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Possibilities for Cross-Border Cooperation in Latvia

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Latvia in brief

- ✓ **Size 64,6 km²**
- ✓ **Population 1 995 600 (2014)**
- ✓ **9 Republic cities, 5 NUTS III regions and 110 districts**
- ✓ **Length of border 1866 km**
- ✓ **Member of EU and NATO – since 2004, Eurozone-since 2014**



Latvia: possibilities for cross-border cooperation

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**INTERREG/ETC programmes and projects
– since 2004**



**Bilateral Intergovernmental
Commissions/Bilateral Agreements**



NGO cooperation – Euroregions



EGTC – since 2009



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Latvian-Estonian Intergovernmental Commission for Cross- border Cooperation

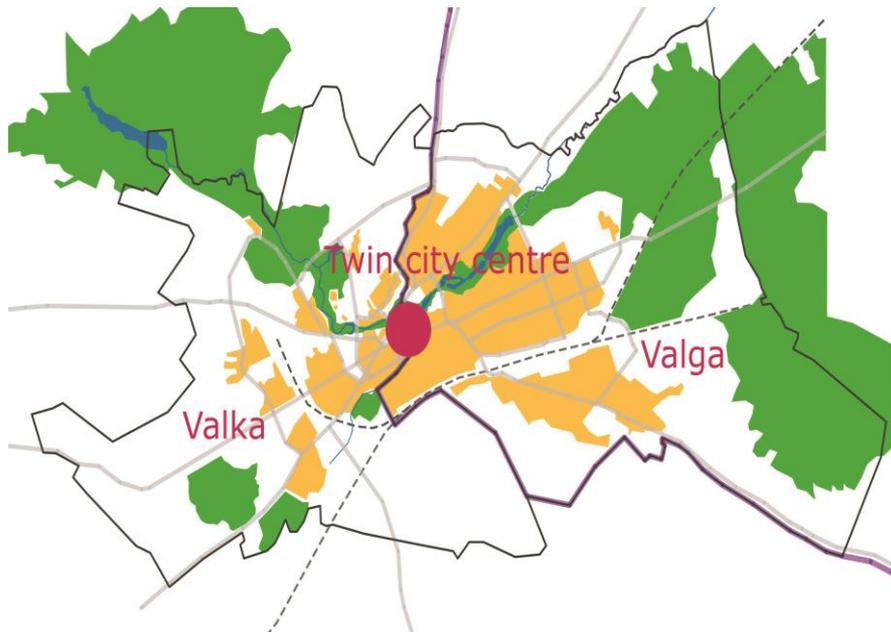
- Established **in 2004** by Intergovernmental Agreement
- Coordinated by **Estonian Ministry of Interior** and **Latvian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development**
- Joint meeting once a year + thematic Working Groups
- Focuses on EE-LV **border regions**
- Elaborates Annual Work Plan and facilitates dialogue on national, regional, local level (amendments in national legislation, cooperation agreements)

1 city, 2 states

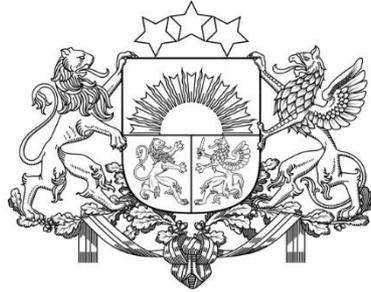


VALGA/VALKA

When TWO aspire to become ONE: Valka and Valga



- Cooperation Agreement since 1996
- Joint development strategy since 2005
- Joint Labor bourse since 2014
- Common management of cross-border river
- Separate management of joint infrastructure/facilities
- Functional reintegration of common urban space
- Ambitious plans:
 - Common ice-hall,
 - Common business incubator



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