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# VIDZEME REGION TOWARDS JOINT DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE BORDERS

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# THE PROGRAMME AND VIDZEME REGION EXPECTATIONS



- The Estonia – Latvia – Russia Programme is targeted towards joint development of border regions
- Vidzeme Planning Region has very high expectations towards the Programme and its' benefits in terms of attractiveness for inhabitants to live and work as well for businesses to operate, collaborate and grow



# LOCATION OF VIDZEME IN THE PROGRAMME AREA



- Vidzeme Planning Region in Latvia like Lõuna-Eesti Region in Estonia and Pskovskaja Oblast in Russia is located in the very heart of the Programme territory where all three countries meet each other and where neighbours meet in their every-day life
- We highlight territorial cohesion aspects of the Programme and its importance for development of remote border territories which otherwise will not be evolved



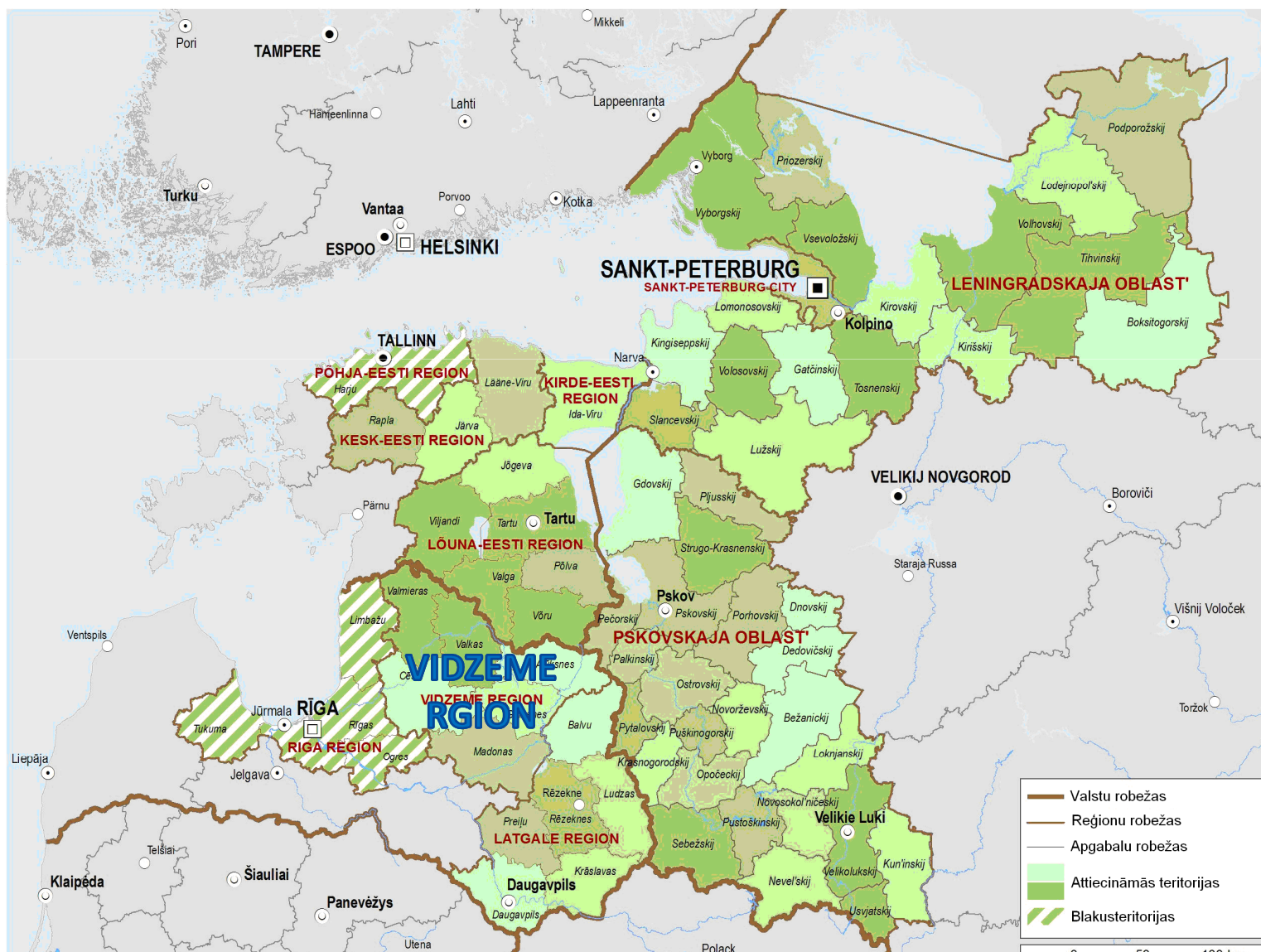
# VIDZEME PLANNING REGION IN PROGRAMME TERRITORY



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# VIDZEME PLANNING REGION IN LATVIA



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# ONGOING COOPERATION BETWEEN VIDZEME AND RUSSIAN FEDERATION



- Support for development of Latvian-Russian joint ventures
- Facilitation of municipal cooperation
- Exchange of experience in food and wood sectors
- Collaboration between Vidzeme Branch of Latvia Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce of Pskov
- Cooperation in tourism, culture, education and social issues



# VIDZEME REGIONAL PRIORITIES IN THE EST-LAT-RUS CONTEXT



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## Programme Priority I. Socio-economic development

### Priority economic sectors:

- Forestry and wood processing
- Food production
- New technologies and methods in agriculture, incl. also production of green energy and industrial crops
- Construction
- Energy production and supply
- Tourism
- Transport and logistics



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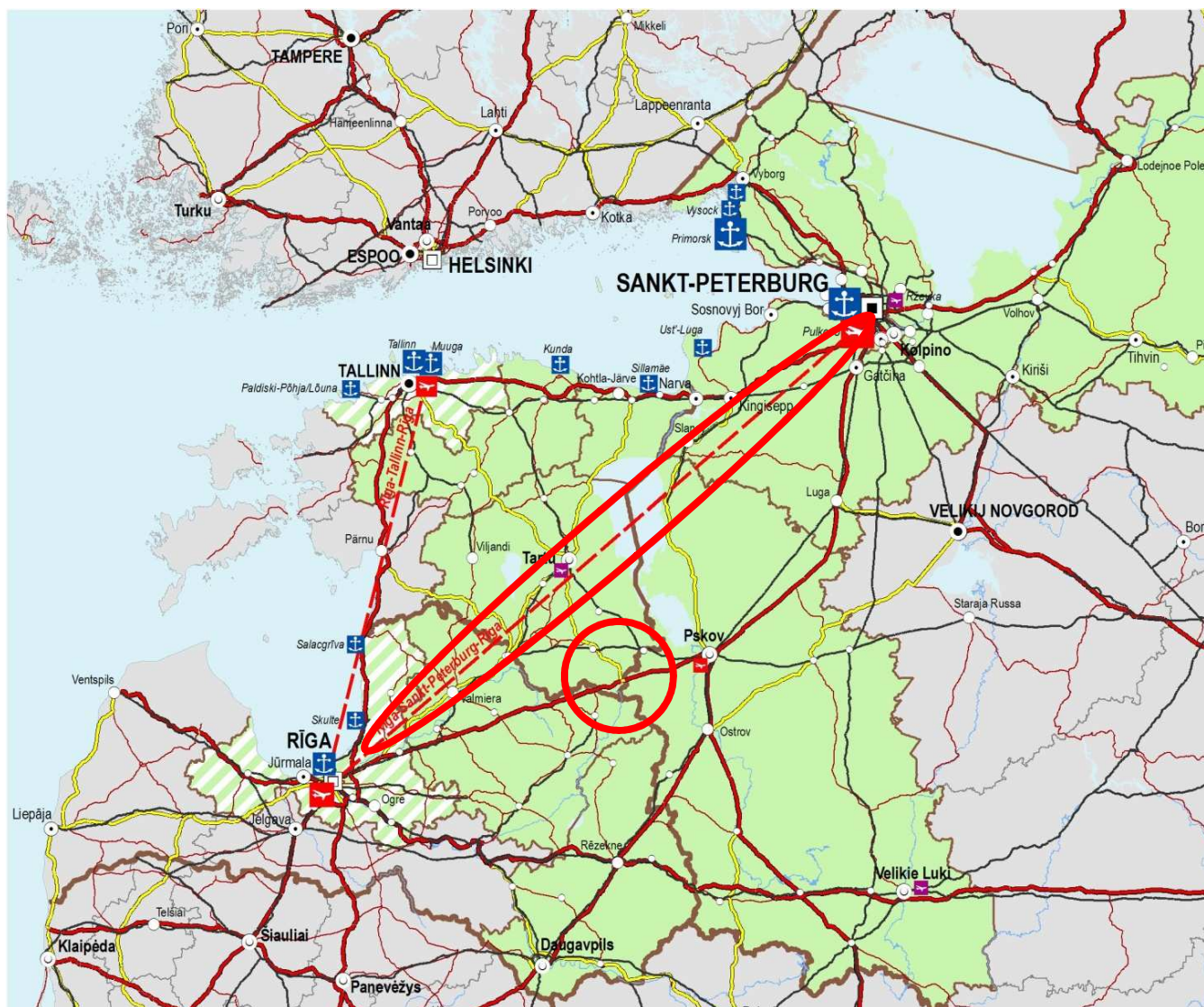
## Programme Priority I. Socio-economic development

### Priority measures aimed at:

- Cross-border co-operation of companies, promotion establishment of joint ventures
- Development of cross-border clusters and business networks
- Development of labour force, vocational and higher education
- Development of Via Hanseatica tourism route and other new tourism products
- Development of cross-border public transport services and accessibility
- Development of cross-border roads infrastructure - Via Hanseatica transport corridor; Eastern part of Northern String



# PRIORITIES FOR CROSS-BORDER ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE



- Via-Hanseatica transport corridor
- Roads connection “Võru-Veclaicene-Aluksne-Pededze-Lavri-Pecori-Võru” incl. Eastern part of Northern String in Vidzeme



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## Programme priority II: Common challenges

### Priority measures aimed at:

- Development of environment infrastructure (planning and construction, new technologies, waste management)
- Alternative and renewable energy sources



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## Programme priority III: Promotion of people to people cooperation

### Priority measures aimed at:

- Promoting co-operation between local and regional administrative institutions, increasing administrative capacity (public participation, development of civil society, development of municipal services, public procurement)



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