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# ***Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia until 2030***

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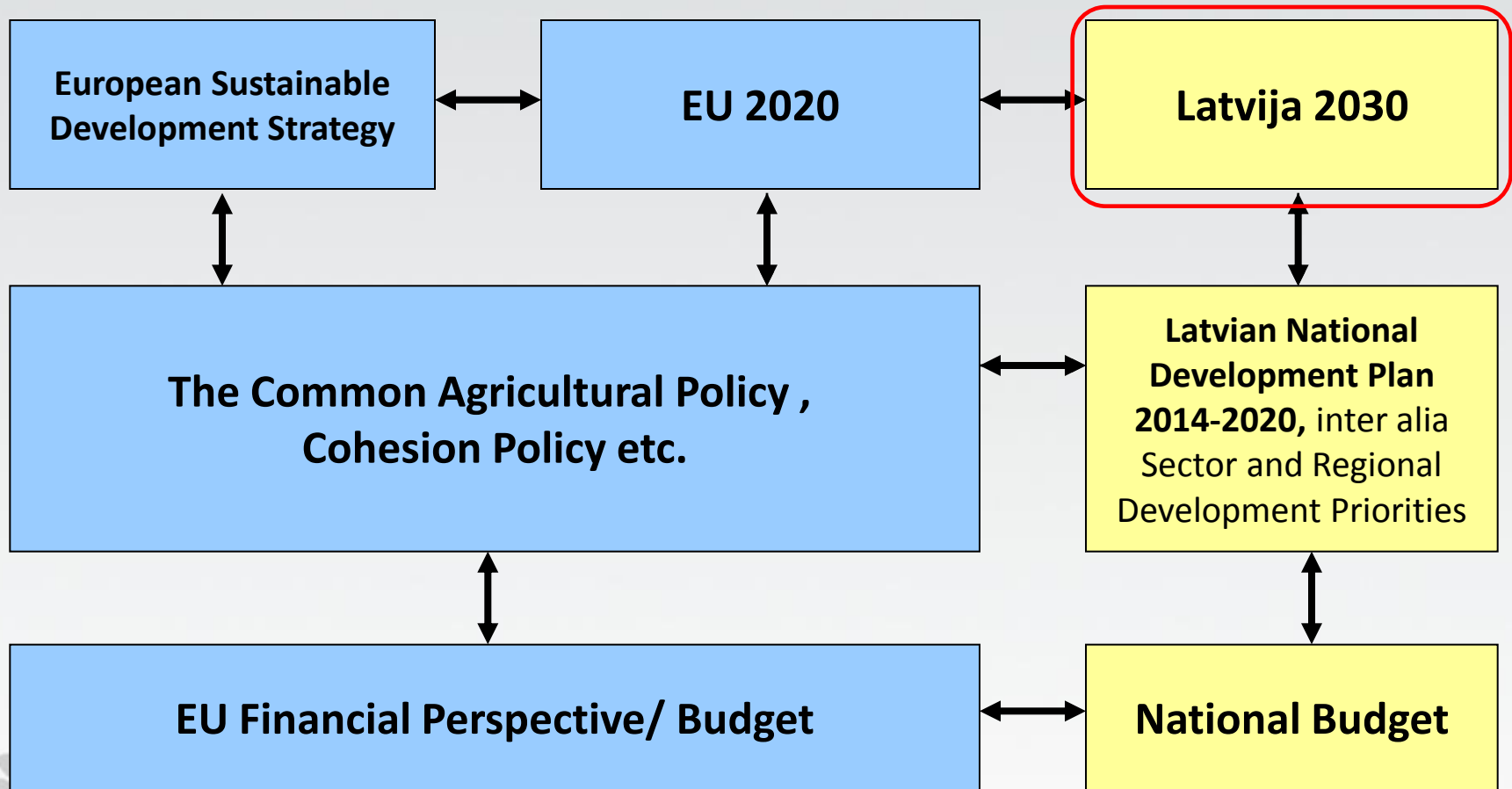


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- Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia until 2030 (Latvija2030) is the **hierarchically highest** long-term development planning document in Latvia (*Development Planning System Law*)
  - Latvija2030 was approved by Saeima the Latvian Parliament in **June 10, 2010**





# ***Latvija2030 position in the planning system of Latvia and reflection to Europe***





# Latvija 2030 development 2007-2010

**Vision** about vision/individual and values  
**researches and analysis**

**12 thematic “brain storms”**

Evaluation of foreign experts

Questionnaires

## **Discussion reports:**

Basic report about society

Competitiveness and resources

Spatial development

Energy and transport

Report of Vision group

Strategic **dilemmas**

“Latvija 2030.Your choice” – regional forums, youth and expert discussions

Scenarios of Latvia long-term development

“Latvija 2030.Your choice” – regional forums, involvement of youth

Resume and the **1st draft**

“Take-off. Latvia 2030” – National forum in Kipsala (International Exhibition Centre), round table discussions

**Latvija 2030 1st draft**

**Public discussion** (27.04 -17.07.2009) and the improvement of draft

Latvija 2030 project > NAP > **Cabinet of Ministers** > **Saeima**





# ***Public participation***

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- Scientists, Researchers, Teaching Staff
- State Administration Specialists (Inter-ministry Working Group)
- Saeima Members
- Regional and Local Government Specialists
- Social Partners
- Entrepreneurs, Sector Associations
- Students and Pupils
- NGOs
- Total more than 600 “formulated” proposals in public discussion
- More than 100 proposals in Saeima





# ***Public participation***

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- Public **participation of such scale** in the development of a document of national level is a new experience for Latvia and marks a new way for the **society to participate in policy-making**
- Latvija2030 was nominated for **Reinhard Mohn Prize 2011** (the criterion of which was vitalizing democracy through participation). Strategy was in the top 20 from more than 158 projects





# *The structure of Latvia2030*

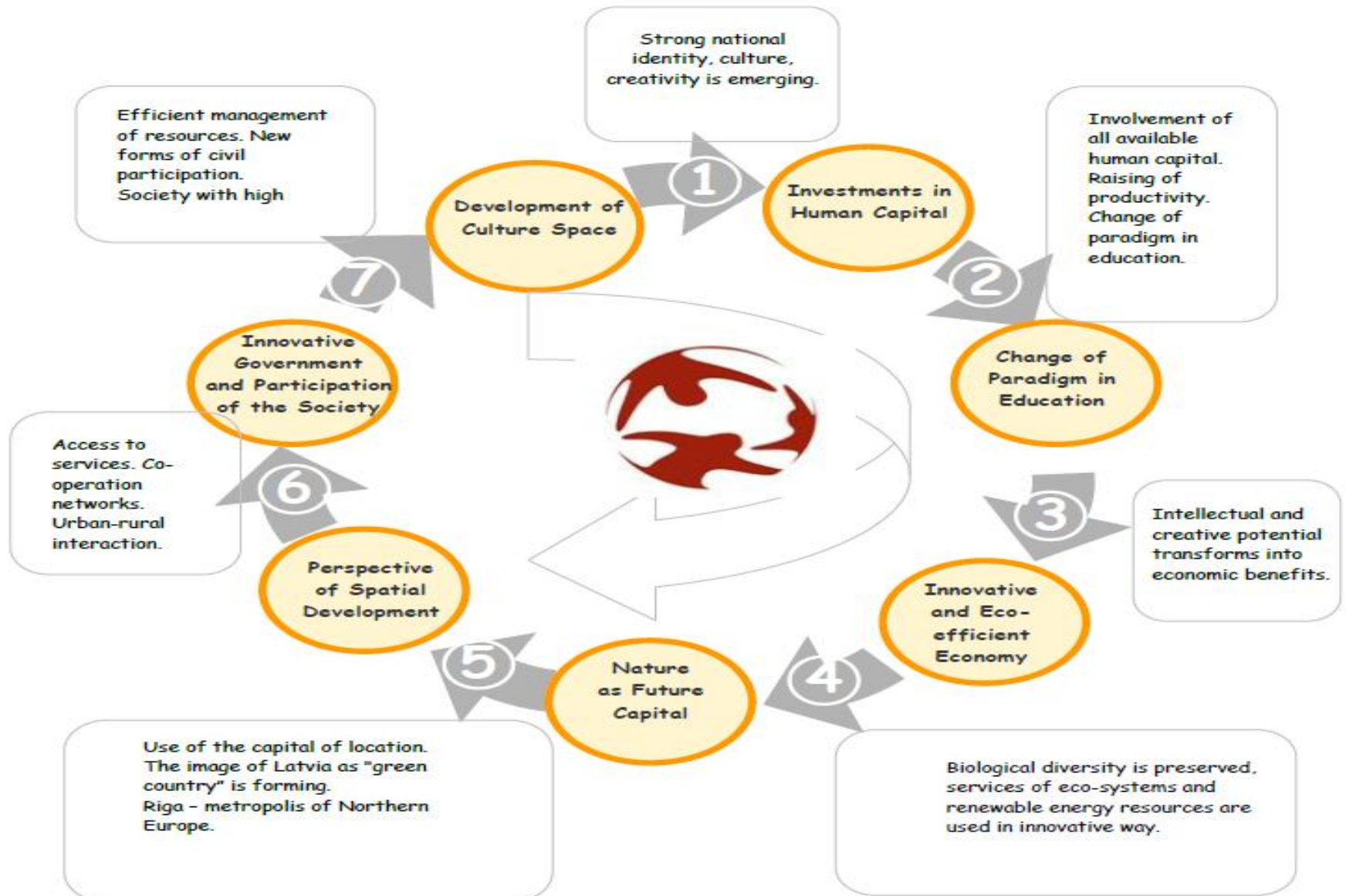
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- Global Tendencies and Tendencies in Latvia →
- Future Challenges (Threat and Potentialities) →
- Long-term Objectives →
- Action Directions (reduce threat, increase potentialities and threat/ limitations converted into potentialities) →
- Possible Solutions (comply with strategic development principles)





# ***Principles for the Selection of Priorities and Mutual Interaction*** (capital approach)





# ***Capital as – national treasure or value approach method***

- the concept of capital used in **wide meaning**
- difficult to express directly in monetary terms
- an assessment of the **present condition of the resources**
- offers a **vision of the best way of applying resources** in responding to global challenges
- **the main capital** – people: their skills, knowledge and talents
- **capital and the source of growth:**
  - ☐ nature,
  - ☐ environment
  - ☐ space of Latvia
  - ☐ cultural heritage and creativity
  - ☐ the ability to co-operate and to do something jointly
- the core of sustainable development of Latvia: **improvement of the productivity of human, economic, social and nature** (including location and space) **capitals**, thus responding to the challenges caused by global tendencies





# Objective of Latvia



In 2030 Latvia will be a thriving country of **active and responsible citizens**. Everyone will have the opportunity to feel **safe and belonging to Latvia**, everyone here will have the opportunity to achieve **his or her goals**. The strength of the nation will lie in **the inherited, discovered and newly created cultural and spiritual values, the richness of language and knowledge of other languages**. It will unite the society for the **creation of new, diverse and unique values in economy, science and culture**, and these values will be appreciated, known and respected also outside Latvia



**Riga** will be an important cultural, tourism and business centre in Europe. Urban-rural partnership will ensure **high quality of life** in whole territory of Latvia



Latvia – our home – **green and tidy place**, which is easy to reach and regarding sustainability of which we are responsible before the future generations

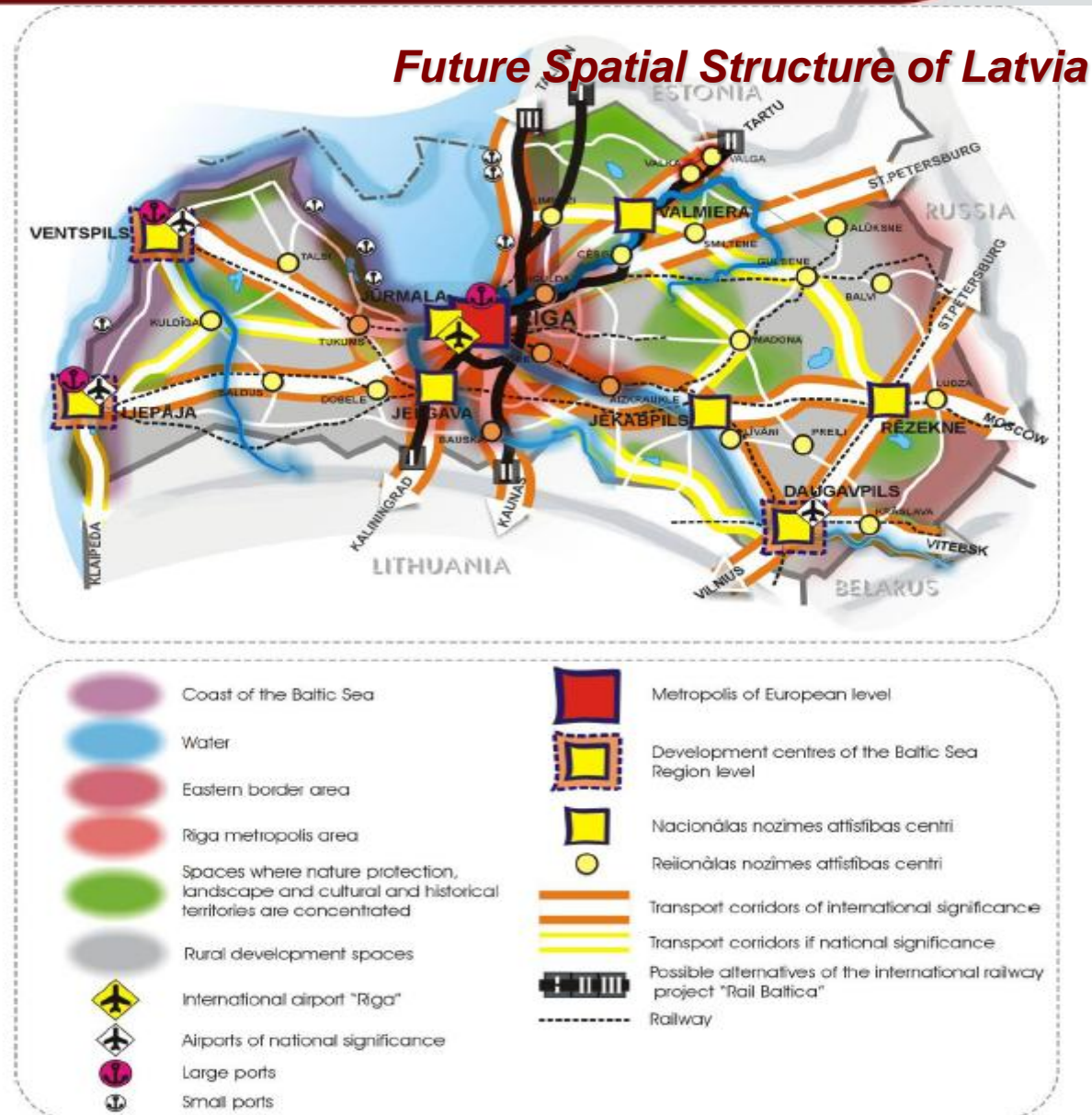




## *Spatial Development Perspective*

The spatial development perspective puts emphasis on **three main aspects**:

- accessibility and mobility,
- settlement as the economic development, human life and work environment,
- spaces of national interest – unique specific territories, which are significant for the development of the whole country





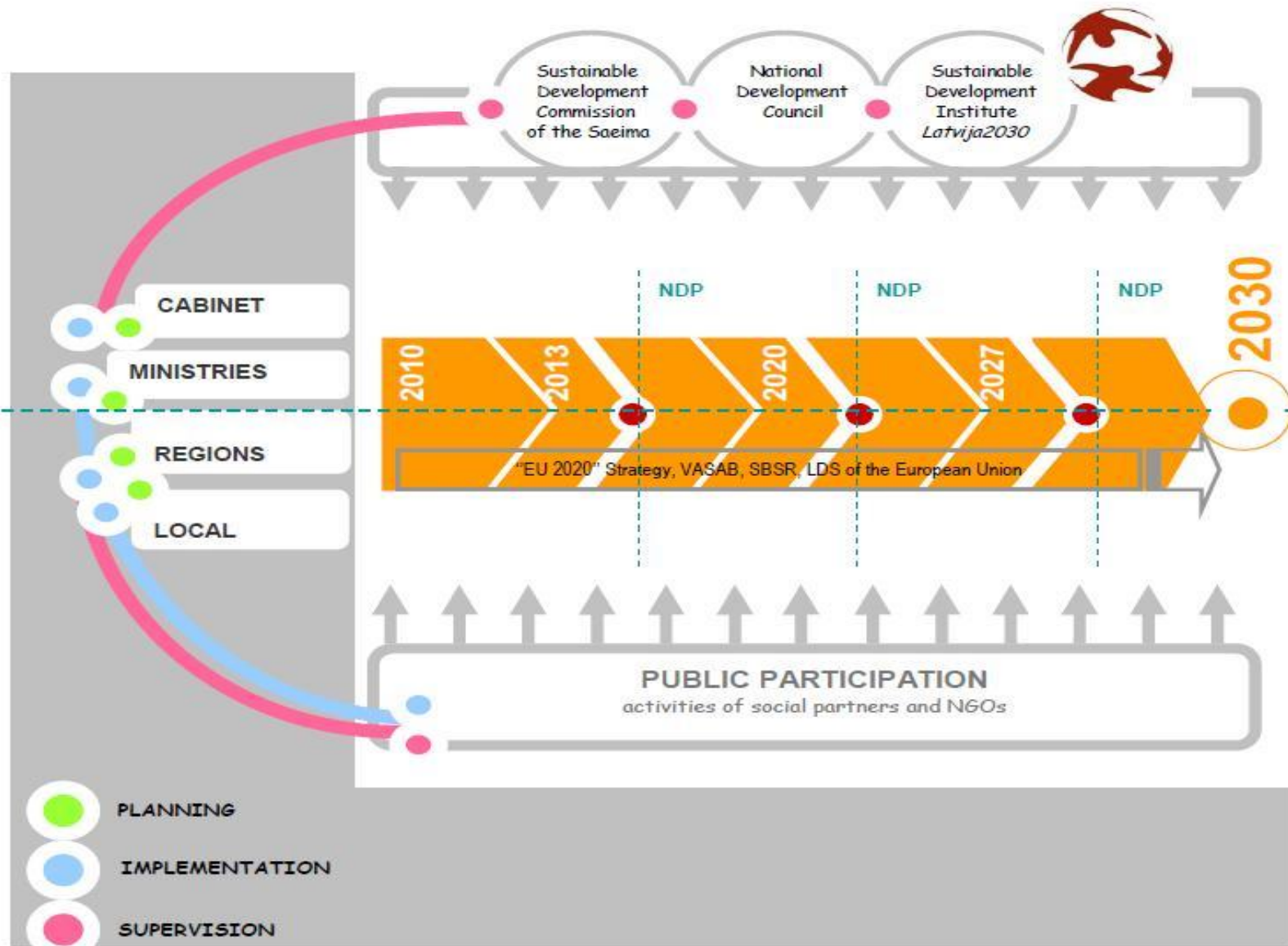
# Strategic Indicators of Latvija2030

	From	2030	Source, year
Number of inhabitants (mill.)	2.26	>2.02	CSB, 2009
Gini coefficient	38	<30	Eurostat, 2008
GDP per inhabitant per year (EUR according to purchasing power parity)	14000	>27000	Eurostat, 2008
Regional differences of GDP per inhabitant - dispersion of regional GDP per inhabitant (%)	46.8	<30	Eurostat, 2006
Ecological footprint (ha per inhabitant)	3.5	<2.5	GFN, 2008
Human development index (place in the world)	48	<30	UNO, 2007
Global competitiveness index (place in the world)	68	<40	WEF, 2009/10





# Implementation Model of Latvija2030





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