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The Transit Role of Latvia – resent findings

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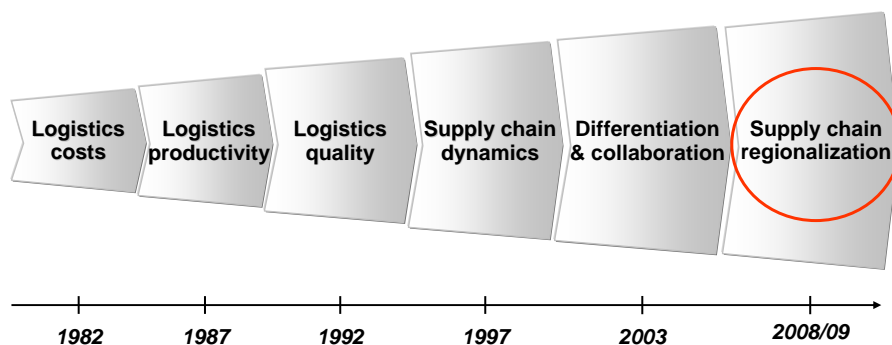
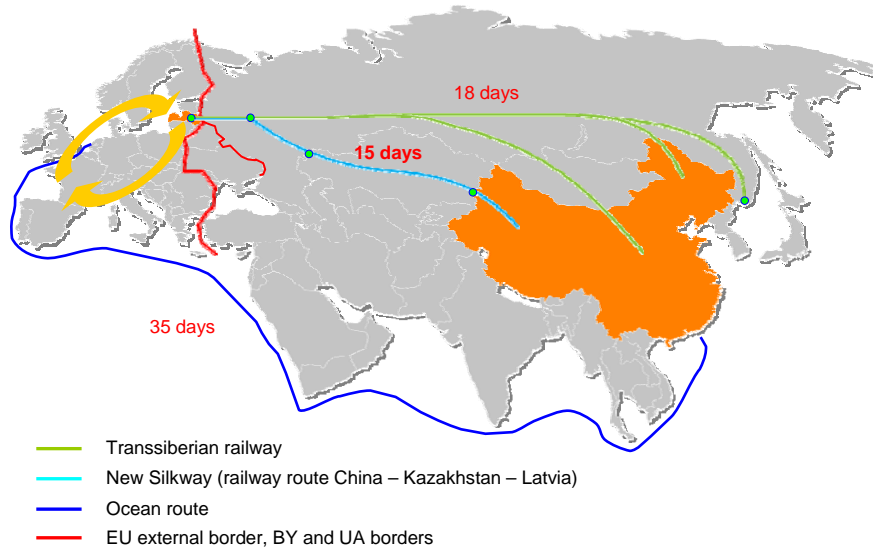
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Main trends in transport and logistics in the BSR



- Globalization (BSR as gateway for global freight transport)
- Regionalization
- Unification (documents, services, procedures,...)

Main transit routes in Euro – Asia continent

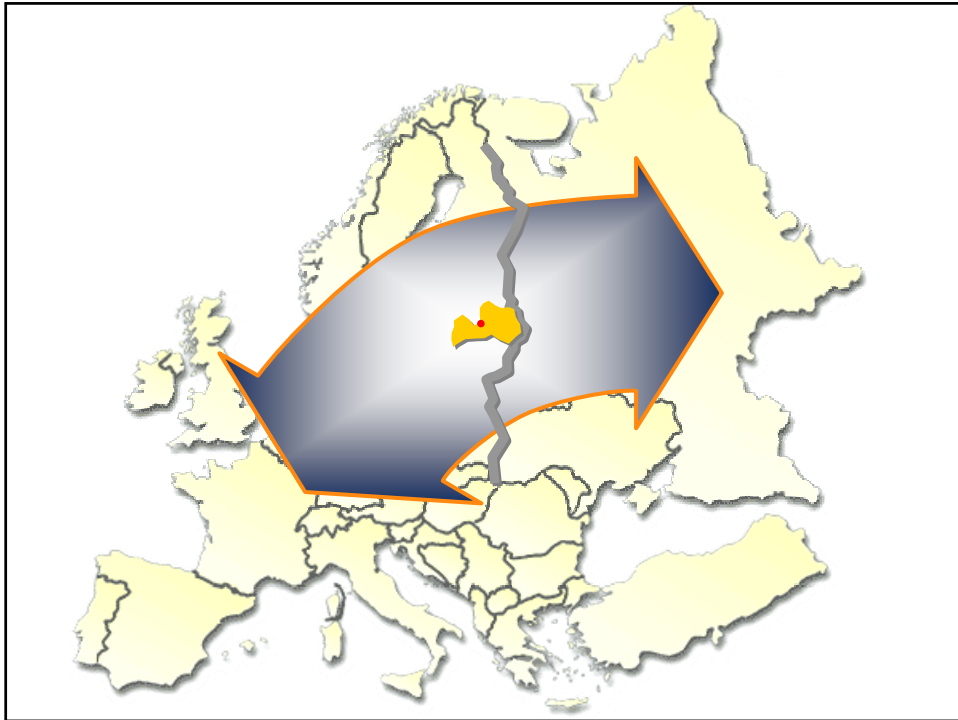


Main transport routes between EU and Russia



Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia





Bottlenecks of transport networks in the region



- Difficults to change the ideology: „administrative bottlenecks“
- Legislation
- Political vs economical relations
- Environment and safety
- Customs
- Border crossing

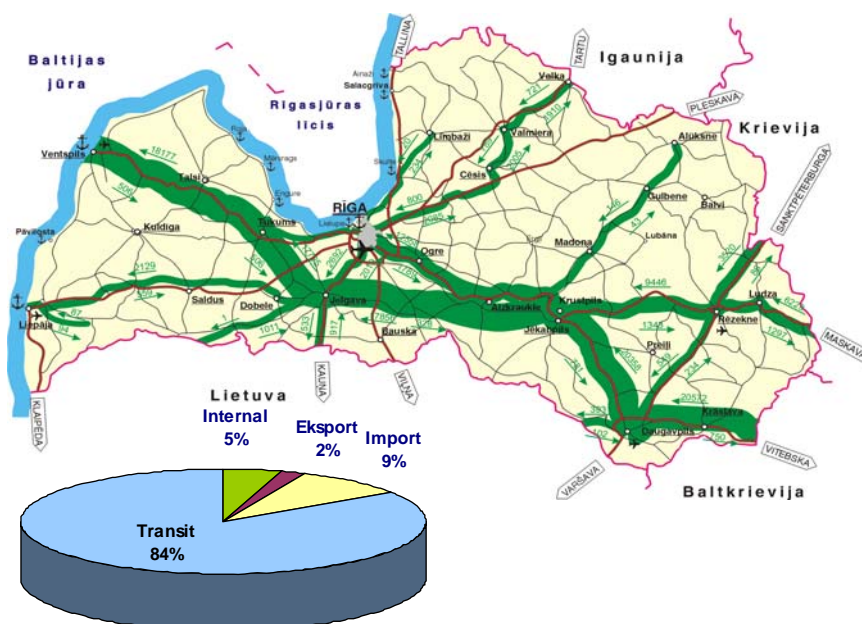
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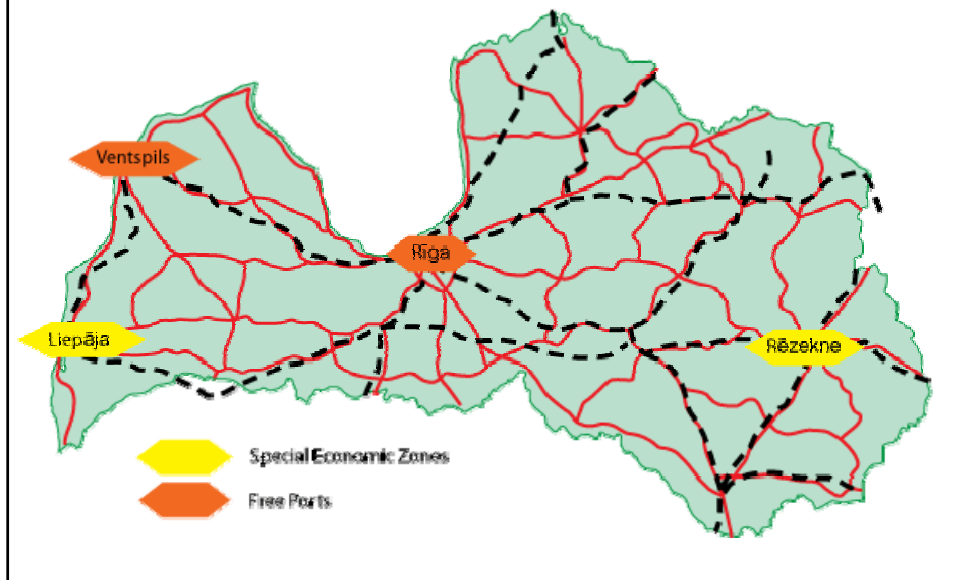
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- Distribution centres
- Value added production in the custom free zones

Transit cargo transported by rail



Free Ports and SEZ



Future vision

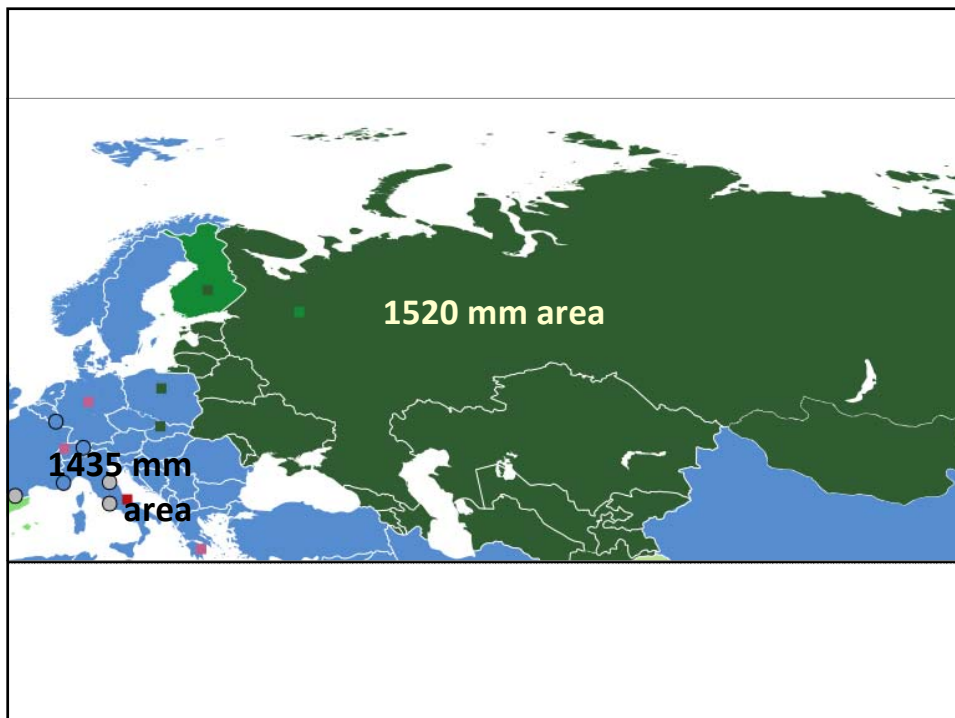


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Future vision



- **BSR as a future Logistics and Distribution Centre**
 - Distribution centres
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- **Why here?**
 - Good location
 - Potential of Russian market
 - The size and scope of the market
 - Skilled labour
 - English and Russian languages
 - Hinterland of Baltic ports



Rail Baltica Growth Corridor



Future key aspect (1)

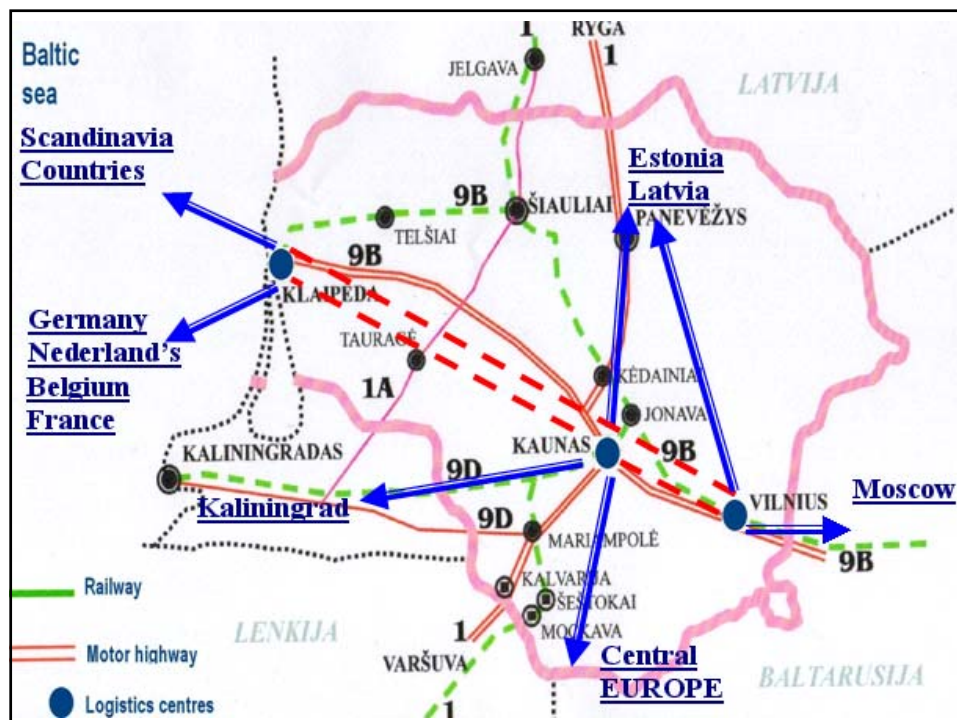


CO-OMPETITION =

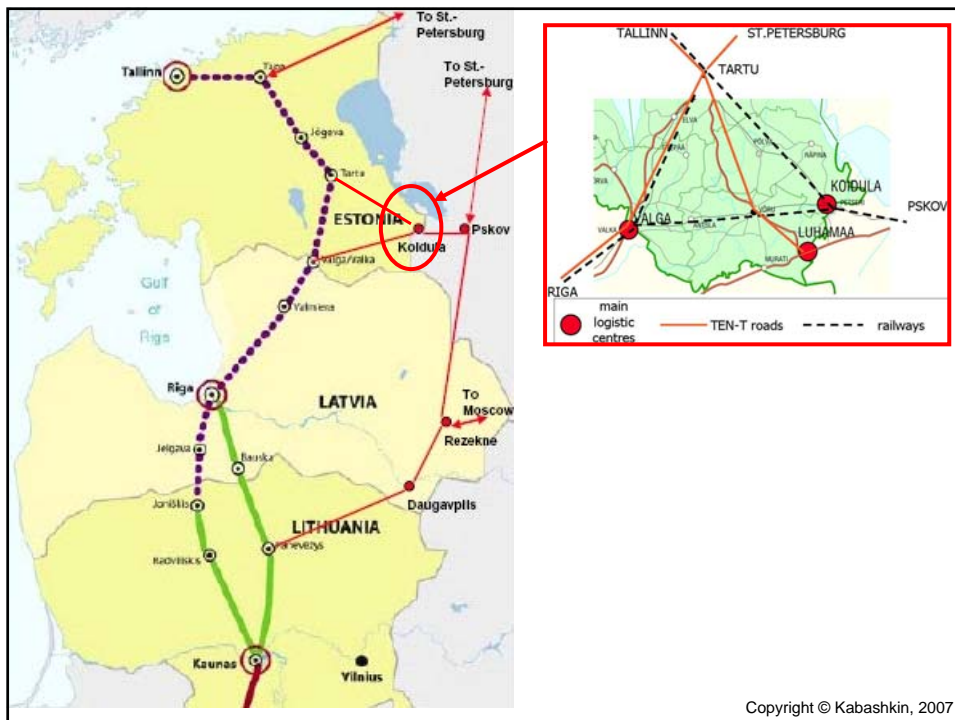
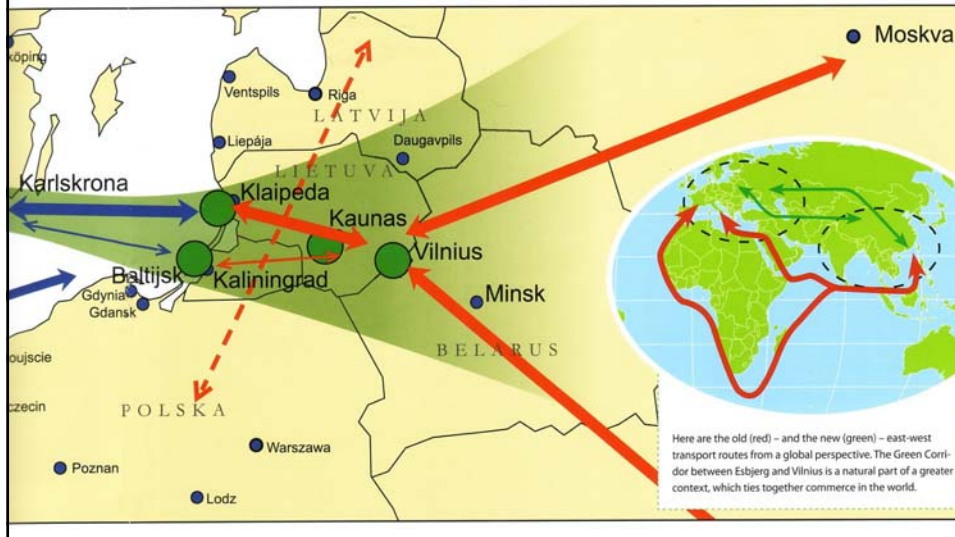
= Co-operation + competiton at all levels

- Countries (governmental)
- Local/municipal (ports, transport infrastructure,...)
- Organization (BPO, IMO, ..., associations)
- Sector
- Enterprise

Alternative Transport Routes



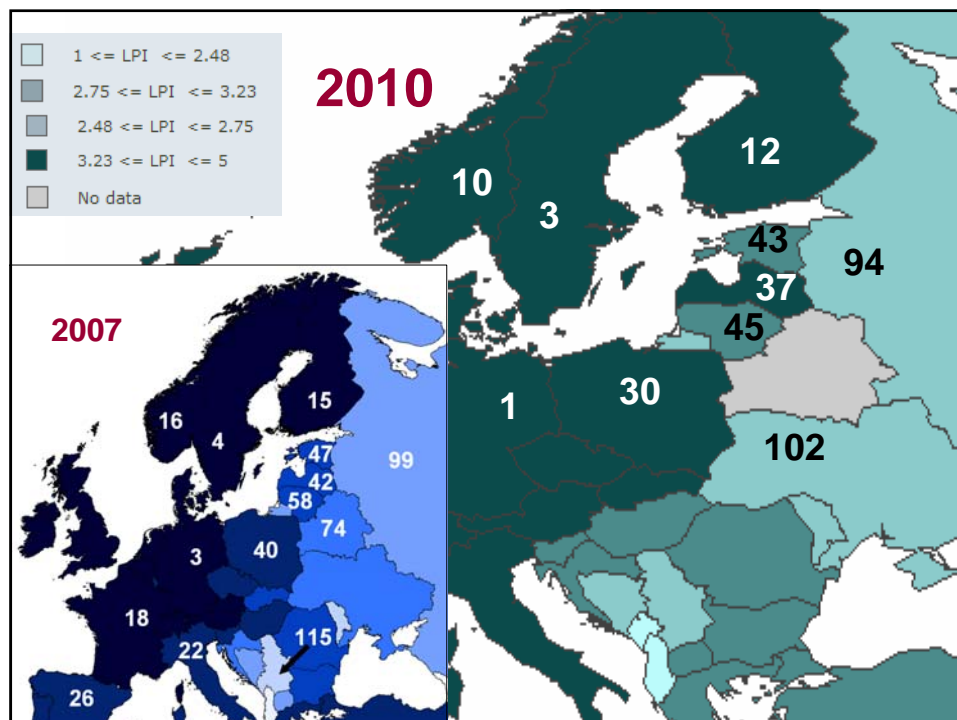
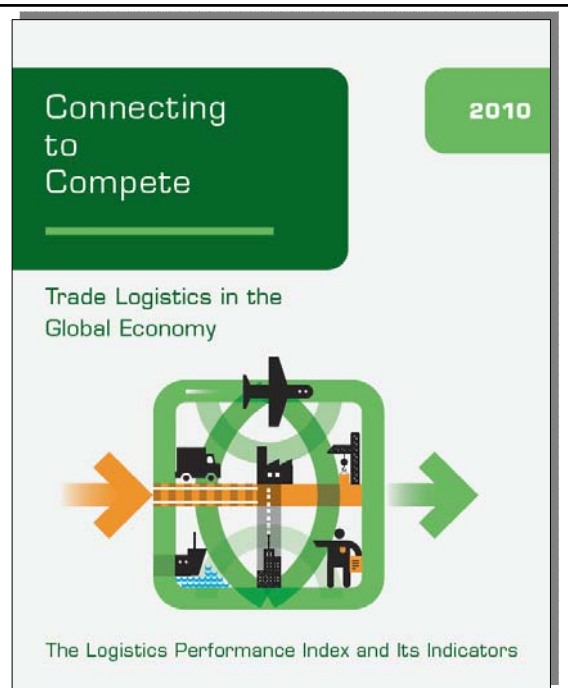
The Green Corridor

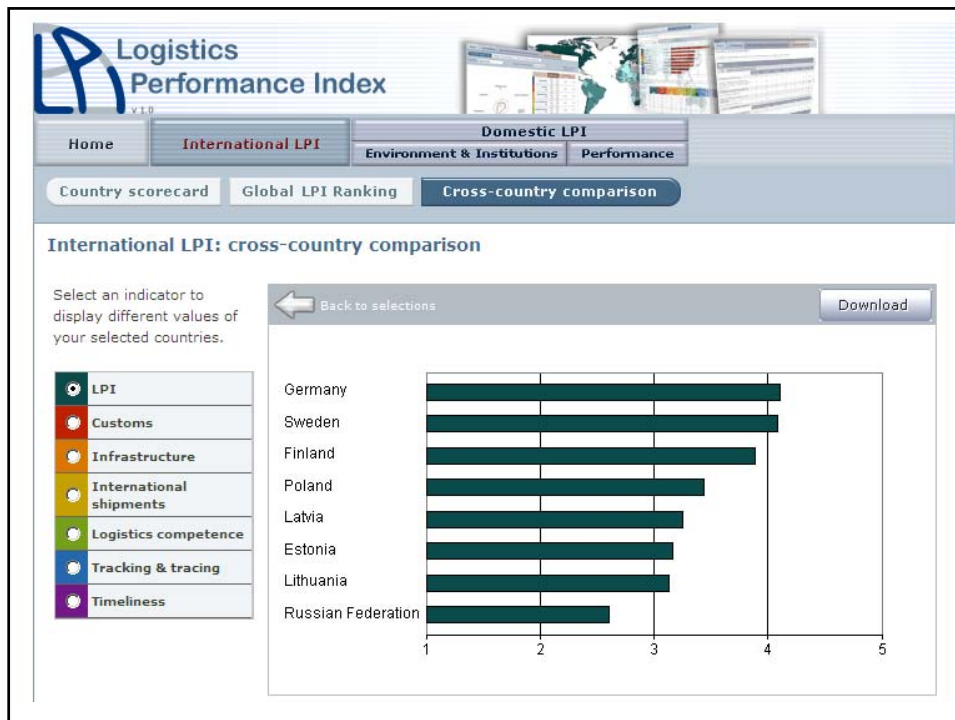


Logistics Performance Index

2010

World Bank, 2010



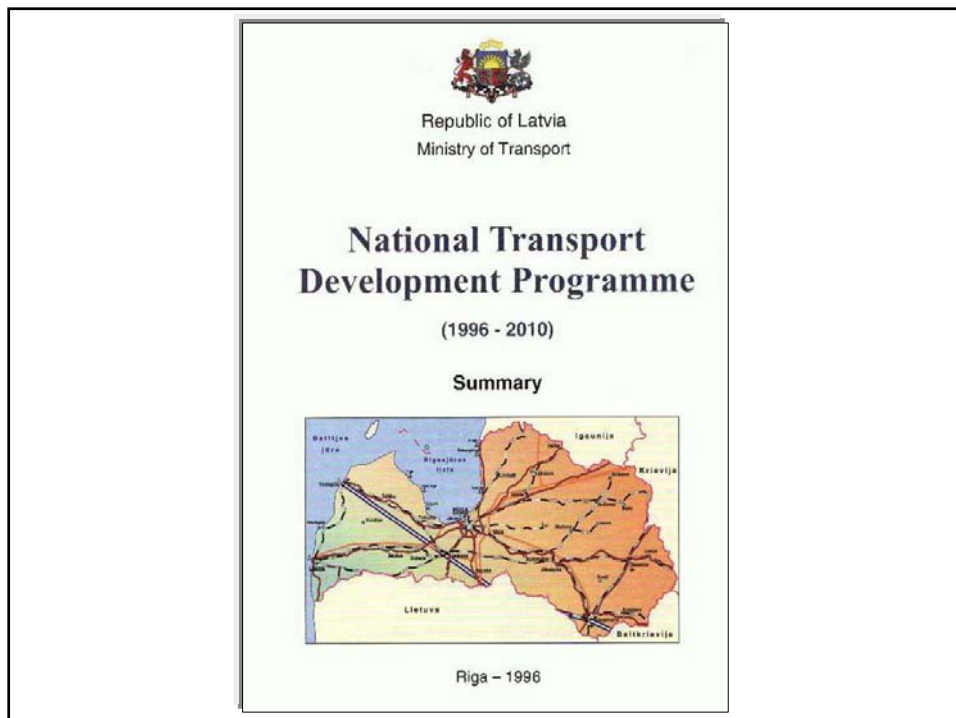
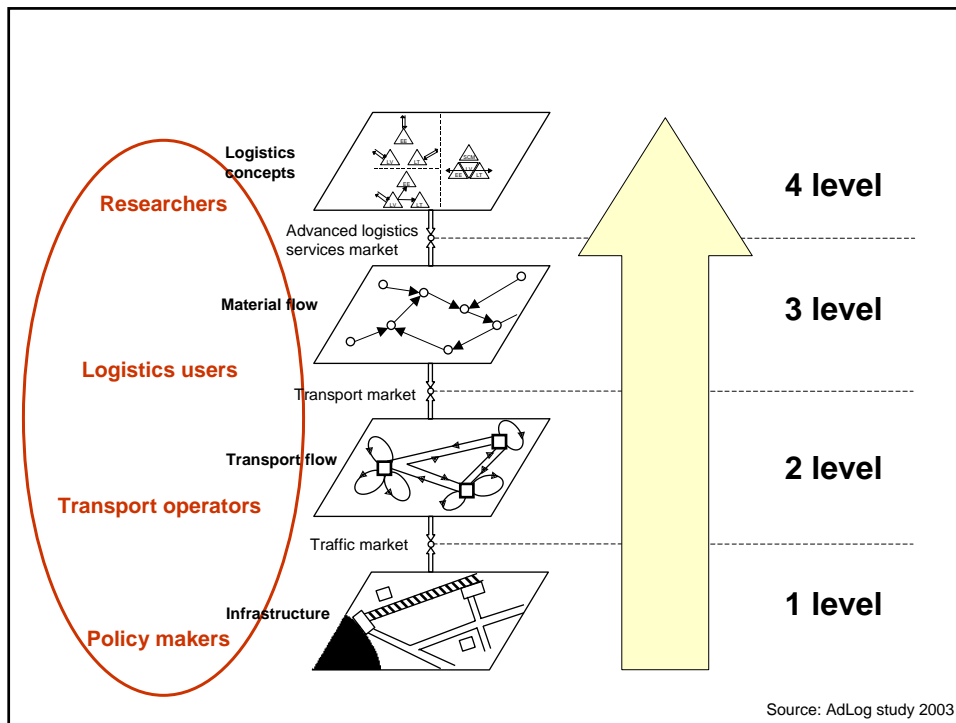


Future key aspect (2)



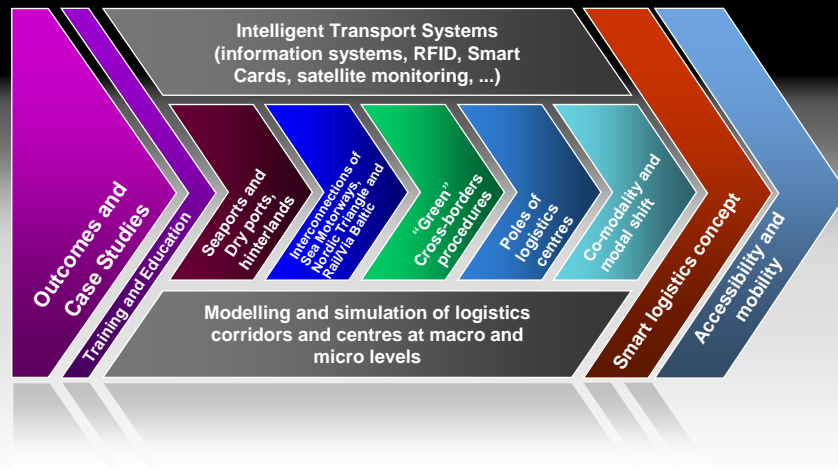
Optimodality

- Optimodality is the way to optimize each mode of transport considered separately and draw the best of the combination of various modes of transport (rail, road, maritime, inland waterways, air) to the benefit of shippers and the individual consumers.



Latvian Transport Development Strategy

Main directions of research

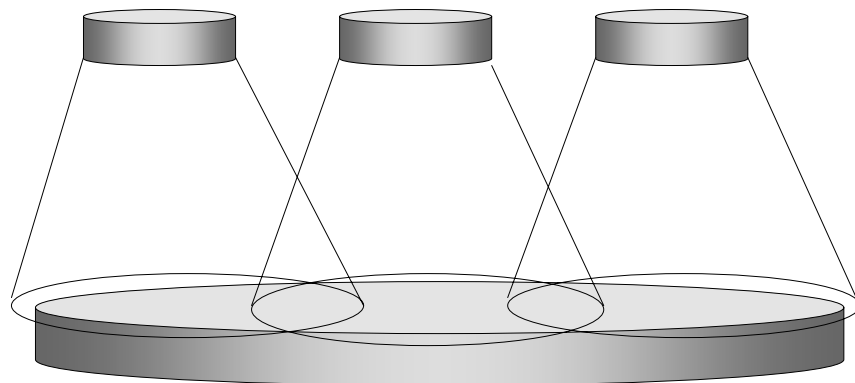


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Businessmen

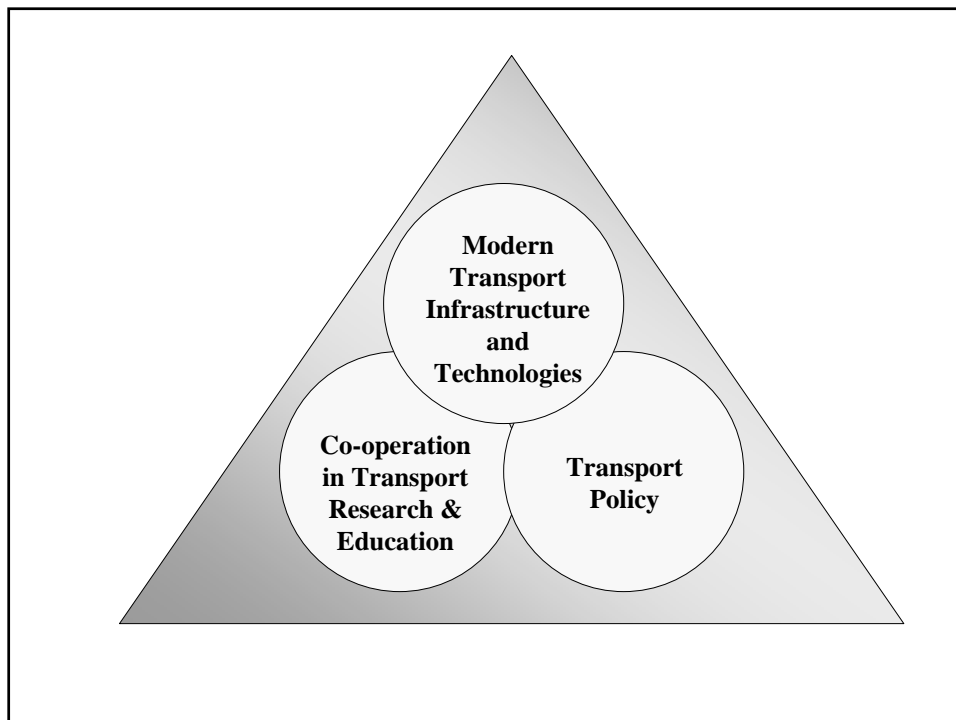
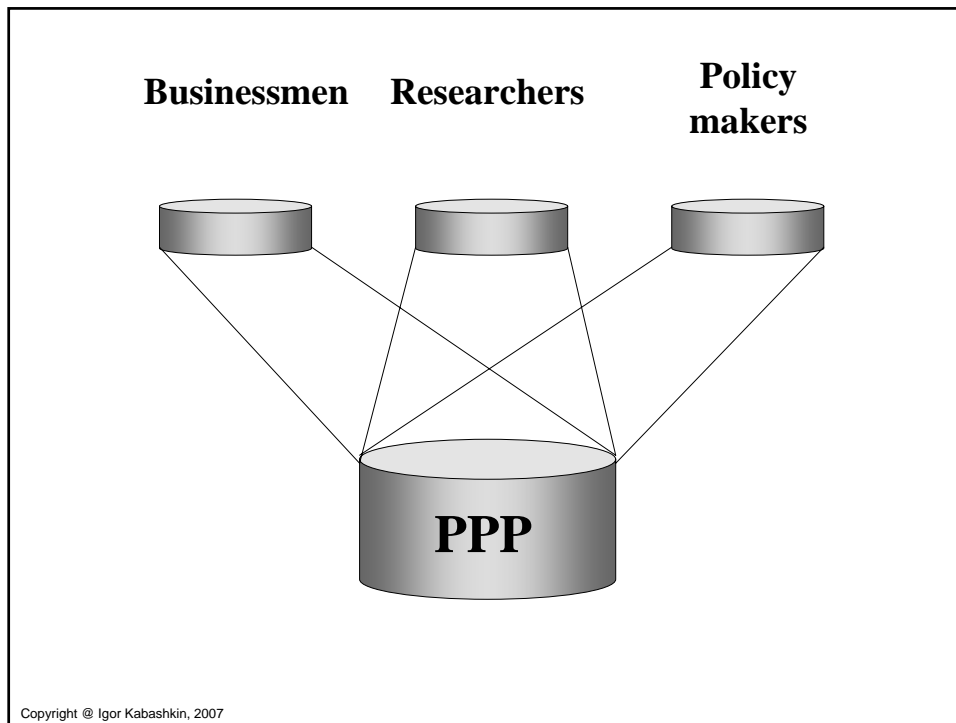
Researchers

**Policy
makers**



Understanding of the problem

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Ideas and principles



- **Integration**

- Between countries
- Logistics chain
- Specialization to a certain extent/save investment on infrastructure

- **Technology**

- Co-modality
- Pools of logistics centres
- ITS

EU



- EU transport networks: **more attention on Baltic transport corridors**
- EU-Custom Union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan: **Harmonisation of custom legislation**
- Cross border procedures: **new technology vs human factor**
- Border of Baltic countries is border of EU: **financial support of geographical reality**

Concluding remarks



- Co-ompetition as a future key factor
- Optimodality
- EU-Custom Union(RU-BY-KZ) cross border innovations



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