CCI in Vidzeme region, Latvia

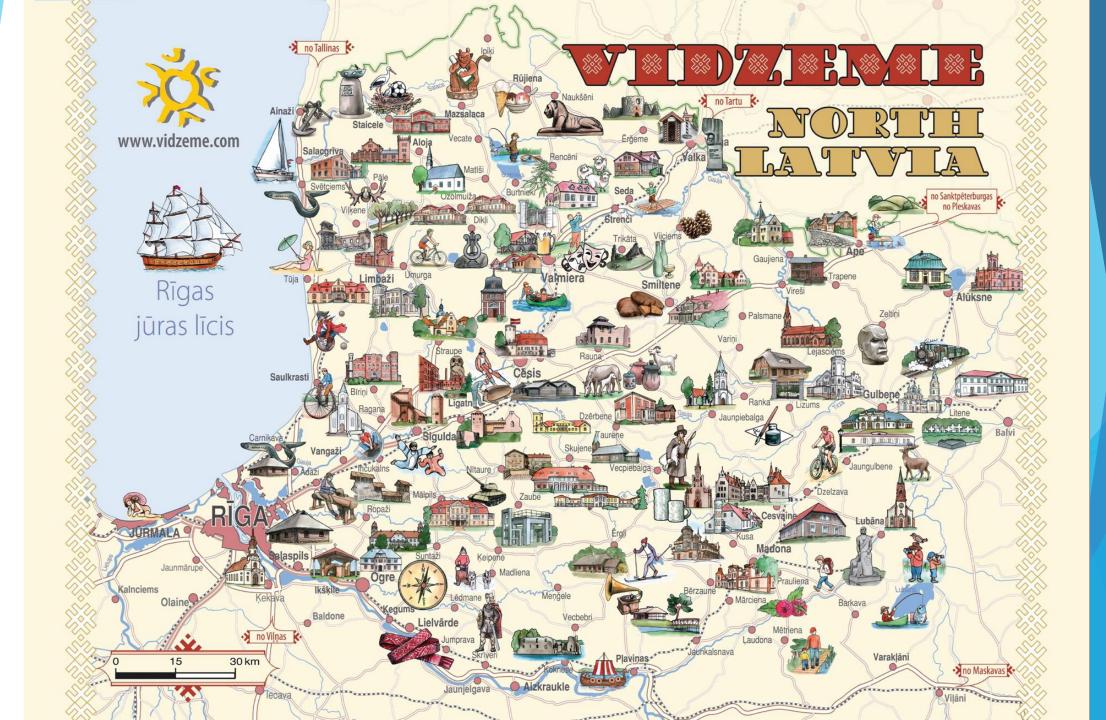
Vidzemes Tourism Association

4.04.2019. Saint Petersburg









Main attractions in Vidzeme

- Nature forests, sandy, rocky beaches, sandstone cliffs along river banks, hills, gorges and valleys
- Heritage castles, manor, castle ruins and parks
- Recreation cycle, hiking routes, SPA, ski resorts, adventure activities



Association cooperation with businesses

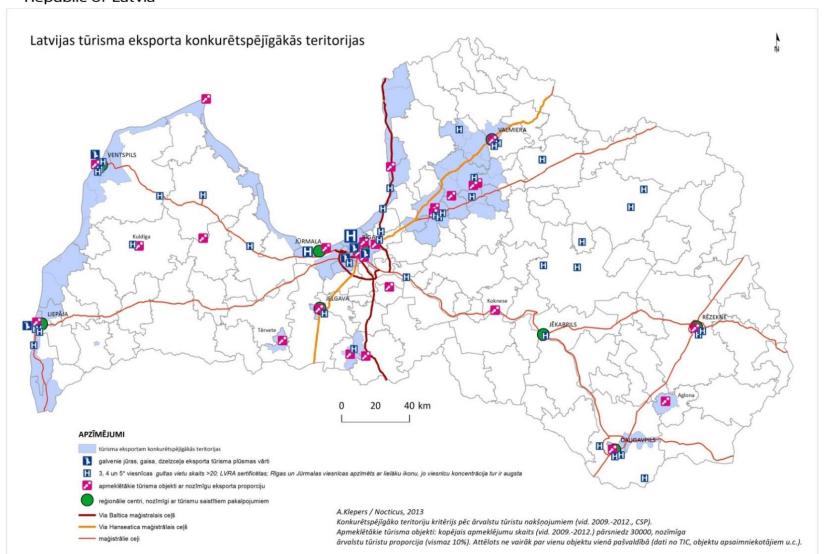
- Capacity building
- Cooperation with the state Tourism department
- International projects
- International cooperation







The most Competitive Tourism Areas





Cult-RInG

- Cult-RInG highlights the value of investment in European Cultural Routes in terms of their contribution to growth and jobs and the development of new cultural routes
- Euro Velo 13 = European Cultural Route







Typical CI business in LV



SME – micro entrepreneurship



Access to finance is a challenge



Often lack of business skills



Influence of trends



Export performance could be increased

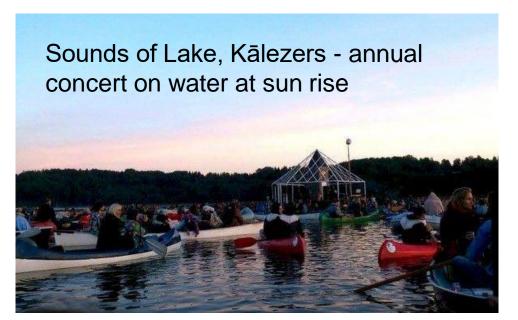


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MUSIC AND DANCE - samples Vidzeme



Neikenkalna Nature's Concert Hall, Kocēni



Saulkrasti International Jazz Festival



Folk music



ARTS, DESIGN, HANDICRAFT - Vidzeme

Vecpiebalga Porcelan Factory

Vienkoči park









Live Silver Museum, Limbaži

Leg & Go



CCIs contribution and Creative Tourism in the ECTN Charter

A Statement of principles on regional policies and strategies which guide the development, planning, management, operations and promotion of cultural and heritage tourism in the **European Union and** beyond for the benefit of destinations, communities, businesses, citizens and visitors

European Cultural Tourism Network (ECTN) AISBLEL



the only pan-European network of destinations, regional and local authorities, NGOs and research institutes for **Sustainable Cultural Tourism** development and promotion





























Project Cult-CreaTE







Overall Objective



To redeploy CCIs for the development and promotion of CCT strategies, with:

- Sustainability of tourism
- Innovations throughout
- Capitalisation of good practices
- Policy learning and implementation
- Capacity building for partners' staff and key stakeholders



Tourism Development Strategy for Vidzeme region



Vidzeme needs to boost their tourism potential by using existing CCIs for CCT for sustainability.



The Tourism Development Strategy for Vidzeme region will be improved as follows:

New projects supported



CCIs related to music/dance, pottery, local museums, arts and crafts, will be selected with potential to contribute to exclusive and authentic tourism experiences, which are increasingly popular among tourists.



New CCT products will be developed around CCIs, such as arts, design and handicrafts.

New governance and structural change

Aspects that need to be improved

- Majority operates as micro enterprises
 - Financial support, taxes
- Activities outside the urban areas
- Employment
- Involvement
- Capacity building
- Cooperaration





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