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Zemgale Planning Region

- A supervised by the Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia
- Decision making body – Development Council of Zemgale Planning Region (chairmen of 6 self- governments)
- Executive body – Administration in charge of regional development planning, transport coordination and other delegated (by ministries and local authorities) functions, i.e., design and implementation of regional scale projects.
- In accordance with the functions defined in Article 16 of the Law on Regional Development, the Zemgale planning region ensures regional development planning, coordination, supervision, cooperation between municipalities and other state administrative institutions.
- **Zemgale Planning region do not have a legislative function**

State level policies

National Development Plan
of Latvia for 2021-2027

Policy Guidelines developed
by sectoral ministries

Zemgale Planning region

Zemgale Planning region
development programme
2021- 2027

6 Municipalities

Local Government Law

Sustainable development
strategies of the
municipalities

- Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia until 2030 (Latvia 2030) is hierarchically the highest national-level, long-term planning document. It enumerates the main tasks of the state and society to achieve balanced and sustainable development.
- The National Development Plan of Latvia for 2021-2027 is a medium-term planning document that sets out the country's development goals, priorities and achievable results, as well as directions of action and responsible institutions.
- Responsible institutions (sectoral ministries) develop their own policy planning documents. The Guidelines developed by the ministries define new medium-term development directions in sectoral policies.
- Based on state planning documents, the 5 regions develop its own development program.

Policy Instrument involved in the project

Zemgale Planning region development programme 2021- 2027

- The Zemgale Planning Region Sustainable Development Strategy and Development Program are regional policy development planning documents that serve as guidelines for the implementation of regional development planning documents and the development of local development planning documents for the region.
- The strategic part of the development program defines nine medium-term development priorities, sets directions for action to achieve the development priorities and results to be achieved.

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- Since the ZPR (PP5) introduces several Interreg Europe projects that aim to improve/supplement the policy Instrument, we agreed during at the meeting of the Development Planning Department that the Zemgale Planning region development programme 2021- 2027 will be opened in the September to supplement the relevant sections/activities.
- Taking into account the experience gained in the Cherry project, we plan to revise and supplement Priority 1 and Priority 7.
- The process will take a couple of month (including submission for public consultation and coordination with sectoral ministries).
- In addition, in 2024 we have launched projects (in various Interreg programs) that would be relevant to the CCI (preservation and development of religious heritage, creation of interactive gardens, research and popularization of military heritage, development of water tourism, use of modern technologies to promote the recognition of cultural heritage).

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Strategic priorities:

P1 High-quality, accessible, versatile education throughout life

P2 Social inclusion and promotion of health

P3 Competitiveness and growth of companies

P4 Intelligent Mobility and Infrastructure

P5 Climate change, the environment and the circular economy

P6 Modern and accessible service system

P7 Culture and identity

P8 Civil society and active communities

P9 Public safety

Horizontal priorities - capacity building, digitization, compliance with green principles, cooperation.



P7 Priority CULTURE AND IDENTITY

The main task of the priority is to ensure the versatility of the cultural life, the preservation of traditional values, to create a development-oriented regional cultural environment.

Action 7.1. Cultural heritage preservation and sustainable use

Action 7.2. Strengthening cultural diversity and diversity of cultural spaces

Action 7.3. Development of culture and creative industries

Action 7.4. Engaging cultural environment

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P1 Priority QUALITY, ACCESSIBLE, MULTIFACETED LIFELONG LEARNING

Action 1.1. Development of a modern, innovative educational environment

Action 1.2. *Individualization of the educational process and interdisciplinary cooperation for educational excellence, development of students' innovation, technological skills and creativity*

Action 1.3. Equal educational opportunities for everyone

Action 1.4. Promoting a culture of lifelong learning for employment and ensuring the quality of life of residents

Action 1.5. Development of research and scientific potential

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P3 Priority Competitiveness and growth of companies

Action 3.1. Development of an attractive environment for business and arrangement of infrastructure.

Action 3.2. Knowledge transfer and technology transfer in the Zemgale economic specialization and RIS 3 sectors

Action 3.3. Strengthening of capacity in attracting investment and financial capital

Action 3.4. Attracting human capital, strengthening entrepreneurship and open innovation competencies (including in tourism)

Action 3.5. To promote competitiveness in the local and global market

Action 3.6. Promoting the offer and competitiveness of tourism products and services

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