

# Main outputs of Greenways Heritage project in Latvia



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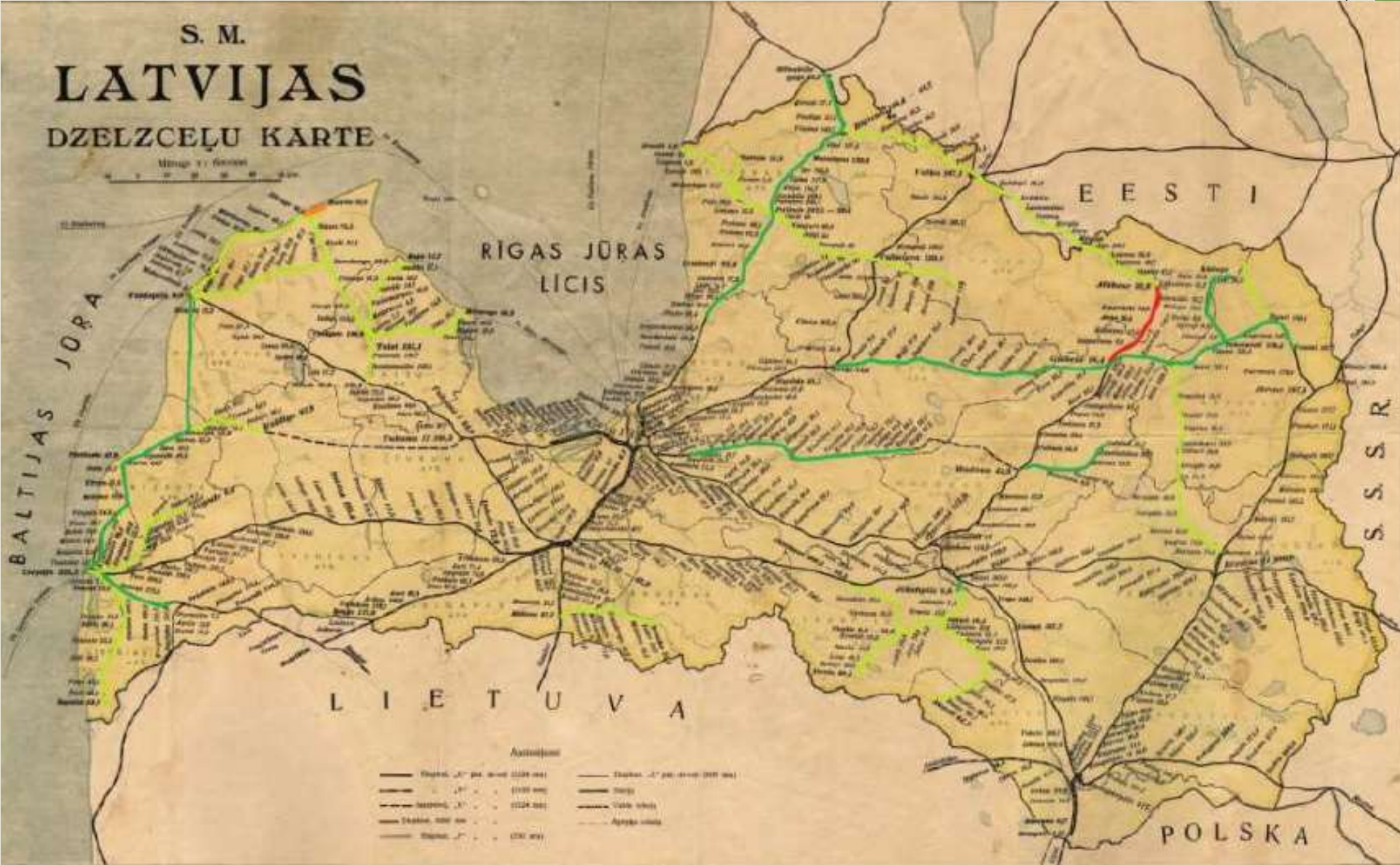


# Expertise and Cooperation with EGWA

- ▶ 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



# Existing/Potential Greenways in Latvia





**ZALĪE DZELZCELI**

**A I N A Ž I ↔ V A L M I E R A**

▲ KOCĒNI		2,5 km
▲ ZILAIŠKALNS		17 km
▲ DIKĻI		23 km
▲ AINAŽI		80 km
▲ Kokmuiža		2,5 km

[www.greenrailways.eu](http://www.greenrailways.eu)



# Railbikes







# Publications



ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE TOURISM ROUTES -

## Green Railways

A collaboration between local governments and organisations in southern Estonia and Latvia's northern region of Vidzeme has resulted in a system of greenways - a total of about 750 kilometres of bicycle and hiking routes leading for the most part along former railway lines.



The Vijaši wooden bridge before and after renovation

inhabiting rivers and lakes. Green Railways wind through Gauja National Park and the North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve, which feature diverse flora, springs, rocky outcrops, pretty landscapes, and other unique natural, cultural, and historical sights.

The best time to enjoy the routes on bicycle is from May to October, at other times of year it is best to hike or ski. Bicycles can be rented in the larger towns along the routes.

Five greenway routes are part of the Green Railways network: Mēlziari-Gulbene (Latvia), Lāle-Rūpja (Latvia), Ainādi-Vārnava (Latvia), Valga-Ape (Estonia/Latvia), and Viljandi-Mõisaküla (Estonia). These greenways offer additional modes of transportation, from railtikes (in Valga and Gulbene) to draistrains (in Gulbene and Mõisaküla) and narrow-gauge railway (Gulbene-Aūkane, which connects different greenways).

Some of the former stations have been reconstructed and now offer a variety of services, for example, a bus station in Līvāni or the former



Uz ziņi

## Pēc košļenēm uz Tallinu





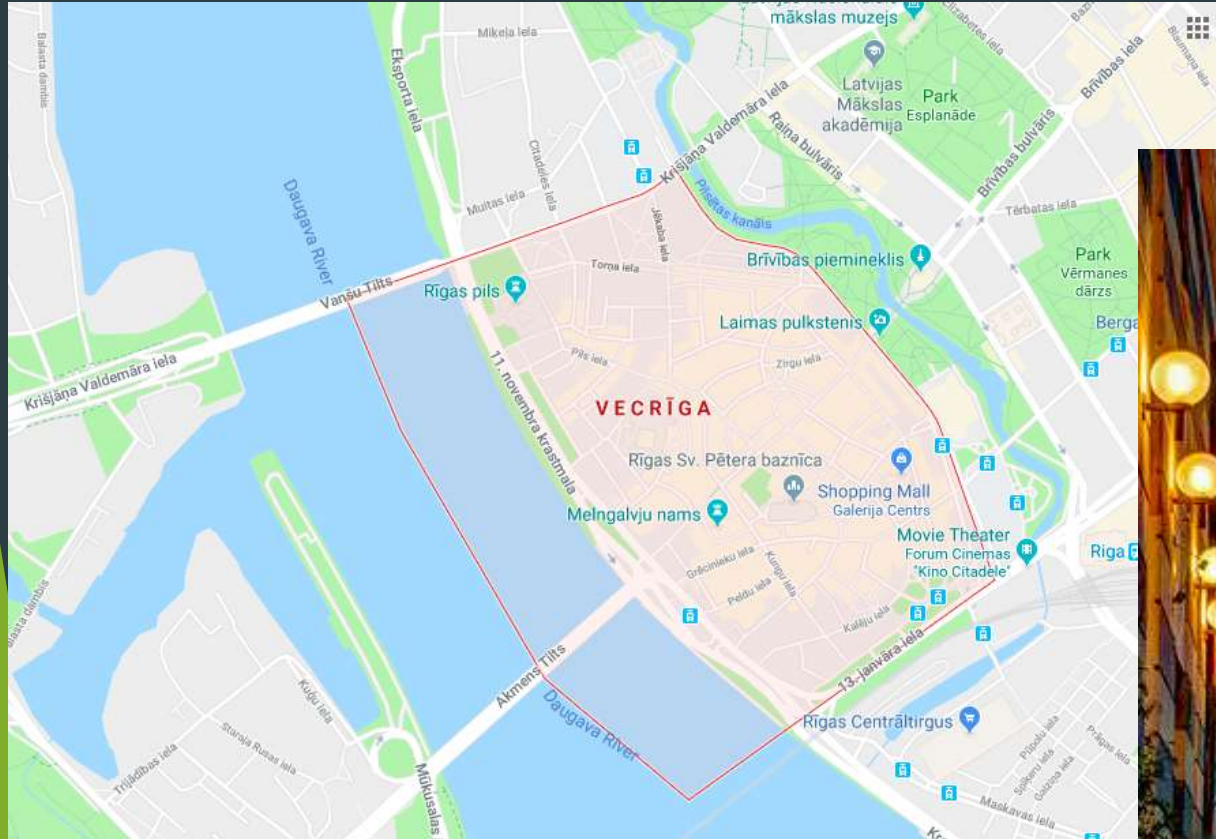
# Future Greenways Development in Latvia

- ▶ Land ownership issues (in process - about 100 km former railway line)
- ▶ Continuous involvement of the stakeholders at all levels (State-Ministries, Railway Company, State Forest, 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 European Greenways Association

# Riga - Ērgļi greenway



# UNESCO - Riga Old town



- In 1967 Old Town was recognized as a national protected zone,
- Since 1987 is a town planning landmark,
- Since 1997, the historical center of Riga has been included on UNESCO's World Heritage List
- In 2007, thanks to Old Town's panorama and silhouette, Riga was granted the European Heritage Label
- Most buildings in Old Town have the status of cultural heritage landmarks



# Struve Geodetic Arc in Ērgļi (2005)



- The Struve Arc is a chain of survey triangulations stretching from Hammerfest in Norway to the Black Sea, through 10 countries and over 2,820 km.
- These are points of a survey, carried out between 1816 and 1855 by the astronomer Friedrich Georg Wilhelm Struve, which represented the first accurate measuring of a long segment of a meridian.
- The listed site includes 34 of the original station points, with different markings, i.e. a drilled hole in rock, iron cross, cairns, or built obelisks



# Tourism route: From Strūve to GPS





ΚΕΙΡΕΝΕ  
ΚΕΙΠΕΝΕ



# Interactive greenways and UNESCO stand in Keipene





KANGARI

6. September  
19:00

Acoustic music evening:  
Next station Kangari

More info:

[www.kangarustacija.lv](http://www.kangarustacija.lv)

Entrance: 5€



# Best practises

- Best practices of new technologies to inform visitors and improve their experience with high-profile examples of UNESCO cultural sites and greenways.
- showcase specific examples of the use of new technologies used on greenways applied to the information and interpretation of heritage



# *Museum of Human Evolution (MEH)* Burgos, Spain



# Alūksnes Bānītis station



# From Vizcaya Bridge to the Montes de Hierro Greenway guided by the Basque Country public transport system app, Bizkaia Basque Country



**Bizkaibus**  
Bizkaiko Foru Aldundia–Diputación Foral de Bizkaia  
Mapas y navegación

★★★★★ 863

PEGI 3

No tienes ningún dispositivo.

Agregar a la lista de deseos **Instalar**

**Bizkaibus**

**Ubicación**

**Tiempos**

**Líneas**

Parada	0378
Próxima llegada	Zumalakarregi 121 (Ilegoia)
Línea	
A3021 - BILBAO	19
A3224 - BILBAO	19
A3023 - BILBAO	22

Línea	Destino
A9051	Bilbao-Balmaseda
A9052	Lanestosa-Trailaite-Zalla-Balmaseda
A9054	Balmaseda-Suskatuta/Inasa
A3334	Santurtzi-Muskiz-Zalla-Balmaseda

Thank you very  
much for your  
attention!

