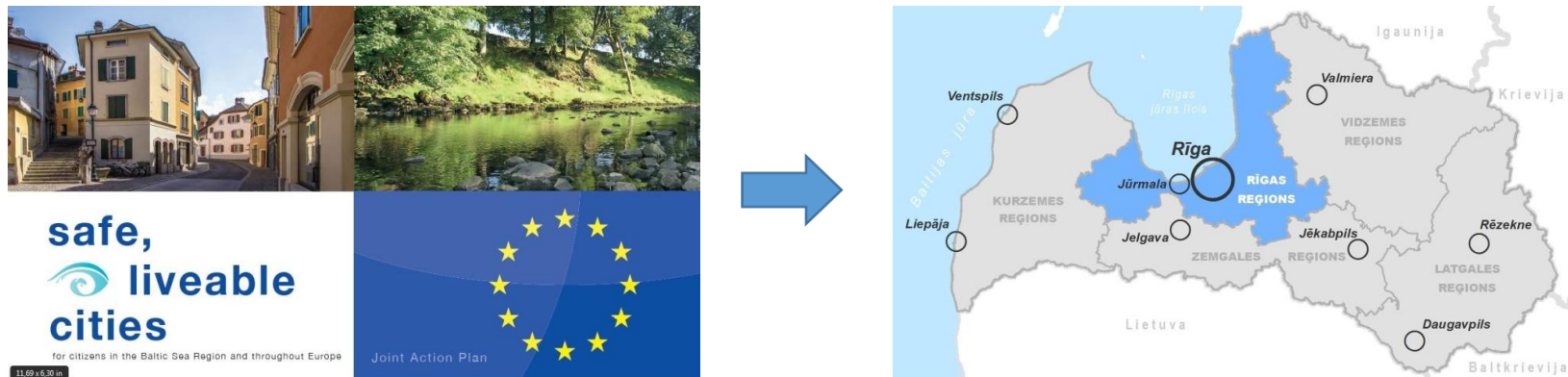




RIGA PLANNING REGION RAINWATER MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLAN (MAY 2016)

„Riga Planning Region Rainwater Management and Monitoring Plan” is based on main strategic cornerstones defined in BALTIC FLOWS project Joint Action Plan „Safe, liveable cities for citizens in the Baltic Sea Region and throughout Europe”. Riga Planning Region Action Plan includes summarized review of strategic directions from Joint Action Plan and adaptation options for Latvia situation and Riga region needs. Plan characterizes existent rain water management situation and possible solutions in Latvia at national, regional and local level, as well as includes recommendations for cooperation between governance, business and research sectors and underlines necessity for community involvement. Strategic framework of the Action Plan is designed by adapting priorities and directions of action for situation in Riga Planning Region which is followed by detailed activities and related projects.

Action Plan is elaborated by Riga Planning Region administration specialists, Spatial Planning Division and experts in collaboration with governing institutions, businesses and research organizations from Latvia involved in BALTIC FLOWS project.



„Riga Planning Region Rainwater Management and Monitoring Plan” is a 50 page practical planning document in Latvian for local stakeholders dealing with rainwater management issues. Action Plan consists of 3 main chapters:

- “Rain water management situation and issues to be addressed in Latvia” (regulatory framework and institutional aspects, socio-economic factors, environmental aspects);
- „Solutions in national, regional and local level development planning documents” (strategic framework, priorities, actions and projects);
- „Riga Planning Region Action Plan” (recommendations, planned activities and projects, project concepts, implementation and monitoring).

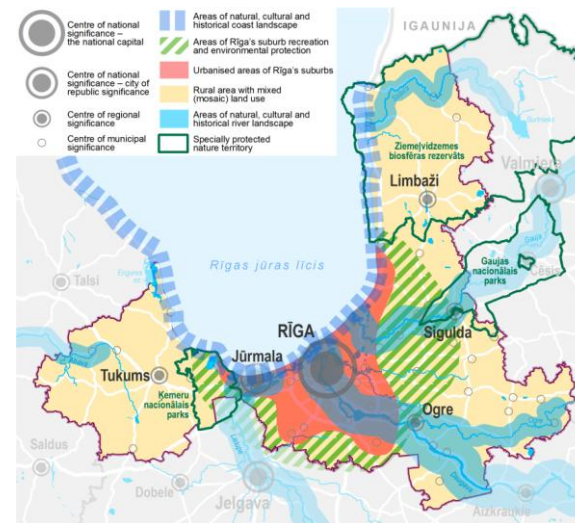
Riga Planning Region 30 municipalities are very diverse – from the major cities Riga and Jurmala, centres of regional importance – Tukums, Ogre, Sigulda and Limbazi, Pieriga municipalities, to remote coastal and rural municipalities. Also, the theme of the urban planning, green infrastructure and water resource management solutions in local territorial development planning are different – from the strategic settings to specific actions and projects.



Riga Planning Region Action Plan considerable attention is devoted to the region's diversity and characteristics of the individual parts of it – Riga Metropolitan Area, the Baltic Sea Gulf of Riga coast, the region's main cities, etc. The Action Plan serves as a document with an operational character – main focus is made on activities and projects section developed on the ideas and needs identified at the BALTIC FLOWS project organized meetings. In accordance with the Joint Action Plan approach it is essential to provide joint implementation of the actions in collaboration of local governments, business and research sectors, as well as ensuring public involvement, which is crucial for implementation of the actions. „Riga Planning Region Rainwater Management and Monitoring Plan” includes such perspective activities and projects in the medium term – for the period up to 2020.



Riga Planning Region administrative division



Perspective spatial structure of natural areas

„Riga Planning Region Rainwater Management and Monitoring Plan” includes 20 projects – 4 projects within Priority 1 „The Citizen Union – engaging and inspiring citizens”, 14 projects within Priority 2 „Safe and liveable cities in the Riga Planning Region and Latvia” and 2 projects within Priority 3 „Smart specialization and synergies between regional development, research and innovation to enhance competitiveness”.

The implementation of the Action Plan is possible taking into account recommendations which contains solutions for cooperation between governing institutions, business, research sector and citizens. Potentially interested stakeholders and indicated project implementers, representing both public and private sectors are responsible for the implementation of activities and projects. Riga Planning Region provides coordinating role of the Action Plan implementation and monitoring. This Action Plan integrates into overall Riga Planning Region development documents framework as a thematic Action Plan and monitoring of it will be carried out regularly together with the Riga Planning Region Sustainable Development Strategy 2014-2030 and Development Programme 2014-2020 monitoring actions.