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Ventspils – a City for Business and Recreation

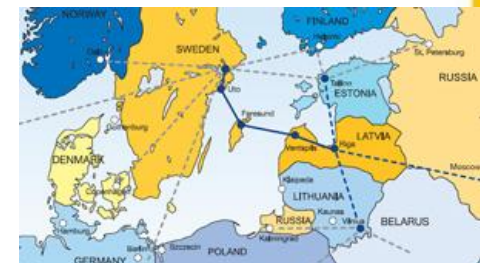
- Ventspils city – 45 ths population
- Leading branch of economy – transport and communications
- Free port of Ventspils – one of the biggest and deepest ports in the Baltic Sea, ice free port, special economic zone
- Technology Park and Business Incubator





Ventspils – a City for Business and Recreation

- Two independent submarine optical cables: Ventspils - Stockholm and Ventspils – Gotland - Stockholm
- Recreation – “blue fagged” beach, Livonian Order castle, Open air Sea side museum, water attraction park, skater park, children recreation park, camping facilities, Olympic sport centre



Ventspils University College

- Accredited state higher school founded in 1997
- Professional and academic studies
- 4 fields of specializations
 - Business Administration and Management
 - Engineering (Electronics, Power and electrical engineering)
 - Information Technologies
 - Translation Studies (English, German, Russian)
- 12 study programs

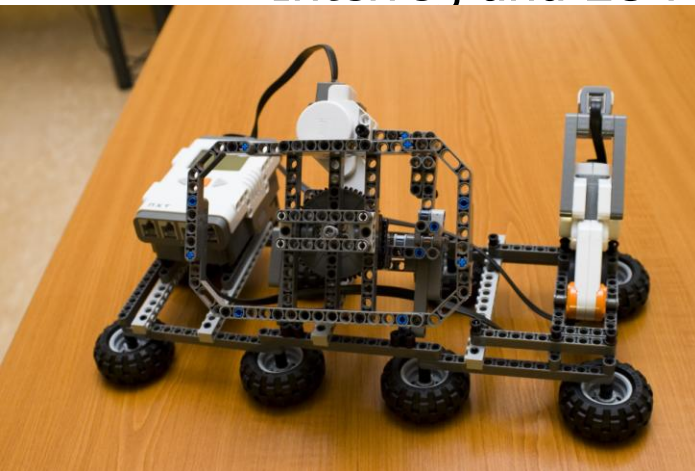


- About 800 students
- More than 60 member of the teaching staff
- 2 research centers
 - Engineering Research Institute "VIRAC"
 - Applied Linguistics Centre



Engineering Research Institute "VIRAC"

- Founded in 2010
- Engineering Research Institute "VIRAC" =
Ventspils International Radio astronomy Centre + Engineering
Research Centre
- Types of projects
 - projects financed by Latvian Council of Science
 - market oriented and municipality order projects
 - Interreg and EU Funds applied research projects



SIB Net

- Prior experience
 - competence of innovation policy, innovation system and setting new innovation measures complemented by analysis methodological and practical experience
 - prior experience regarding business incubator, pre-incubator, pre-seed and seed funds
- Expected results
 - network of HEI education system, pre-incubation and early stage risk capital instruments) – *promotion of university-industry collaboration*
 - cross-border knowledge transfer platform - *transfer of best experience, new knowledge, skills*
 - trained staff
 - new project proposal



**Thank you for
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