



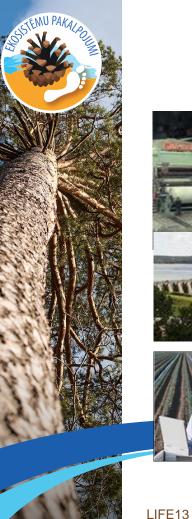
Possibilities for applying ES assessment results in spatial planning in Latvia

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Interaction between ecosystem services and economic activity



Economic activity **impact** ecosystems and their services

Changes in ecosystems poses <u>risks</u> <u>and opportunities</u> for economic

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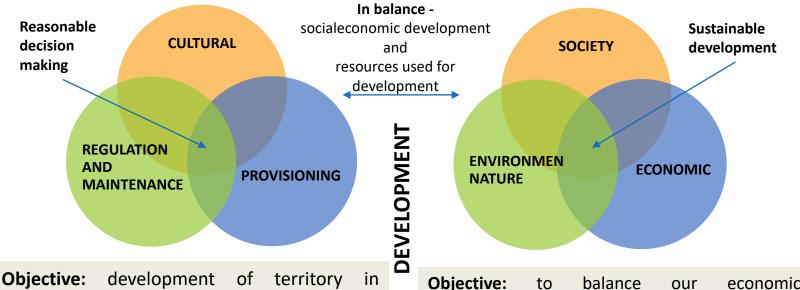






Economic activity <u>depends on</u> ecosystems and their services

Ecosystem services approach and sustainable development – correlation



reasonable and non-degrading manner by respecting ecosystems capacity to provide ecosystem services.

Steps: ES mapping, assessment, modelling of development scenarios (analysis of benefits and losses), decision making, <u>implementation</u>.

Objective: to balance our economic, environmental and social needs, allowing prosperity for now and future generations.

Steps: identifying the situation (needs and possibilities), vision, definition of strategic objectives and priorities, development of action program and budget planning, <u>implementation</u>.





National level documents for reasonable decision making by respecting capital of nature - I

Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia until 2030

- Latvia leader provider of sustainable nature services in EU
- ✓ Capital of nature have to be assessed
 - ecosystems quality assessment

National Development Plan of Latvia for 2014-2020 (NDP2020)

- Action sustainable management of capital of nature and culture
- Maintain capital of nature as the basis for sustainable economic activity



Proportion of area of special areas of conservation, % of the state territory - **18** Proportion of organic farming, % of the state agricultural land - **10**



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~ 12%



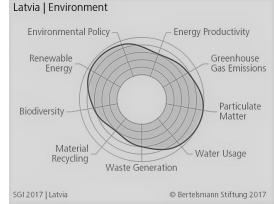
Environmental policy strategy 2014 – 2020

- Objective ensure environment in good quality as a basis for society well – being
- ✓ Nature protection one of thematic sector
 - ensure quality of ecosystems;
 - balance between nature protection and socioeconomic interests

Actions

- integration of environmental aspects in early stage territorial planning and respect these aspects;
- ✓ to fill nature data gaps (mapping of species and habitats base for assessment);
- integration of nature conservation plans and territorial plans







Policy implementation

Key action

 Collection of detailed and complete information about Latvia's natural capital a Nature Census (2017 – 2020) – mapping of EU importance habitats in Latvia

National level planning

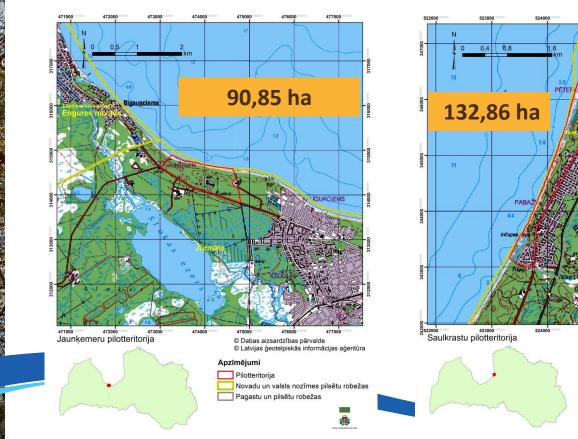
✓ The national Maritime Spatial Plan (MSP)

Actual case studies and projects

- ✓ LIFE Viva Grass grasslands
- ✓ LIFE EcosystemServices terrestrial coastal areas
- ✓ Latvian State Forest Research Institute Silava and JSC "Latvian State Forests" collaboration project: "The impact of forest management on forest and related ecosystem services" – forests
- ✓ LIFE Restore peatlands



LIFE EcosystemServices project case – Jaunkemeri and Saulkrasti



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Objectives and tasks

To create an innovative approach within the territorial planning processes in Latvia by developed methodology of ecosystems and their services assessment in accordance with the best EU practices.

ES mapping and assessment/valuation (biophysical and economic) methodology Creation of Nature Design Park in Saulkrasti

Applying the mapping and valuation results in planning documents Recommendations and Toolkit for practical ES approach applying in planning process





ES approach applying steps for local level

Step 1 Step	Step 3	Step 4
Assessment of spatial data by identifying ecosystems and services witch can be provided Valuation for each t land use units) – biophysic economic assessme	pe of assessment of development scenarios	Decision making based on results of assessment: Conformity assessment to aim of development Assessment of advantages and disadvantages of each scenario (including costs and investments valuation)
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Results of 1st – 2nd step

22 ES identified and assessed – biophysical and economic:

- ✓ 4 provisioning
- ✓ 13 regulation and maintenance
- ✓ 5 cultural

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ES approach applying steps for local level

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Proposal for ES assessment applying in planning documents – Nature Conservation Plans (NCP) of specially protected nature territories of Latvia

ES identification Updating of legal base

- ES is defined as a part of basic information of specially protected area's nature values
- Nature values maps include maps of ES provided by area as well

ES valuation

Elaboration of NCP

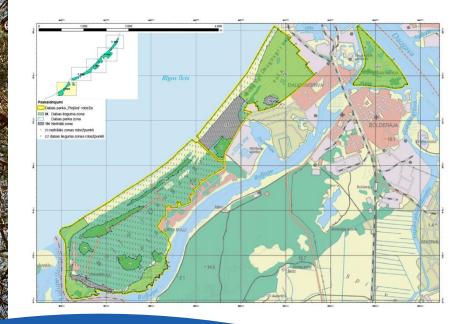
- Necessity for ES identification and mapping defined in updated legal base
- Socioeconomic valuation of nature values means ES assessment methods using

ES assessment results

Elaboration of NCP

- Applying for NCP objectives (both long and short term) defining and justifying
- Applying for concrete conservation action justifying
- Applying for justification of proposals for changes in municipalities spatial plans/specially protected nature territory zoning/ specially regulations of using and management of specially territory







Nature Conservation Plan elaboration – 2018 – 2020 in close cooperation with LIFE EcosystemServices project







Thank you!

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