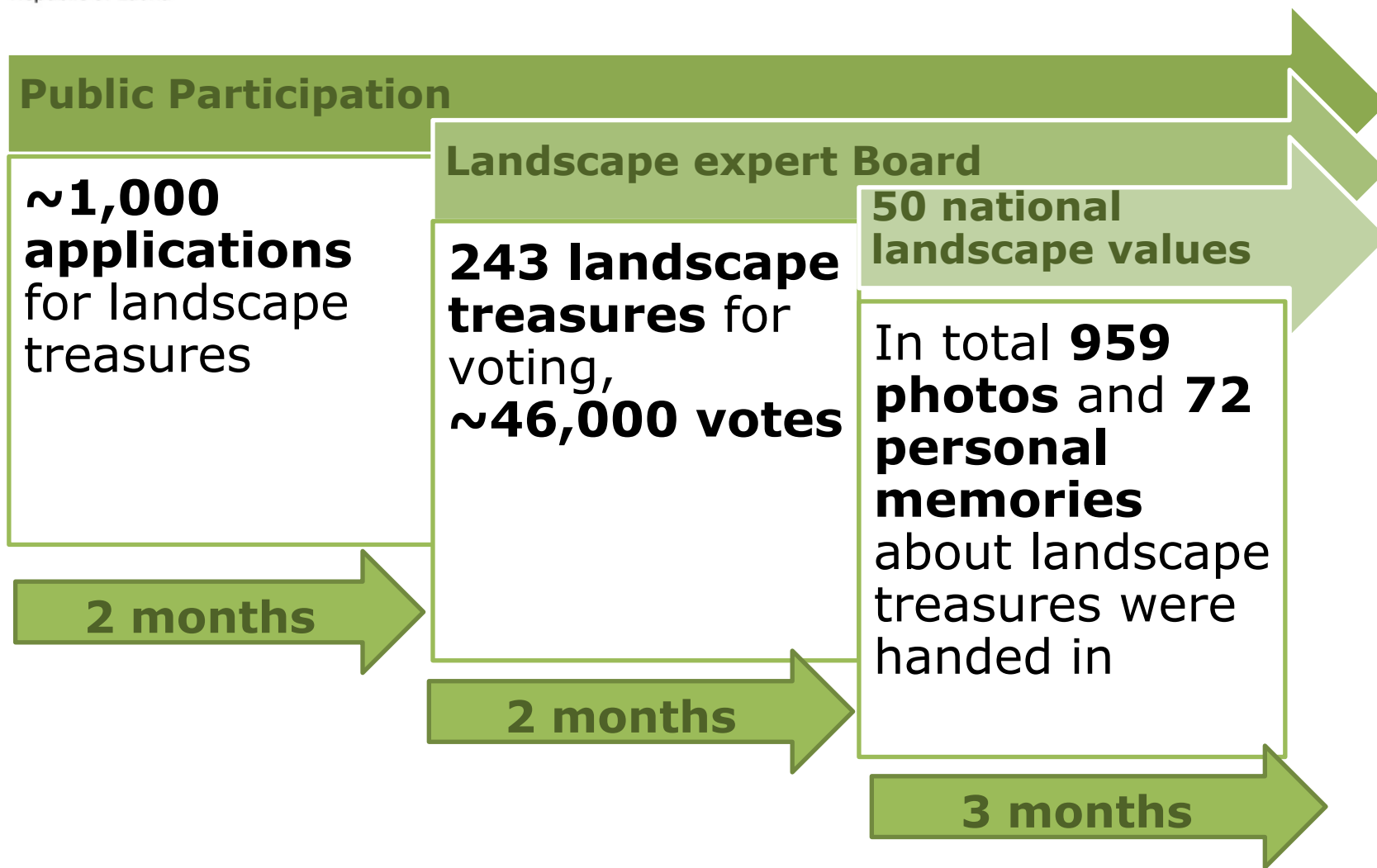
3rd phase – Regional discussions and gala forum with exhibitions

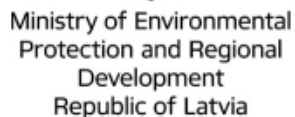




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Public participation – unexpected activity in 1st phase





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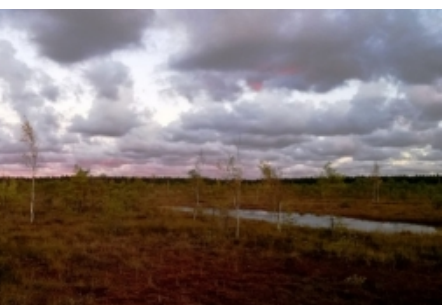
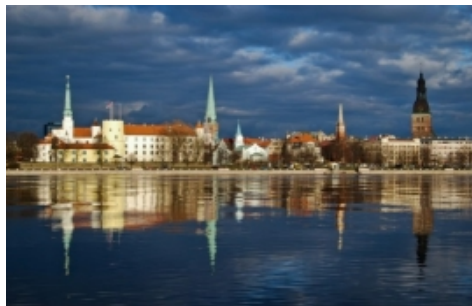
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Landscape treasures of Riga region

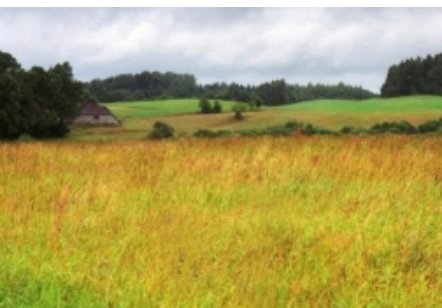
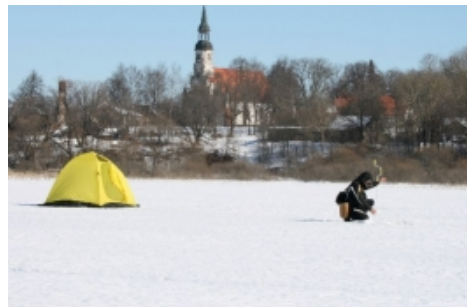


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Landscape treasures of Vidzeme region

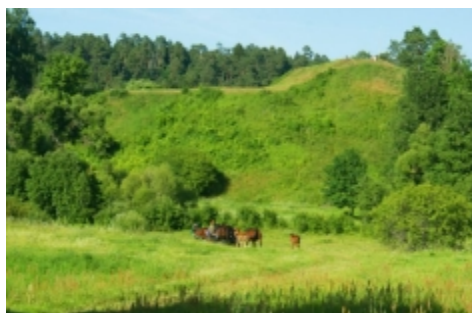


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Landscape treasures of Zemgale region



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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 the value and importance of landscapes - **September**
- ✓ Gala forum in National Library with ~400 participants - **October**
- ✓ Gift 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**



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Thank you very much for your attention!

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