



# Cycling as component of development in the coastal area of Latvia

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# Our area of responsibility

- The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development is the responsible institution for spatial planning in Latvia. One of the recent planning documents we have developed and currently are implementing is the Strategy for Spatial Development of the Coastal Area 2011-2017 (hereinafter – the Strategy) in Latvia

# Advantages for cycling in coastal area

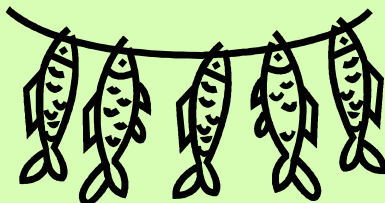
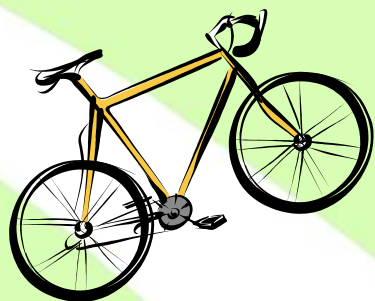
- Providing accessibility, which will benefit both cycle tourists as well as the local residents;
- Environment friendly and healthy way of traveling
- Tourism development, as well as improvement of economics in coastal municipalities

# Situation in the coastal area

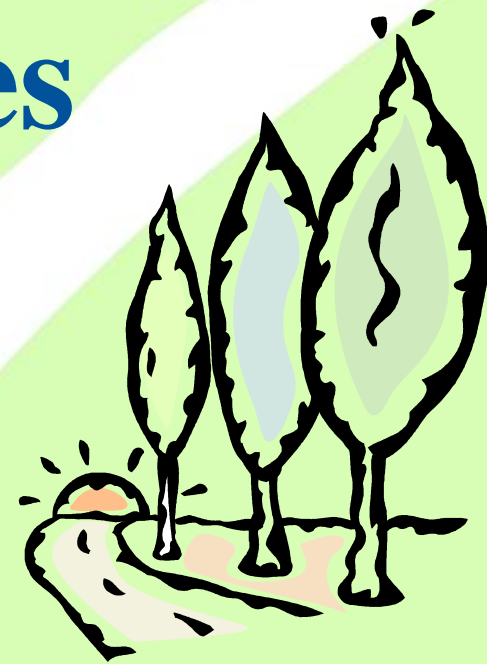
- Within the framework of the implementation of the Strategy, meetings in all 17 coastal municipalities were held, in order to **obtain general information** about the necessary financial support in next EU Multi–annual planning period and accessibility problems in coastal areas
- Information was gathered in the first part of year 2012

# Situation in the coastal area

- Results:
  - Cycling routes (particullary EuroVelo13) were identified as one of the key infrastructure unit in unifying coastal municipalities and defining coastal area main axis
  - During next 7 years the municipalities need a support for construction/creation of 269 km cycling roads/routes
- Problems:
  - Construction of the cycling routes without co-financing are too expensive for average municipal budget



# Current activities



# National long-term thematic spatial plan for Baltic Sea coastal area

- Will be elaborated under NFI *financial mechanism* programme Nr.LV07 "Capacity-building and Institutional Cooperation between Beneficiary State and Norwegian Public Institutions, Local and Regional Authorities"
- Will serve as a basis for further coordination of investments in coastal area infrastructure
- Will provide better cooperation between neighboring municipalities in infrastructure planning

# Provisional content of coastal plan

- Strategic part – *ICM strategy*
- Institutional *cooperation model* for civil security and rescue
- Conceptual network of sustainable coastal infrastructure
- Detailed infrastructure plans for *complex development territories*
- Monitoring concept
- Complex spatial data base and maps



# Investments will be coordinated by

- Detailed infrastructure plans for *complex development territories*, which shall include:
  - Access roads
  - Parking lots
  - Cycling roads and routes
  - Other objects of public infrastructure relevant to particular case

# Planned investments (still in process)

- ERDF investments in public infrastructure for facilitating entrepreneurship in the coastal area
- Under thematic objective “Competitiveness of small and medium sized enterprises”
- Cycling routes will be one of supported activities, if those are prioritized by local municipality





# Thank You for attention!

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