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Vidzeme region in Europe



Historic Region with many
Hanseatic cities

Rich cultural traditions

Crossroads between
East and the West

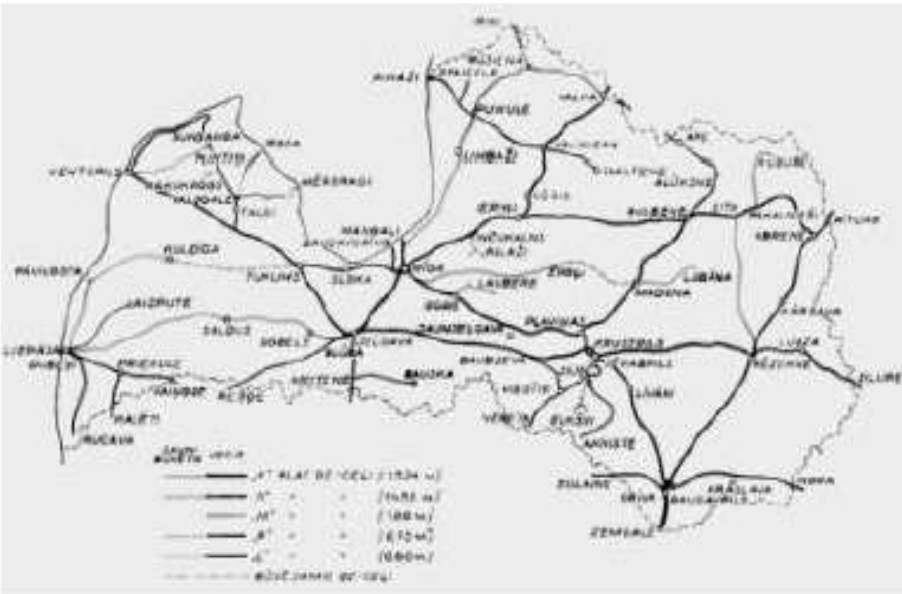


LATVIA

Railway network

1940

2014





Statistics - present

- Total length of operational railway lines today is 1806 km,
- During last 50 years we theoretically lost 1417 km of railways (all potential greenways),

Railways in Latvia – 1939





Year 2009.

Project “GreenWays Product”





“Greenways Product” project 2013-2014



“Vías Verdes” – Spanish Greenways Network





VÍA VERDE DE
LA SIERRA





4.5

km



ecopista



International Workshop on Creating Greenways Tourism Product in Latvia



Astor Hotel Riga
May 20 - Arrival and Welcome
May 21 - Workshop and cycling tour

Photo: Anna Kupče



VIDZEME
TOURISM
ASSOCIATION



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ASSOCIATION EUROPÉENNE DES VOIES VERTES
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Workshop organized by Vidzeme Tourism Association / More information about the Workshop: www.vidzeme.com/en/gw

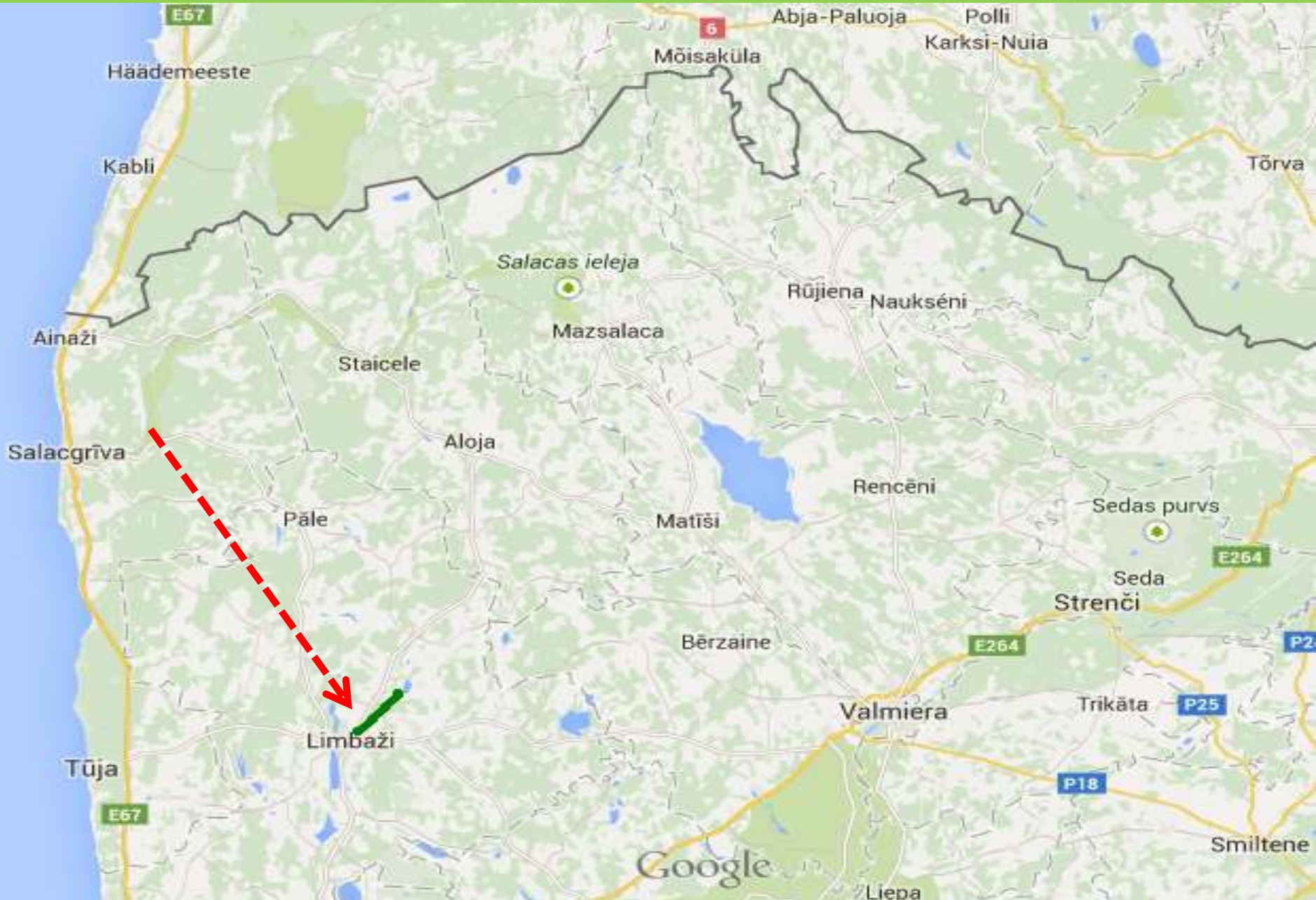
Study tour after the Greenways product Workshop in Riga, May 21, 2014



Foundation of Latvian Greenways Association on May 2014



Reconstructed Greenway section in Limbaži-Katvari



Opening of the reconstructed greenway Limbazi-Katvari, September 2014

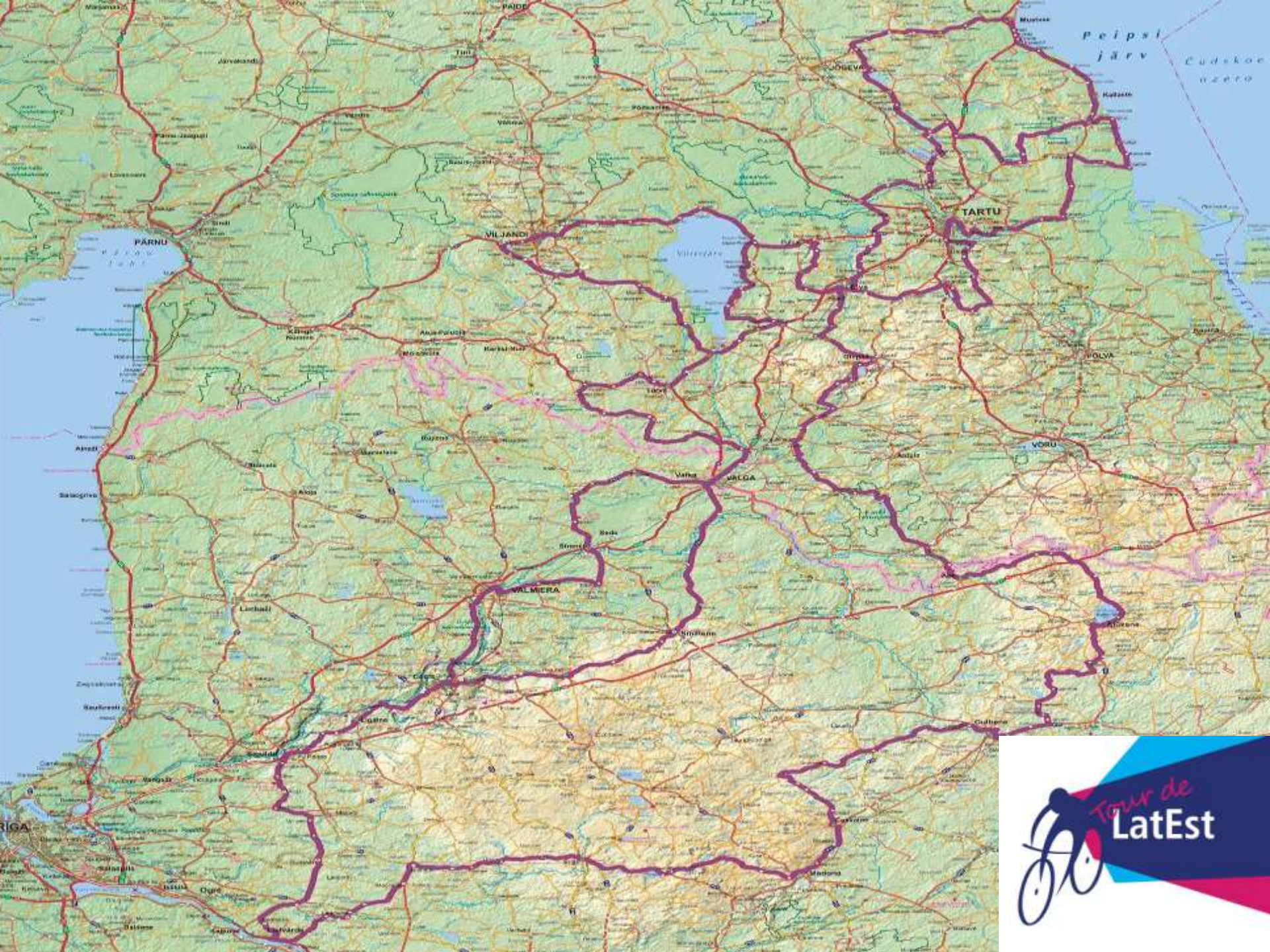


Reconstructed Greenway Limbaži–Katvari



Former regular-width railway lines and possible GreenWays sections for development in North Latvia

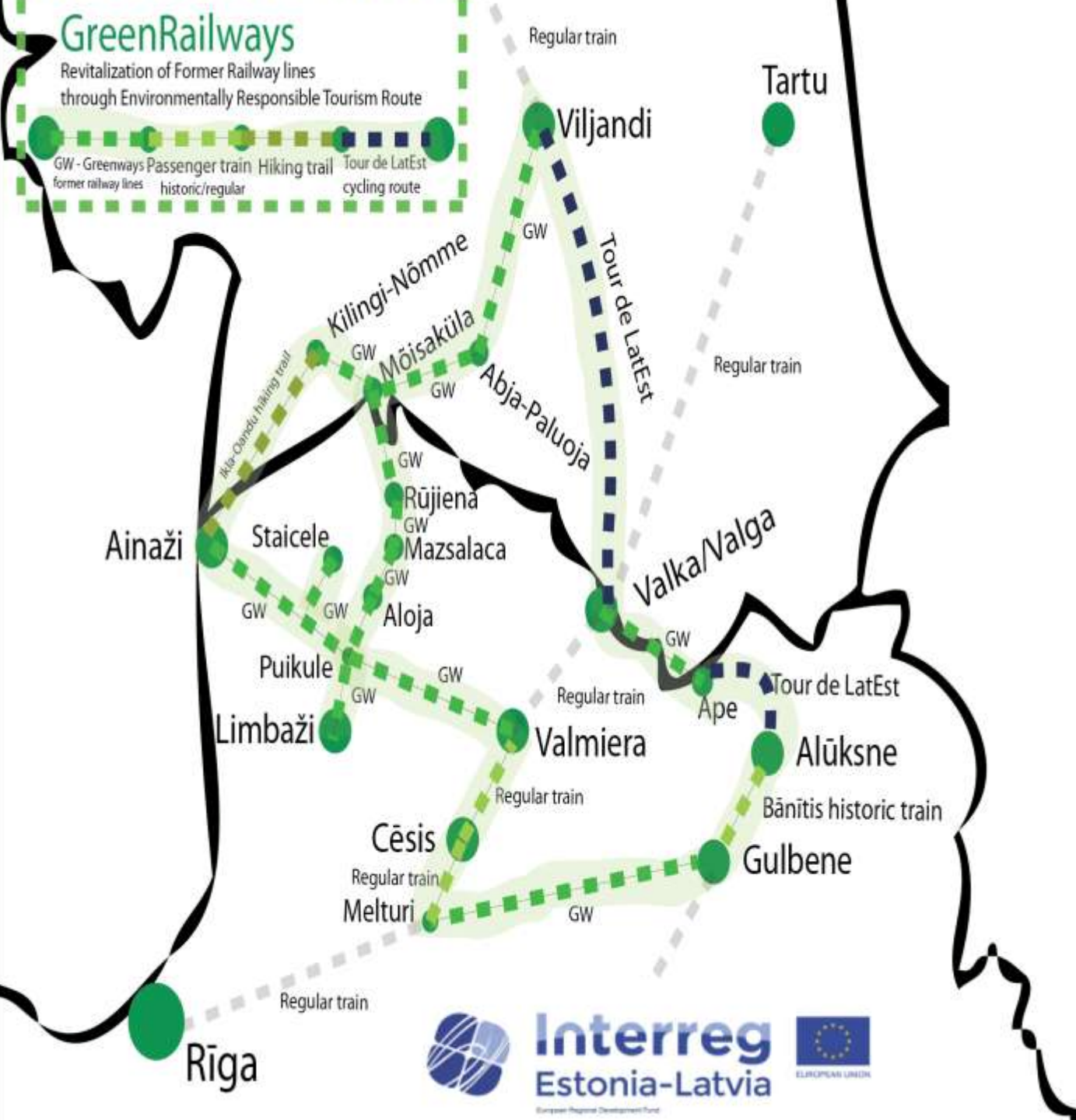




GreenRailways

Revitalization of Former Railway lines through Environmentally Responsible Tourism Route

GW - Greenways Passenger train Hiking trail Tour de LatEst
former railway lines historic/regular cycling route



Total route
~703km

Old railways (Greenways)
315km
Bānītis
33km
Tour de LatEst
246km
Route

“Green Railway”

Revitalization of former Narrow Gauge Railway lines through environmentally responsible tourism route



Evaluation of «Smiltene – Valmiera» section



Green – applicable to tourism activities.

Red – non-applicable to tourism activities.

Former narrow-gauge railway lines and possible GreenWays sections for development in Latvia and Estonia



Suggestions based on the research by Mr Jānis Siliņš, 2014

Former narrow-gauge railway lines and possible GreenWays sections for development in Latvia and Estonia















Kocēni municipality



Railway station



Alūksne city





MÕISAKÜLA

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Ainaži pier – former railway line



BALTIJAS JŪRA

Rūjiena IGAUNIJA

TALLINA
PLESKAVA
Valsts robeža

KRIEVIJA

RĪGAS JŪRAS LĪCIS



204 km
186 km
33 km

SANKTPĒTERBURGA
PITALOVA

RĪGA

KĀRSAVA

LIEPĀJA

MAŽEIĶI

Valsts robeža
JONIŠKI
VIĻŅA

LIETUVA

Valsts robeža
OBEĻI
KLAIPĒDA

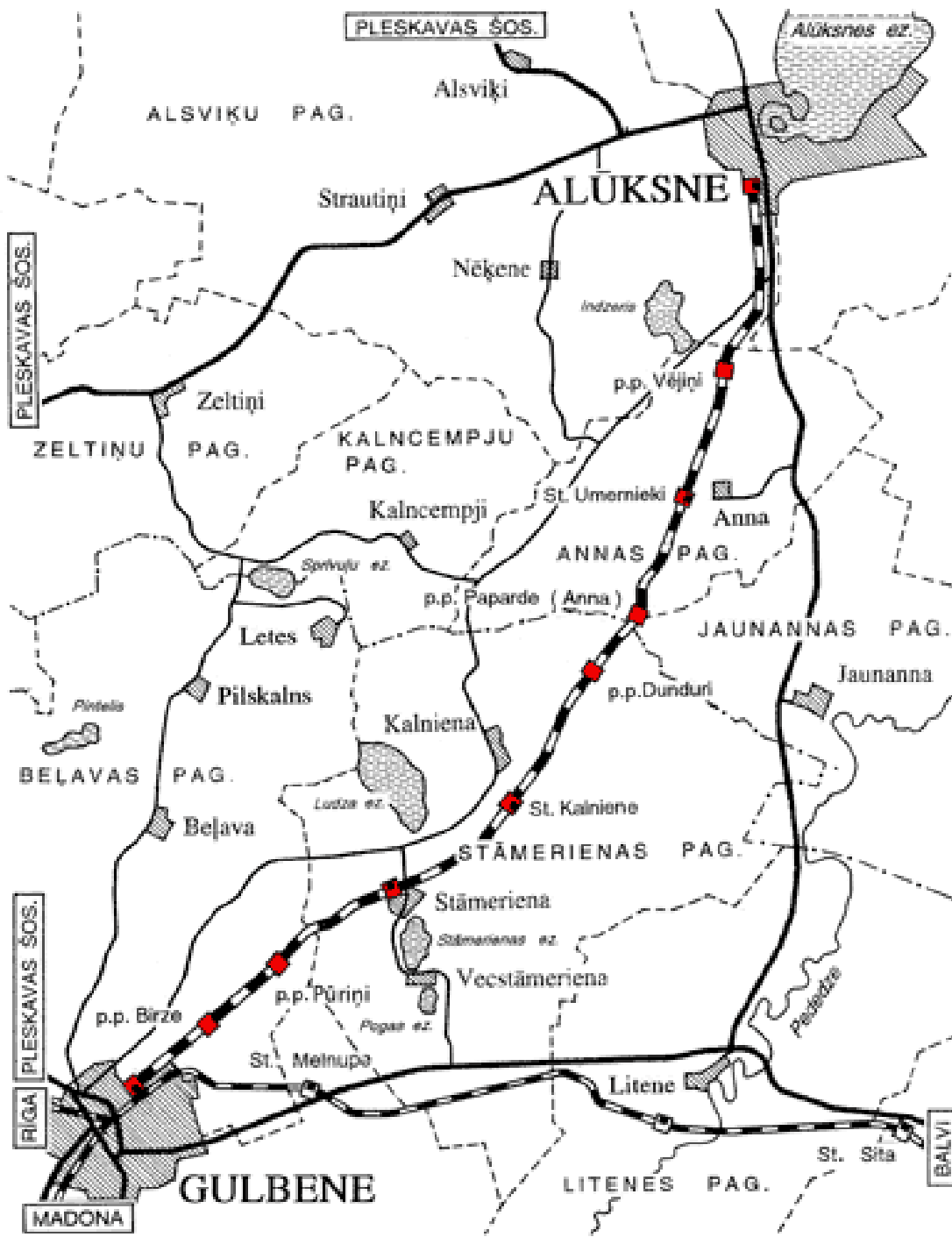
VIĻŅA

BALTKRIEVIJA

MASKAVA
SEBEŽA

POLOCKA





Cleaning GW line – Aloja (2015)



Cleaning GW line – Aloja (2015)



First Latvian Greenways/EuroVelo/Signposted Cycling Routes Map



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Latvia Bike Map



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EuroVelo 13 – Iron Curtain Trail

The EuroVelo 13 – Iron Curtain Trail is a unique cycling route that starts at the North Cape coast near Arkhangelsk in Norway and ends up at the border of Bulgaria/Turkey near the Black Sea in the south. The whole route is 4000 km long. It crosses 20 countries that mark the vertical border between the East and the West of Europe that reconstructing the Cold War was for more than a half a century. The route presents both unique historical sites and currently little known scenic landscapes.

The route in Latvia covers 142 km. It offers unique culture and scenery made with a unique opportunity for cycling discovery on the country's route for about 30 km. The cycling route is flat and without steep inclines. The cycling infrastructure is well-developed around coastal towns. About 700 km of cycling and pedestrian trails are available. When crossing sections of North Bzura National Park and Ķemeri National Park, Ragne Ķemeri Park and Ķemeri National Park, Ragne Ķemeri Park and Ķemeri National Park, you can enjoy about 120 km of scenic and green trails.

The Iron Curtain Trail in Latvia starts from Latvia border in Ārāle and finishes at Ībiša in Lithuania. It is rich with military heritage and other tourist attractions along whole its length. It is possible to continue the route inside both in Lithuania and Estonia as the border crossing makes no conditions and appropriate cycling route markings signs has been placed there.

As the area consists of Northern Latvia, the route will include as maximum the areas built by former Soviet Army Air Defense Forces in Belparkas, Ķemeri coastal region as well as end from Ķemeri borders. Of particular interest will be the only private Baltic Museum in the Baltic States with unique exhibits in Ķemeri. The EuroVelo 13 crosses Northern Latvia in complete diagonal.

Riga is the biggest capital city in the Baltic States, as well as an important regional hub with an international airport, port, rail and bus networks. The Riga Old Town is included in the UNESCO World Heritage list. The city is rich with military heritage sites, such as the Museum of Occupation of Latvia, the Museum of Earth's end of 1960, Daugavpils fortifications, Ķemeri National, the Ķemeri water protection.

In Ķemeri, the Western part of Latvia, from Cape Kuldiga and Ķemeri, you will witness local language, food in relation to Latvian and Finnish, but still preserved. Here the tradition also used the remains of former Soviet military base. Ķemeri is famous color and scenery that was special for soviet espionage during the Soviet times and is the largest building of its kind worldwide in located nearby.

Ķemeri and Ķemeri are coastal sites, offering connections with Germany and Scandinavia. Both offer some well-developed cycling infrastructure. Ķemeri is the most attractive military heritage park in Latvia with historical fortresses in the city. 20 special routes in Ķemeri area, where you can enjoy a night in a real Soviet time prison and enjoy other unique features. The EuroVelo 13 route in Ķemeri is 15 km long.

For more details of the cycling route, particularly from Ķemeri till Ķemeri you can visit the website www.izvece.lv and the most recent 120 km of published route with leisure traffic, it is a favorable environment for the public transport between inland. Route with low traffic, extensive recreation for about 140 km. (Reconstruction of various parts of the route has begun). It is planned to complete the reconstruction until 2020 and develop 160 km of cycling infrastructure.

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Complete Latvian road map
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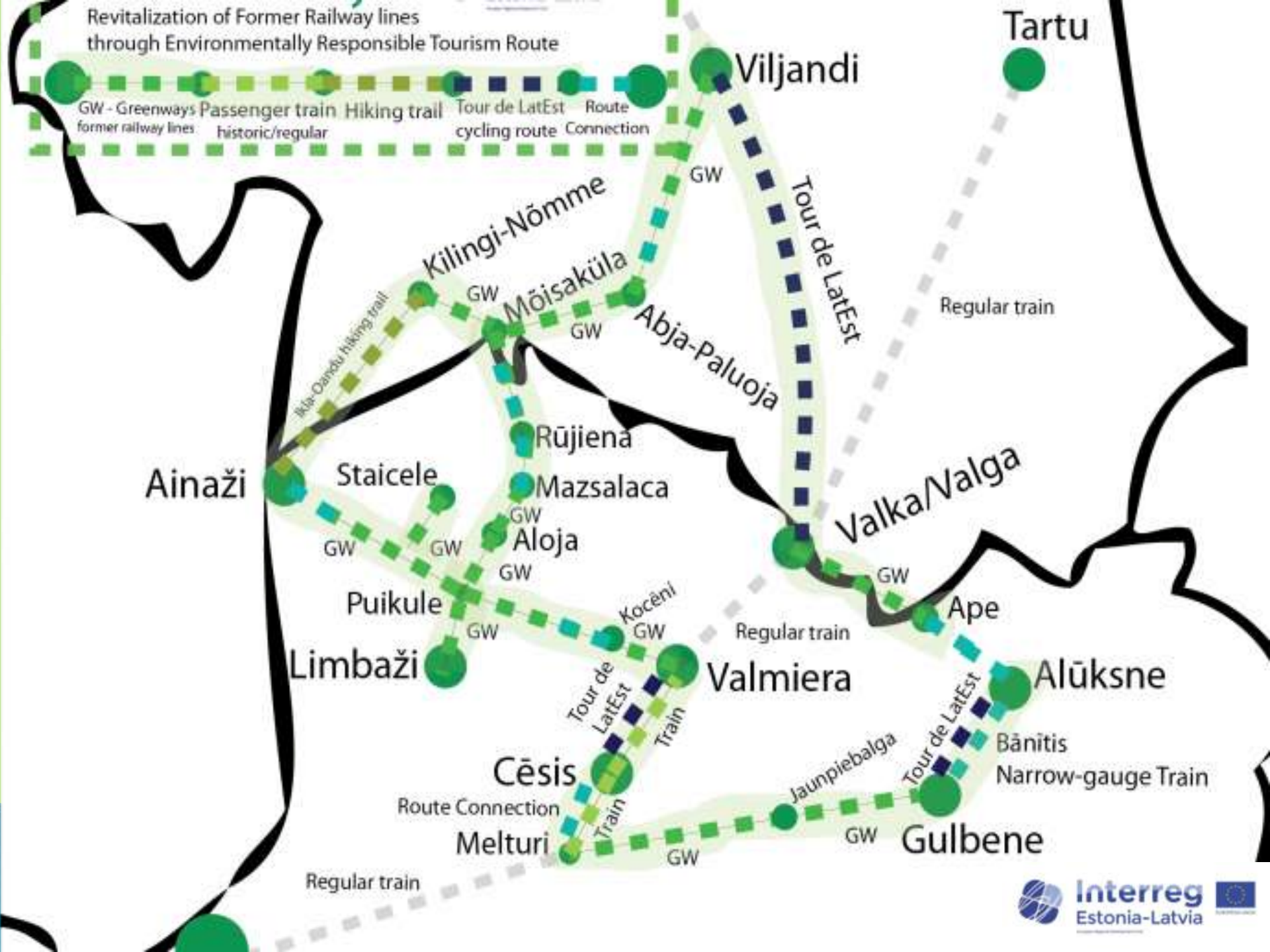
More detailed information about Latvia is available in National, Regional and Local language books available in Latvian, English, Russian and other materials and/or brochures

www.visitlatvia.com/latvia

MAP LEGEND

13	National road
	Regional road
	Greenway
	Local road
	Local road in Latvia/German/Lithuanian region
	Digital Mountain Bike routes
	Danger place in Greenway section







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Vidzemes Tūrisma asociācija VTA
Project Lead Partner

Latvijas zaļo ceļu asociācija

Alojas novada dome

Alūksnes novada dome

Apes novada dome

Amatas novada pašvaldība

Kocēnu novada dome

Mazsalacas novada pašvaldība

Rūjienas novada pašvaldība

Salacgrīvas novada dome

Valkas novada dome

Gulbenes novada dome

Limbažu novada pašvaldība

Valmieras pilsētas pašvaldība

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Taheva Vallavalitsus

Mõniste Vallavalitsus

Mõisaküla Vallavalitsus

Estonia – Latvia programme 2014 – 2020

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Revitalization of former Narrow Gauge Railway lines through environmentally responsible tourism route

Lead partner: Vidzeme tourism association

Total budget: 1 174 938 EUR, 85% is co-financed by ERDF fund

Project duration: 01.03.2017-30.04.2019.

Igaunijas- Latvijas programma 2014 – 2020

Zaļie Dzelzceļi

Bijušo dzelzceļa līniju pielāgošana videi draudzīgā tūrisma maršrutā

Vadošais partneris: Vidzemes Tūrisma asociācija

Projekta budžets: 1 174 938 EUR, tai skaitā 85% līdzfinansē Eiropas Reģionālās attīstības fonds

Project objectives – Investments

- ▶ Reconstruction/investment of buildings (e.g. stations, bridges, pier etc.)
- ▶ Cleaning of former railway lines
- ▶ Setting-up measurement devices (counters)
- ▶ Setting-up information stands
- ▶ Signposting
- ▶ Other investment – museum, culture heritage sites, ect.

Project objectives – Promotion

- ▶ Common map and brochure of the North Latvia and South Estonia included **Greenways**
- ▶ Participation in Balttour and Tourest trade fairs
- ▶ Local marketing events
- ▶ Experience exchange visits outside programme area Benilux
- ▶ Video, interactive solutions etc.
- ▶ Other marketing/promotion elements

How many people will use the route?



Counters (statistics)

People monitoring – Automatic counter – Inductive loop ZELT





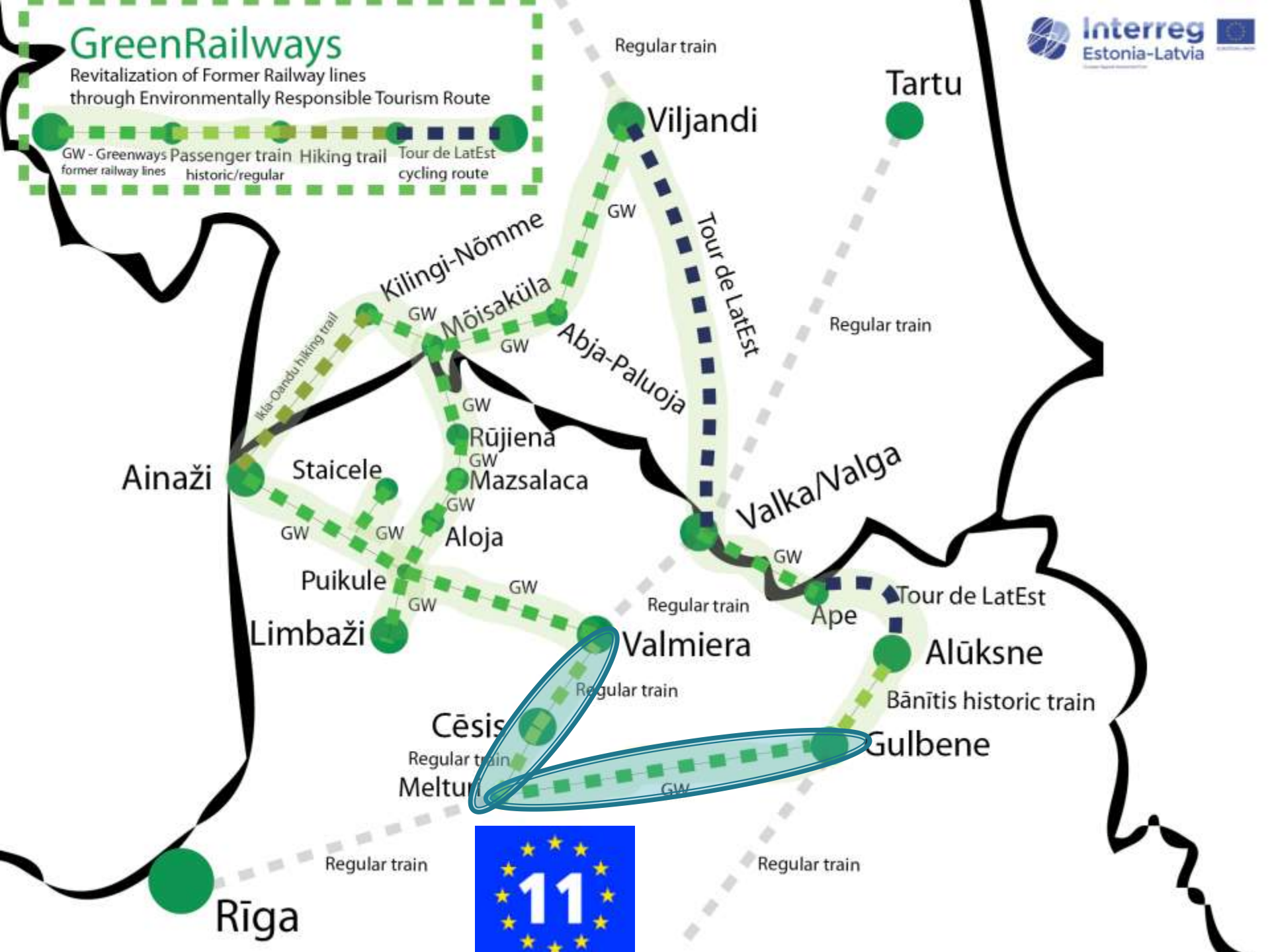
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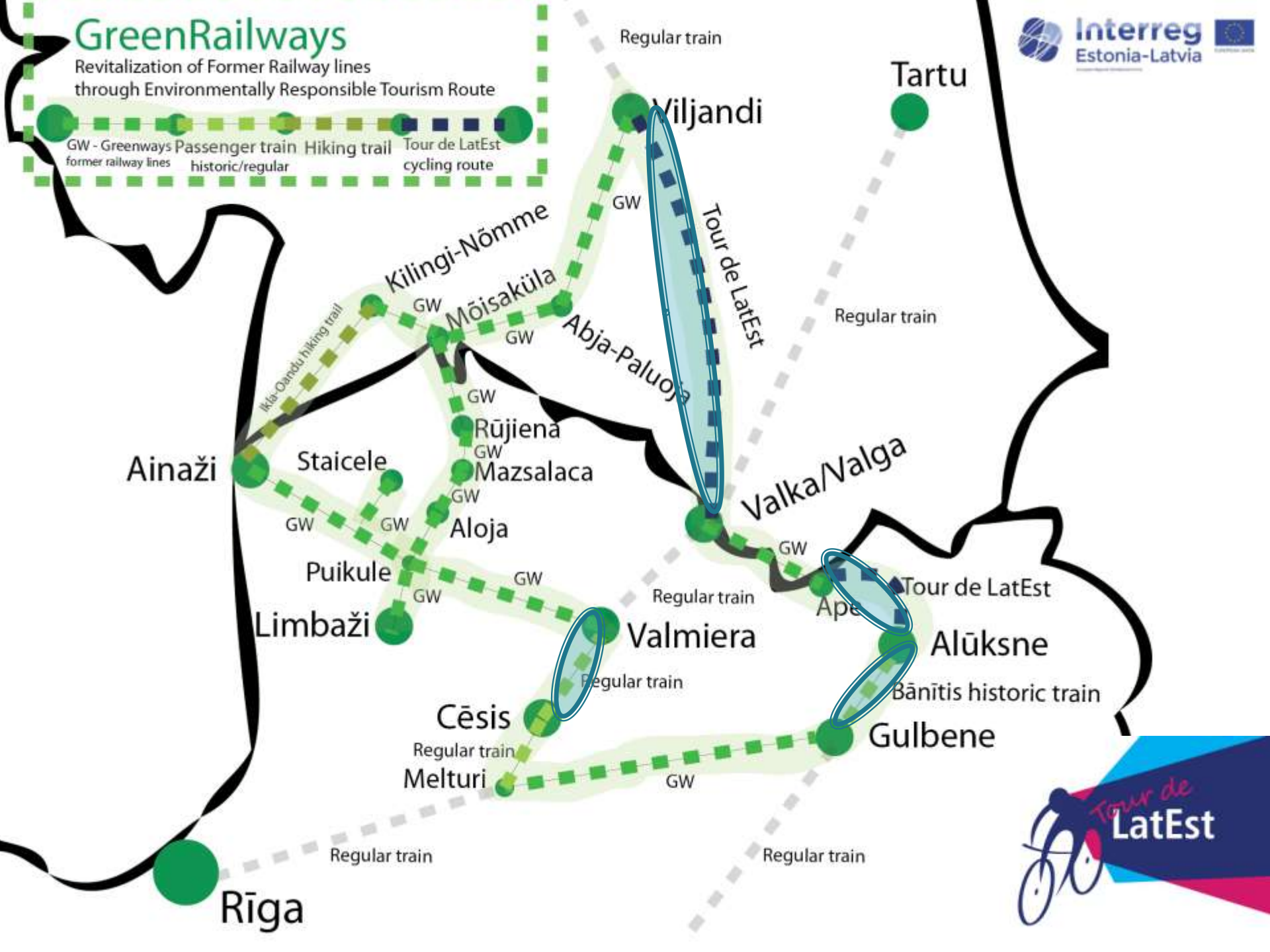
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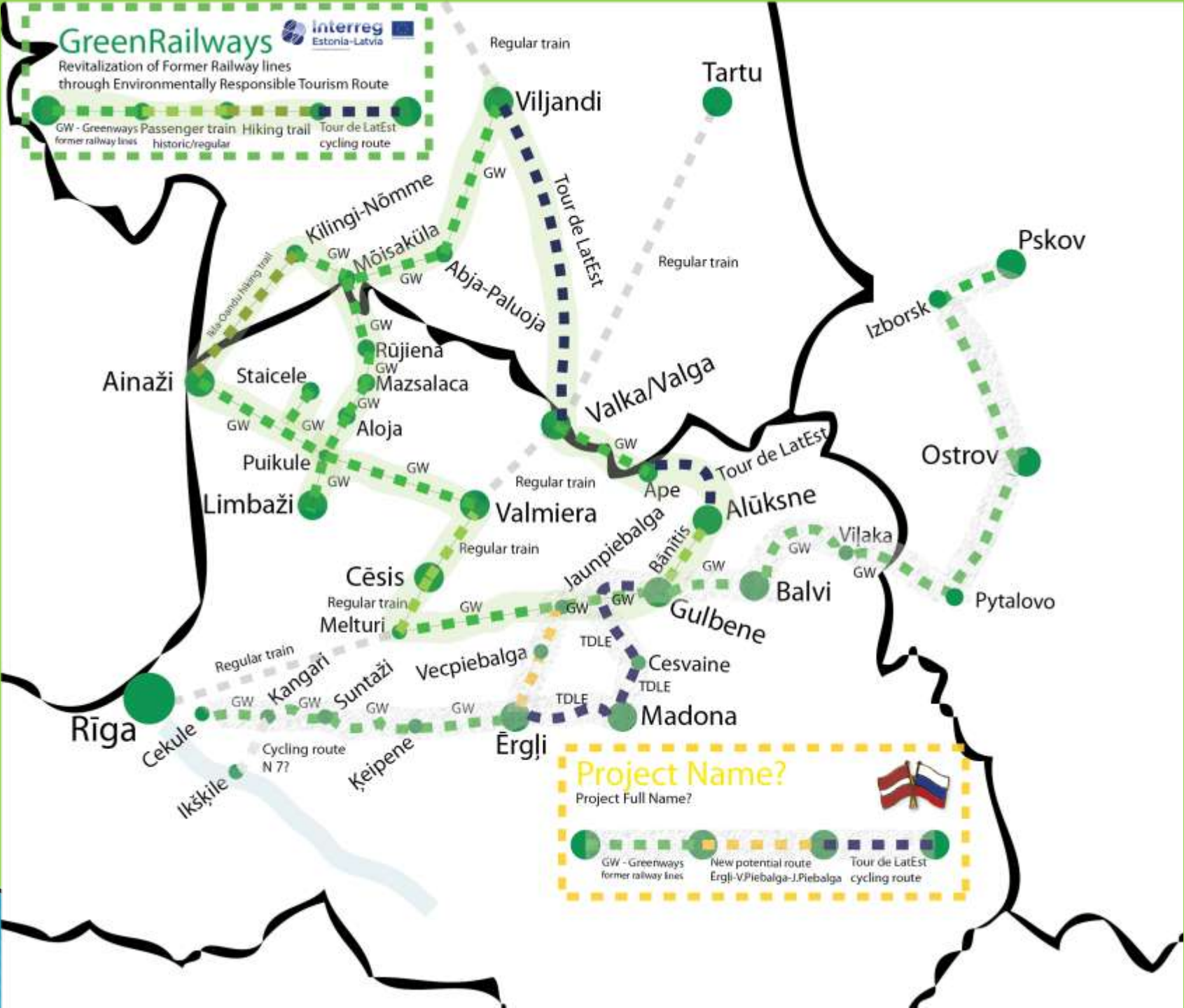


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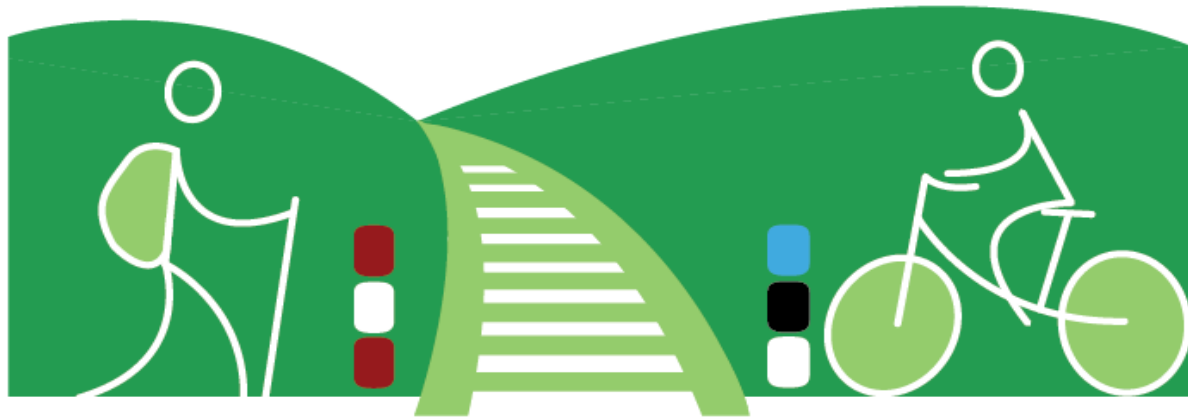
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 Passenger train historic/regular
 Hiking trail
 Tour de LatEst cycling route



Project Name?
 Project Full Name?

GW - Greenways former railway lines
 New potential route
 Tour de LatEst cycling route
 Ērgļi-Vīpēbalga-J.Piebalga



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RAILWAY

