



# Jelgava – city for development

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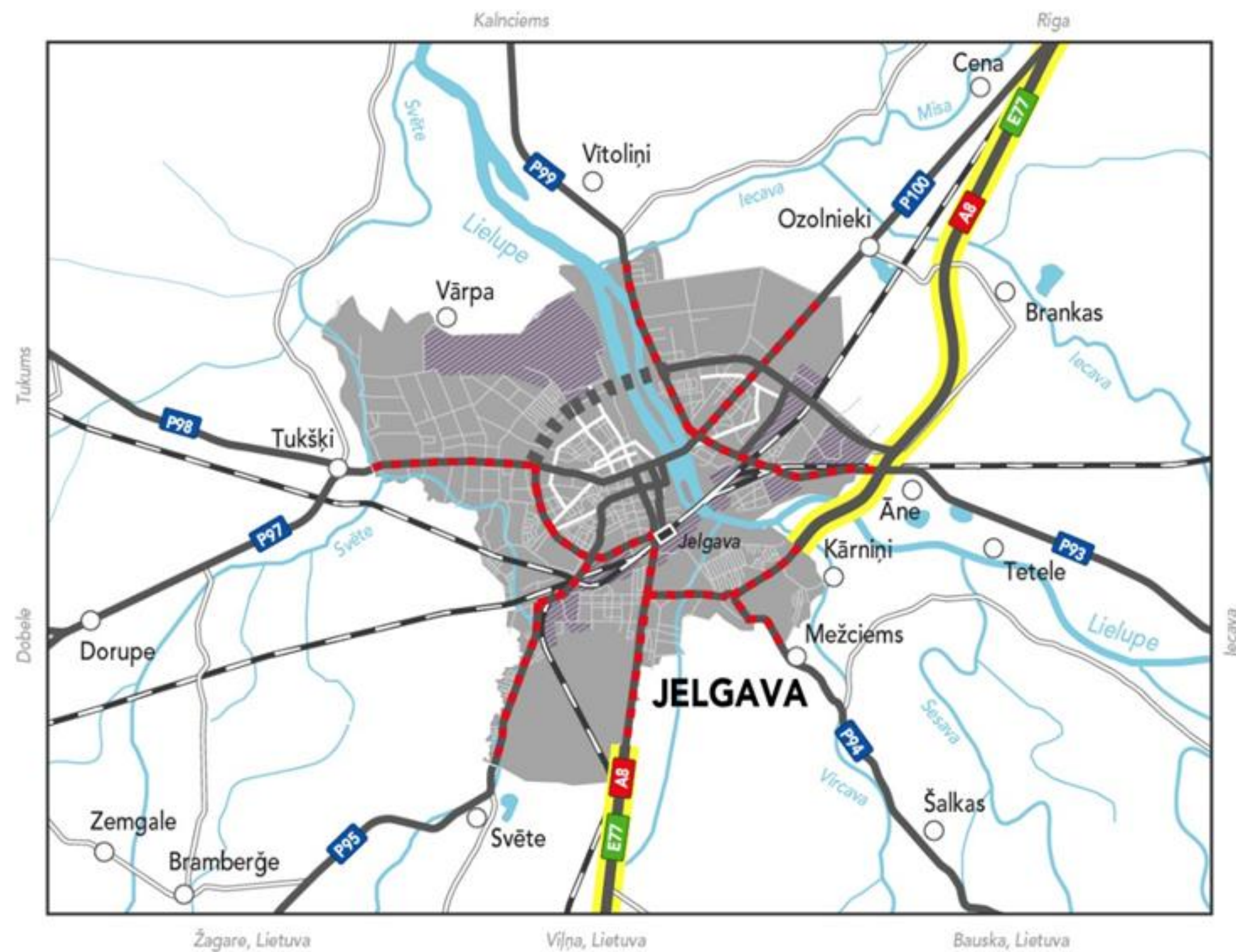
# Jelgava today

- **The fourth largest city** in Latvia by population
  - Total area - **60,3 km<sup>2</sup>**
  - Distance to capital Riga - **42 km**
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- Population (2023) – **59 470**, including **37 238** of working age
  - Number of employed Jelgava inhabitants (2023) – **33 160**, including employed in Riga – **11 698**
  - Work places in Jelgava (2023) – **25 644**
  - The average monthly gross salary in public sector (2023) – **1380 EUR** (in Latvia – **1533 EUR**, in Riga – **1683 EUR**)
  - Average unemployment rate (2023) – **3,5%**
  - **Ranked as the 6th best European micropolitan city** in the Foreign Direct Investment Strategy 2024 (Financial Times “fDi Magazine”)



# Jelgava – logistics center

The advantageous geographical location – the intersection of transit roads and railways, the close distance to the capital Riga – has contributed to the development of Jelgava as an industrial city and one of the most important transit centers of the country



**Jelgava has the potential to develop into an efficient multimodal logistics center using various types of transport options**

# Territories for industrial development in Jelgava



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

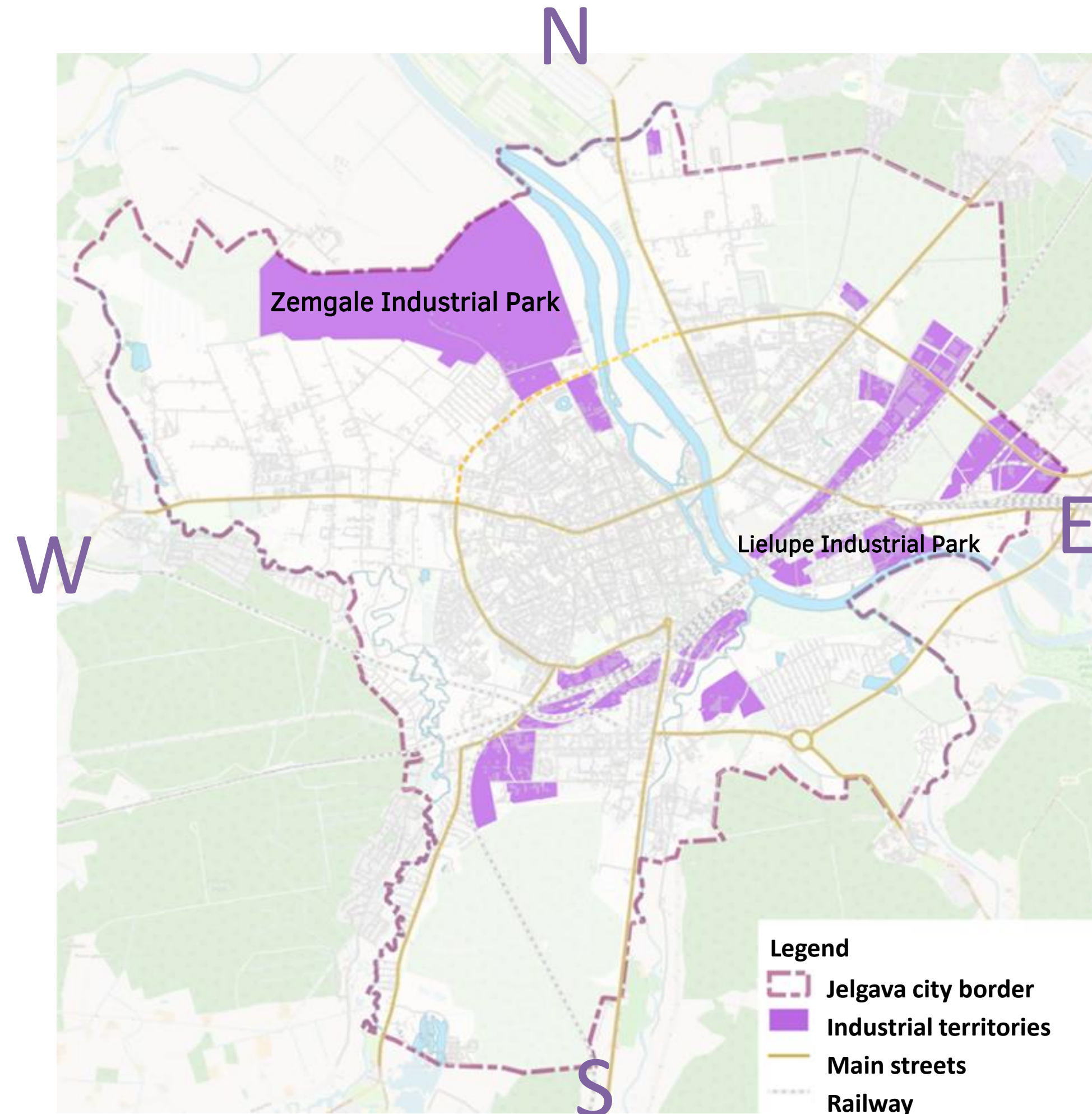


Developed food, woodworking, mechanical engineering and metalworking, plastic processing industries



## Main tasks for municipality:

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



# Development of Zemgale Industrial Park (ZIP)

The largest potential for the utilization of free (undeveloped) land in Jelgava is in the former airfield territory, covering an area of **350 hectares**, where the Zemgale Industrial Park is planned to be established.

The territory belongs to the municipality, available for local and international companies.

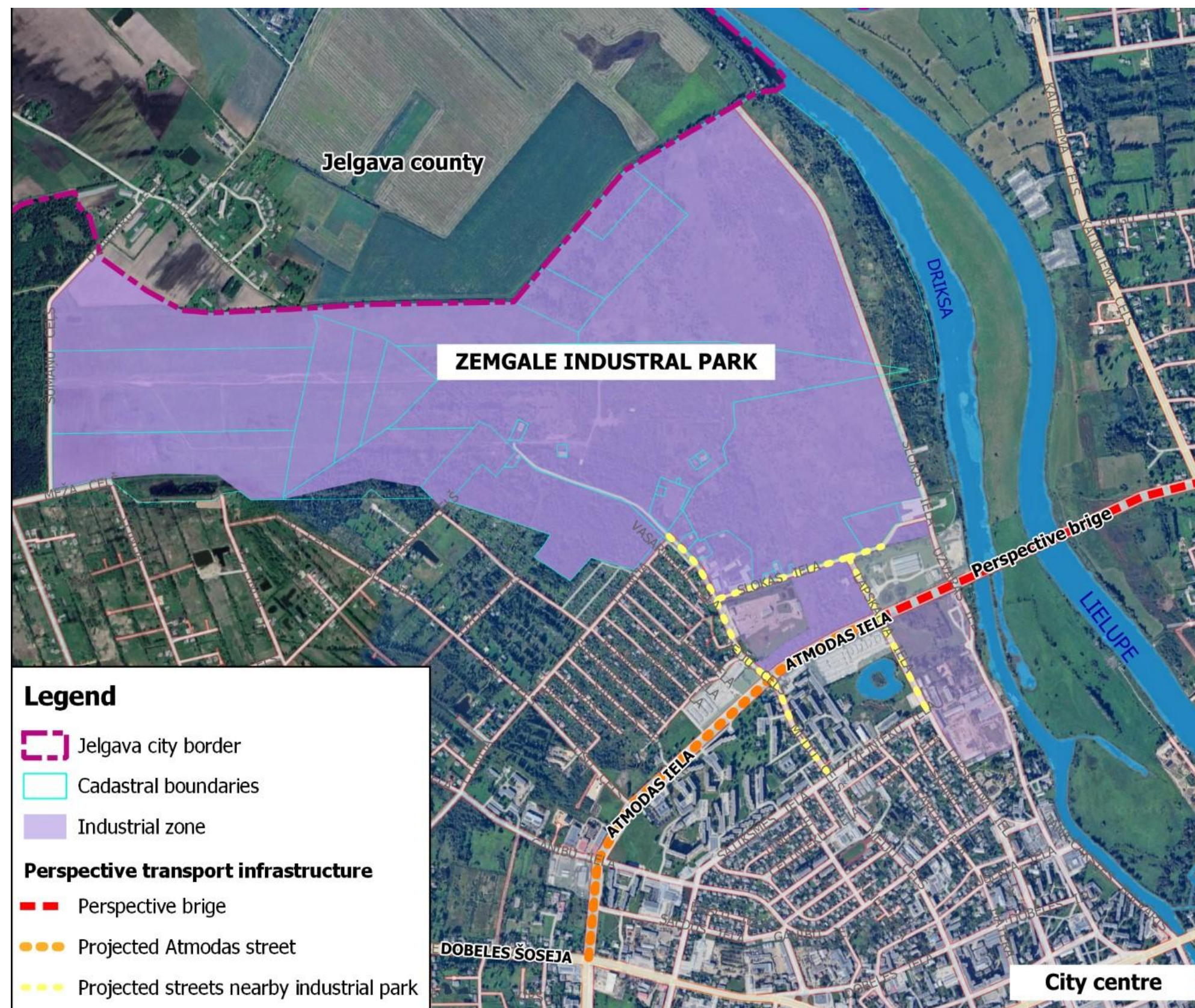
## Desired smart industries in ZIP

Bio-economy

Smart materials, technologies and engineering systems

Smart-energy

Information and communication technologies

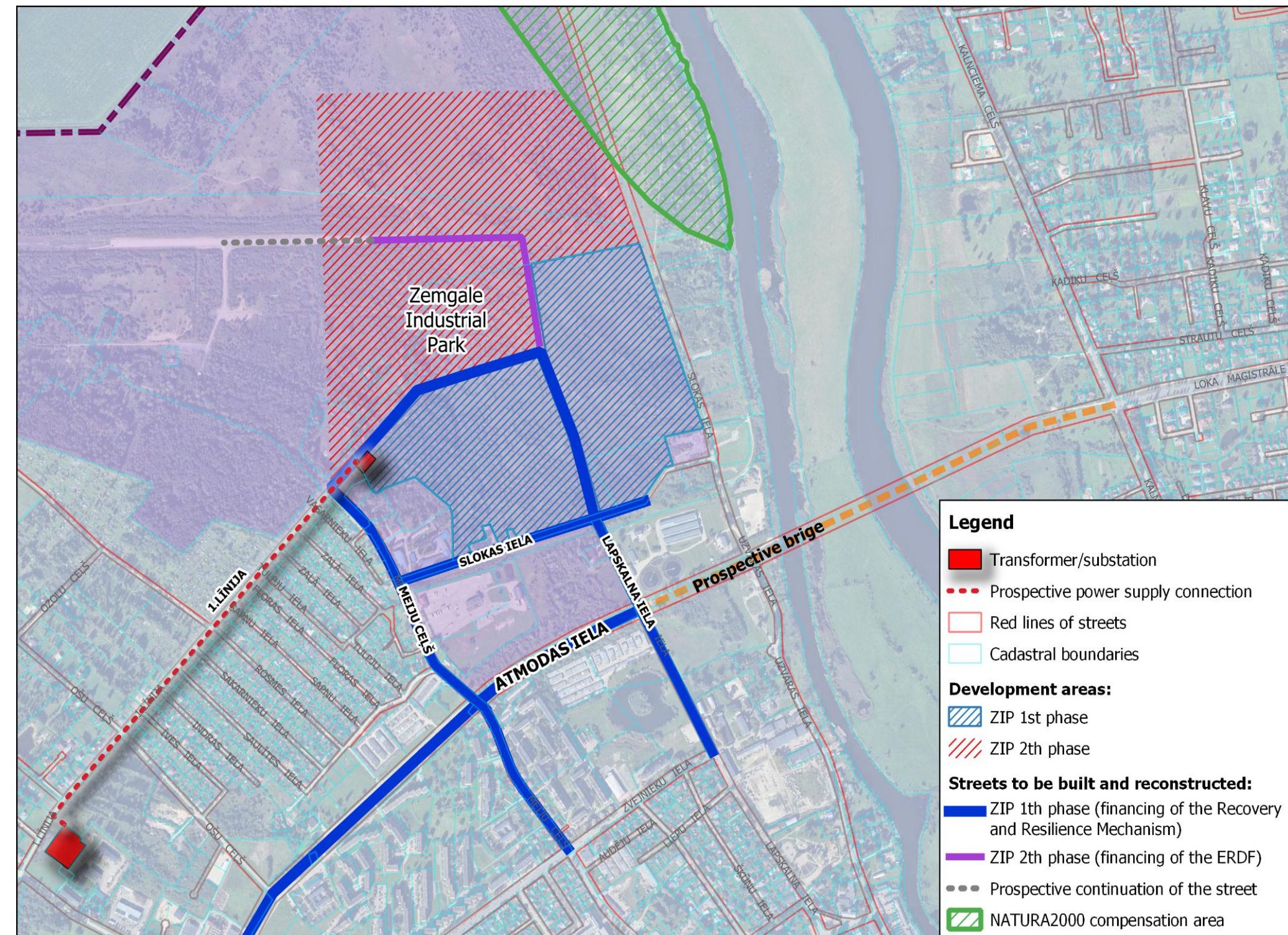


# Development of road and engineering infrastructure for ZIP (2024 – 2026)

## Development of ZIP till 2026 by municipality:

- ❑ Construction and reconstruction of street sections of Atmodas, Slokas, Lapskalna and Meiju streets (length of renovated streets - 5,7 km)
- ❑ Construction and reconstruction of engineering infrastructure – rain water drainage, water supply, electricity, electronic communication networks, lightning
- ❑ Total planned funding - **~26 mil. EUR**, including financing of The Recovery and Resilience Facility - 20 mil. EUR

**Planned availability of renewable energy  
(sun and wind) – 16 MW**



# Why in Jelgava?

## SMART CITY



### Skilled workforce, researches and innovations

- The city is home to Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies and its research institutions
- 2 professional educational institutions
- Municipality Adult Education Institution “Zemgale Region Competence Development Center”



### Business support


- Improvement of the transport and engineering infrastructure necessary for business development in industrial and degraded areas
- Business Incubator Services
- Consultative support




### Attractive urban environment

- Friendly environment for families with children - renovated schools, kindergartens, resting places
- Safety solutions (traffic organization, video surveillance, Municipal Operational Information Centre)
- New housing is being built
- The municipality continues to improve the city's public infrastructure by using the possibilities of EU funds

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