

Greenways: The results in the Baltic area



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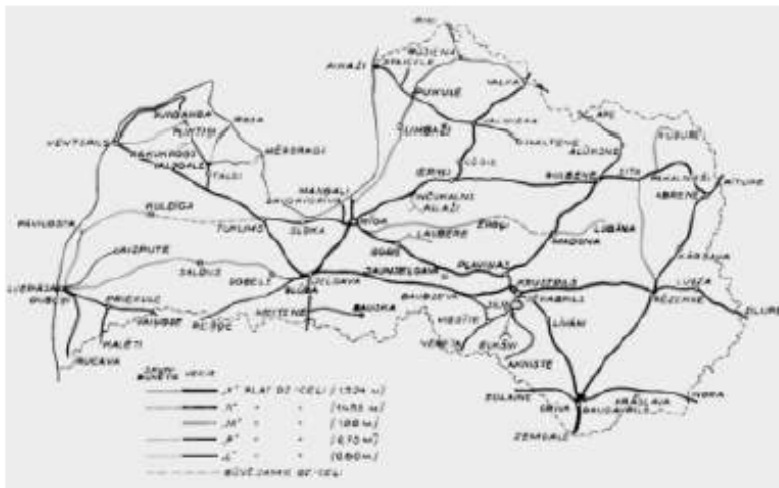
- Latvian Greenways Association is a non-profit foundation with the main aim to develop the former railway lines and adopt them for the use of non-motorized transport – cyclists, hikers, horse riding, skiing as well as people with special needs.
- The Association has been established in 2015 (founded in 2014), following similar initiatives in many Western European countries, where thousands of kilometers of Greenways have been developed.
- *At the moment the Association has 11 members – Municipalities that have former railway lines and canal dams in their territories*



Old Railways and Potential/Existing Greenways in Latvia

Railway network

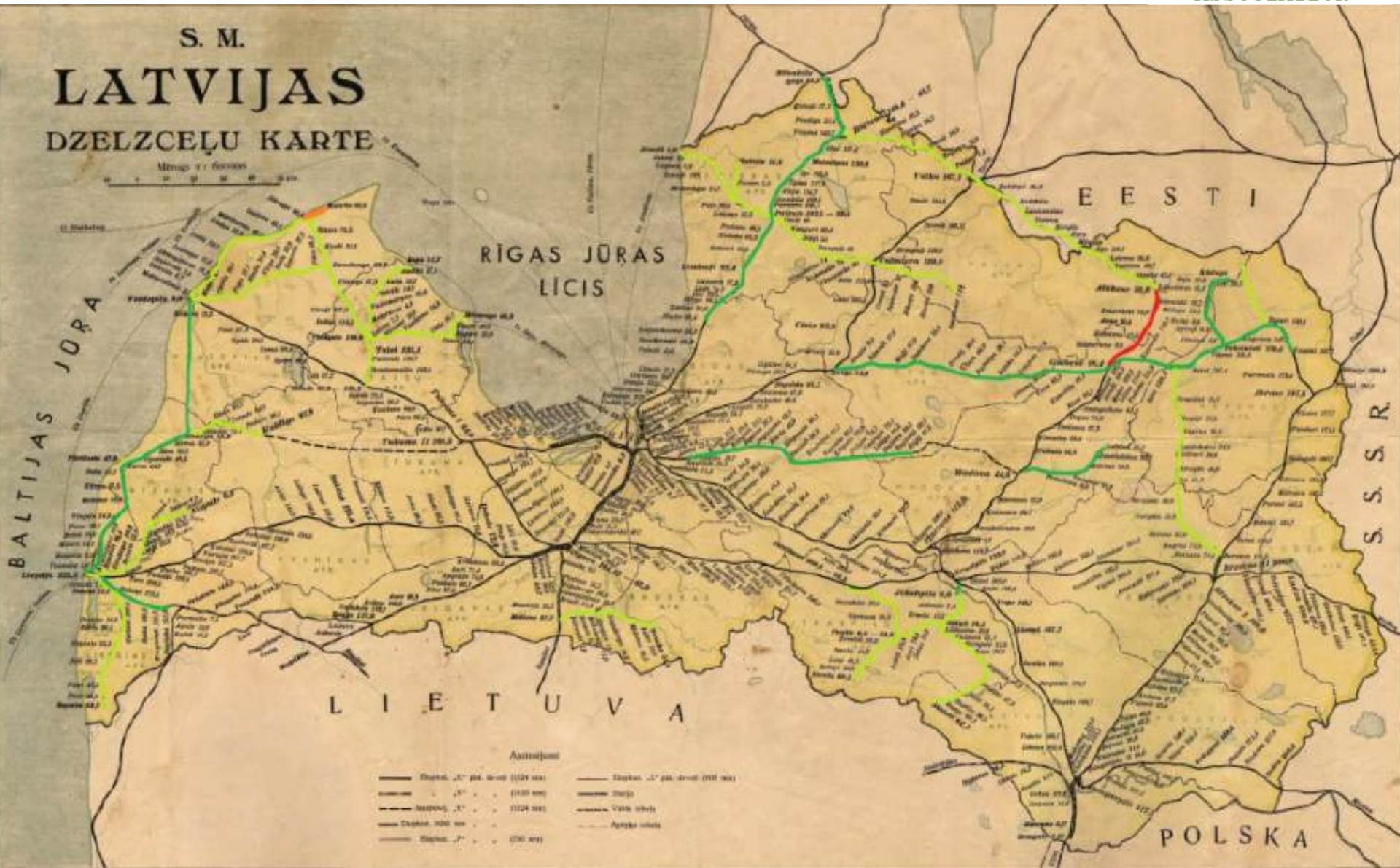
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Existing/Potential Greenways in Latvia







Railbikes



Future Greenways Development in Latvia

- Pilot-activity: “Perfect Greenway” stretch as an example for others
- Land ownership issues (in process – about 100 km former railway line)
- Continuous involvement of the stakeholders at all levels (State-Ministries, Railway Company, State Forestry, Regions, Local municipalities, entrepreneurs etc.)
- Information to the Funding authorities;
- Statistics;
- National Greenways Development Strategy;
- Promotion at all levels (maps, tourism fairs, radio, TV, local events etc.)
- Cooperation with EGWA!

Cooperation with EGWA

- EU COSME projects:
 - Greenways Product
 - Greenways Outdoor
 - Greenways Heritage
- Participation in various Greenways-related events (e.g. EGWA Award)
- EGWA as an expert in national meetings



Greenways in the Baltic Sea Region

- Latvia-Estonia cooperation (Interreg programme) – more than 300 km new Greenways lines are created
- Greenways and non-motorized transport corridors and the Baltic Sea Region Strategy – “First Mile”
- Promotion of Greenways at various high-level events in Russia (Forum Strategov, NDPC Culture Forum etc.)
- BSR Tourism Forum in Riga – 2018 (focus on cycling)
- European Cultural Tourism Network



Thank you very much for your attention!

