

Jelgava – city for development



Jelgava today - the 4th largest city in Latvia by population

Total area - 60,3 km²

Distance to Riga - 42 km

Population - 59 303 (01.01.2025.)

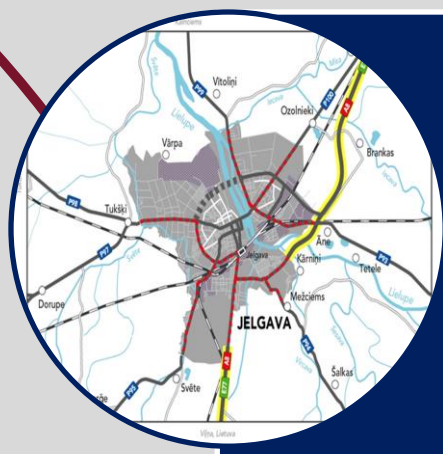
Average unemployment rate - 3,5 % (2024.)

Number of employed inhabitants of Jelgava - 33 160, incl. employed in Riga - 11 698

The average monthly gross salary in public sector - 1 621 EUR
(in Latvia - 1 729 EUR; in Riga - 1 880 EUR)



Territories for industrial development



The advantageous geographical location, intersection of transit roads and railways has contributed to development of Jelgava as an industrial city and one of the most important transit centers of Latvia

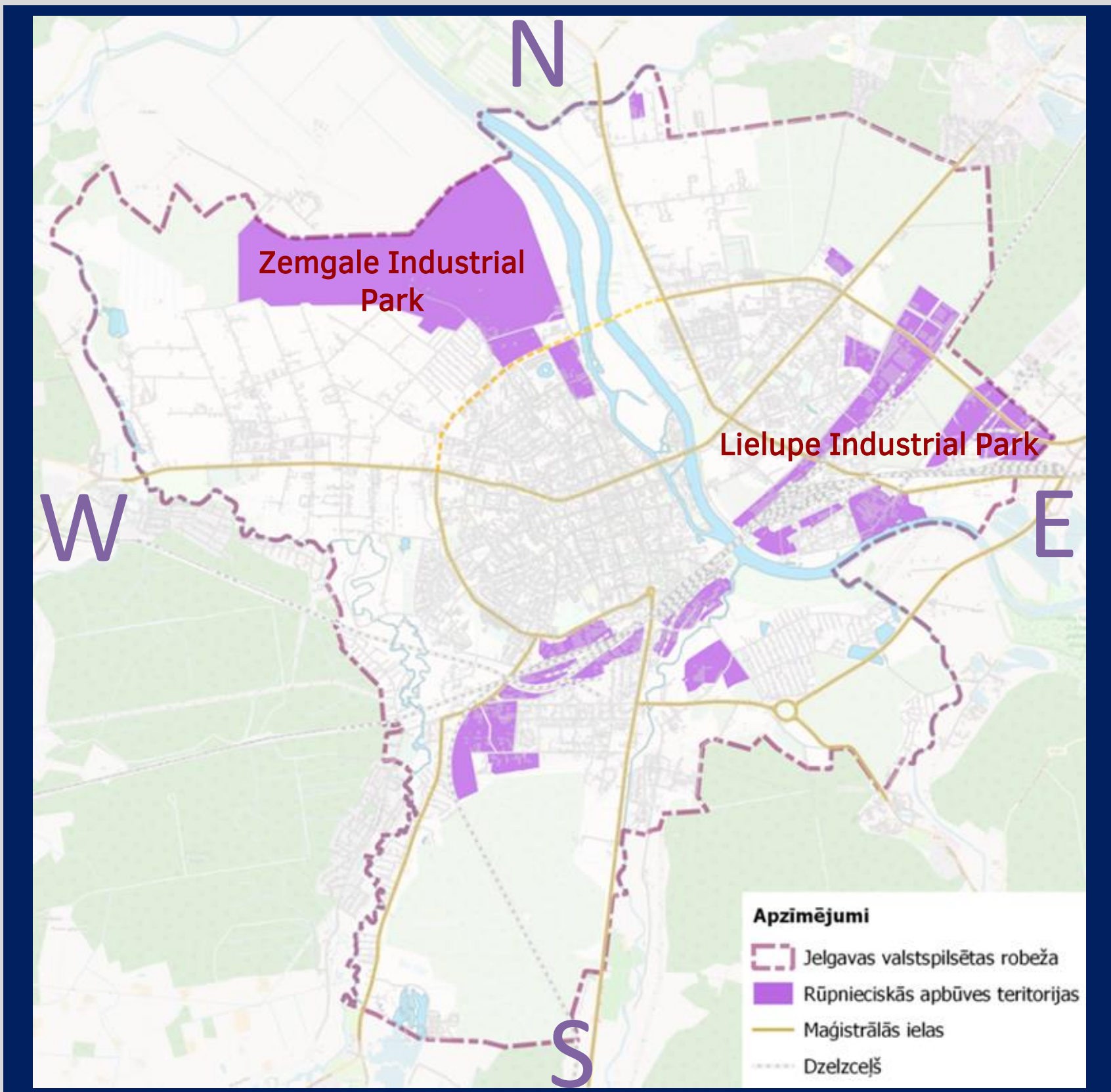


Historically industrial territories have developed along railway lines and main roads, close to rivers



Main tasks for municipality:

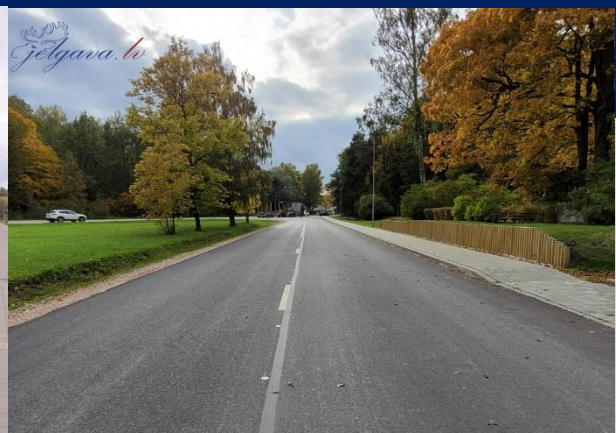
- development of road and engineering infrastructure
- ensuring accessibility of energy
- ensuring accessibility of different transport modes



EU funds co-financing for development of industrial territories 2017-2023 (I)

Implemented 5 projects:
- length of renovated roads - 4,1 km
- length of new roads - 1,08 km

Total funding 14 601 861 EUR:
- ERDF and state budget funding:
9 244 818 EUR
- municipality budget funding:
5 357 043 EUR



EU funds co-financing for development of industrial territories 2024-2027

Planned 6 projects:

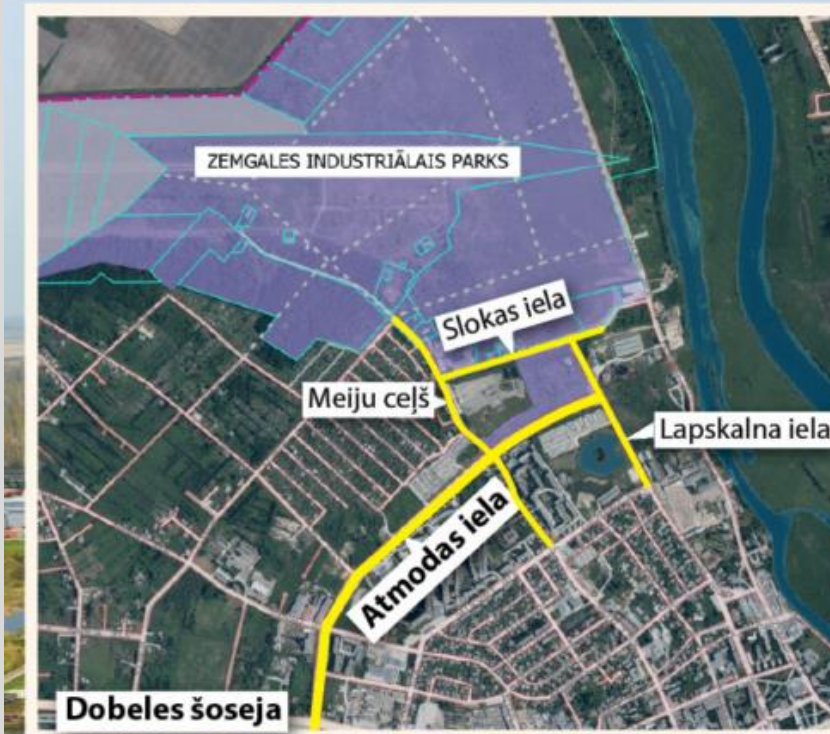
- length of planned renovated roads – 7,3 km
- length of planned new roads -2,0 km

Total funding EUR: 39 693 451

- EU and state budget funding: 33 084 141 EUR
- municipality budget funding: 6 609 310 EUR



Construction of pea protein and starch production plant



Atmodas ielas jaunais posms



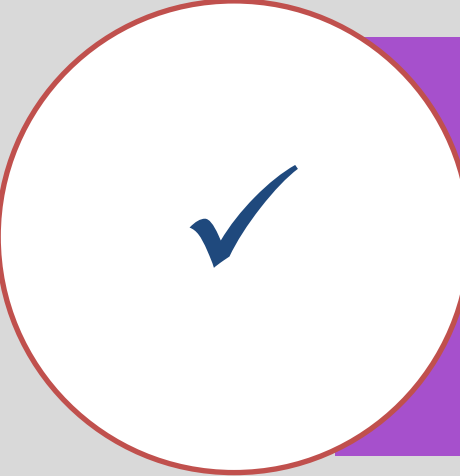
Development of ZIP , phase I

- reconstruction of steet sections of Atmodas, Slokas, Lapskalnu and Meiju street
- construction of new street section of Atmodas street
- length of renovated roads: 5,7 km



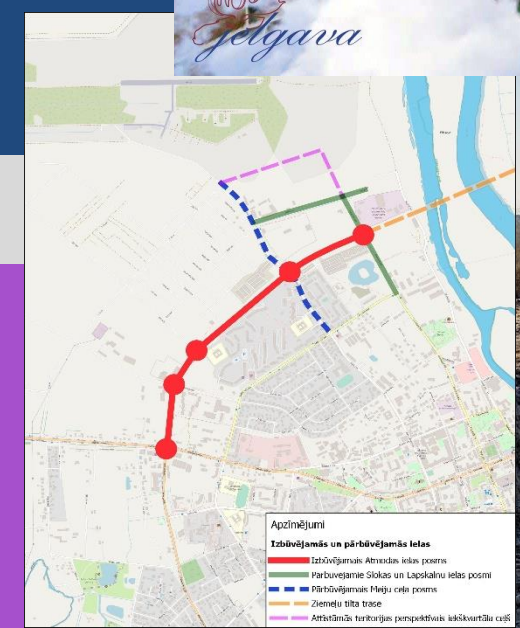
Total funding: 23 968 935,45 EUR

- RF 20 000 000,00 EUR
- municipality budget funding 3 968 935,45 EUR



Planned outcome indicators:

- created 82 new jobs;
- non-financial investments 21 400 000,00 EUR



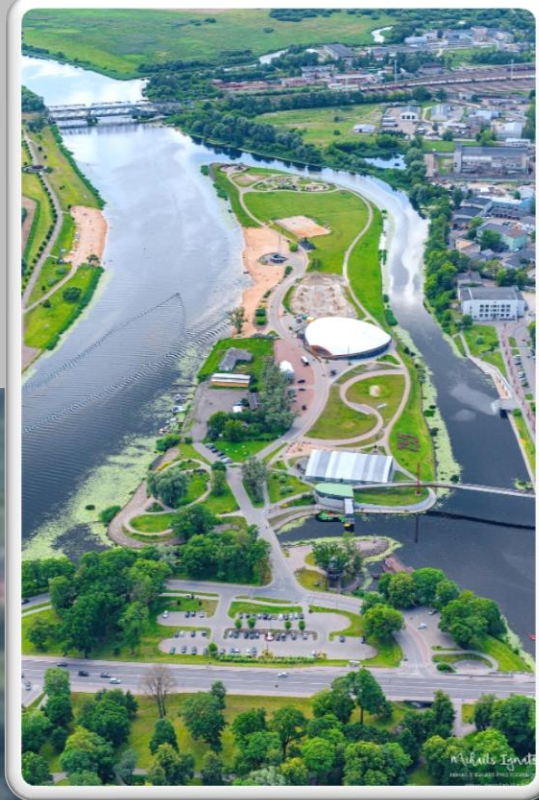
Development of River Coasts and Islands



Post Island



Castle Island



The river Lielupe promenade (2009-2011)



Renovation works to improve the environment affected by sugar factory

Result: high-quality public outdoor space in the city of Jelgava - on the right bank of the river Lielupe , in the section from the railway bridge to Rīgas Street





Mītava pedestrian bridge and Jānis Čakste boulevard (2008-2013)

The pedestrian bridge "Mītava" connects the city center with Pasta Island. It is the longest pedestrian and bicycle bridge in Latvia (bridge span 152 m/ total 199,9 m). Due to its technical solution, the bridge is considered unique not only in Latvia, but also in Baltics.



Before

The pedestrian promenade on Jāņa Čakstes Boulevard is created on two levels – the lower one runs along the very edge of the river, with shoreline reinforcements and a pedestrian recreation area with beautiful fountains



After

Post Island (2011-2019)

120 000 m³ soil;
2000 m³ boulders
in gabions;
5000 m³ of sand
for beach



Before



After

2017-2019 – construction of the roofs of the open-air concert hall "Mītava" and the public skating rink.



Budget:
8 088 370 EUR

First results: cleaned and improved banks of Lielupe and Driksa river, built open-air stage, skating rink, pedestrian and bicycle paths, toilets, event areas, children's playgrounds, sports grounds and landscaped greenery

View tower in Castle Island (2018)

Project objective- to organize the flow of visitors and reduce antropogenic load in the nature reserve «Lielupe floodplain meadows»

Height of the tower- 19,2 m; picnic area, fence, 3 information stands, Health trail 3,2 km



Before

On the island behind Jelgava Palace there are floodland meadows - a site of Natura 2000 due to the diversity of rare bird and plant species.



After



Improvement of the Lielupe River banks, phase I (2018)



Before



After



The improvement of the Lielupe River banks in Castle Island:
strengthening of the bank 170 m length, creating a boat launch, improving the pedestrian zone and building of a parking lot

Reconstruction of Castle Island Street (2023-2024)

Castle Island Street reconstructed for approximately 700 m, separate bicycle lanes have been created on the carriageway, which is the first street of this kind in Jelgava, where the bicycle lane is separated on the street carriageway and not by the pedestrian path. As part of the reconstruction of the street, a viewing platform has been built around the big tree in front of the castle, a culvert/bridge has been rebuilt, a children's playground and physical activity area has been created, a recreation area with picnic tables, benches, hammocks, public toilets and showers, water and sewage connection to the city's centralized networks, which was built under the Driksa River and the meadows of the nature reserve, a horse feeding area where horses can stay during floods, a parking lot with camper spaces, and a basketball court.

Budget:
6 058 788,09 EUR



Improvement of the Lielupe River banks, phase II (2023-2024)



Budget:
777 352,58 EUR

Result: strengthened the Lielupe embankment 67 m , created a new slipway for launching boats, demolished the previous rowing base on the Lielupe bank and created a green area in its place

Water Tourism and Sports Centre (2023-2025)



Before

Water tourism and sports center with a boat slip for approximately 200 boats, which is used daily by the Rowing Department of the Jelgava Children and Youth Sports School. The building has a gym, a gymnastics hall, 10 changing rooms, a medical office, a rowing training/concept hall, a conference hall, coaches' offices and changing rooms, a sauna, toilets, showers, a tourist information point, the administration rooms of the Children and Youth Sports School, a boat repair shop and technical rooms.



After

Budget:
7 442 794,78 EUR



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