

An aerial photograph of Jelgava, Latvia, showing a river flowing through the city. In the foreground, there are modern sports facilities, including a large stadium with a white roof and a green field, and a smaller stadium with a green roof. The city skyline is visible in the background, featuring various buildings and a church with a blue dome. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Jelgava – city for development

Jelgava

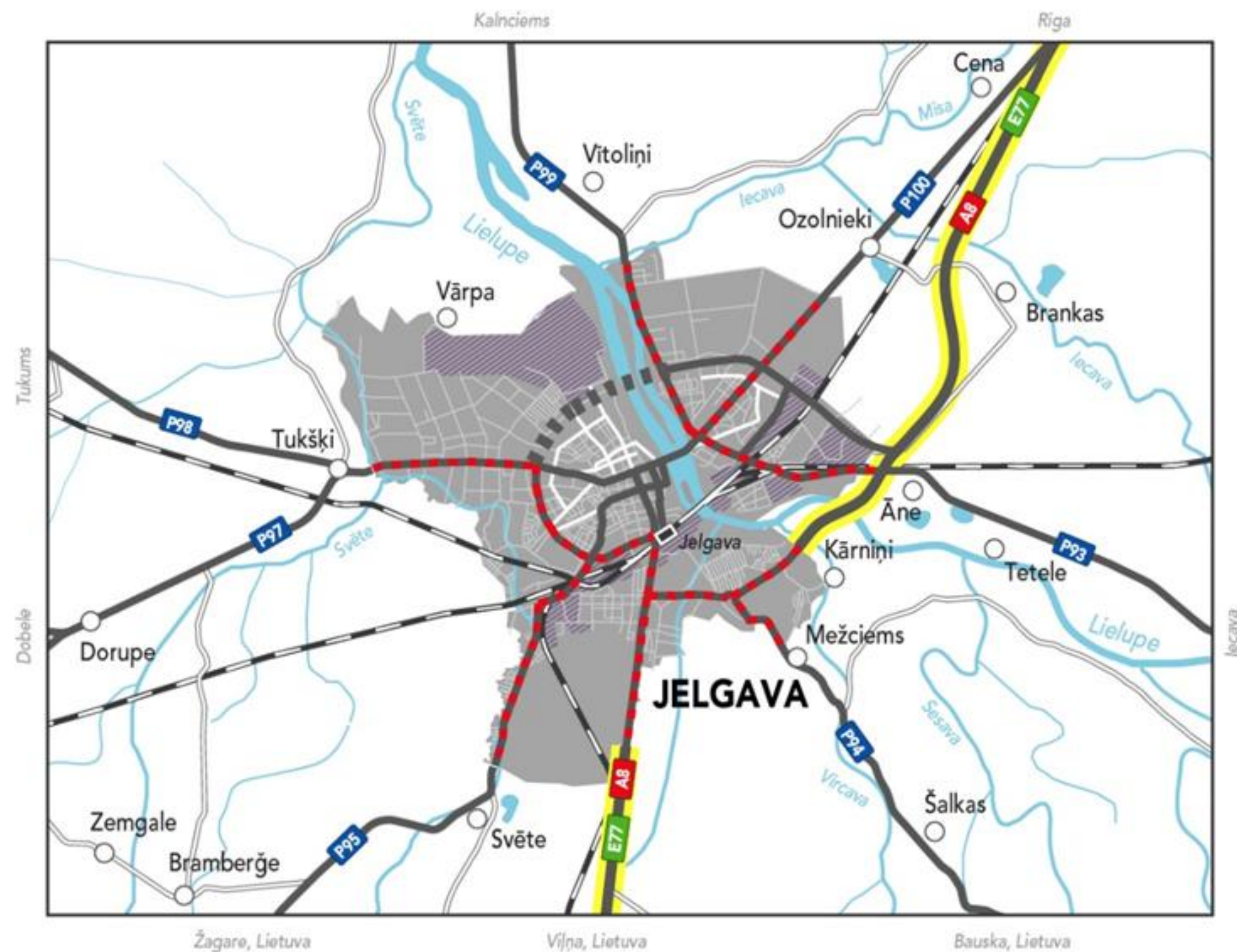
Jelgava today

- Total area - **60,3 km²**
- Distance to capital Riga - **42 km**
- Population (2024) – **59 303**, including **37 553** of working age
- Number of employed Jelgava inhabitants (2024) – **33 050**, including employed in Riga – **11 627**
- Work places in Jelgava (2024) – **25 517**
- The average monthly gross salary in public sector (2024) – **1584 EUR** (in Latvia – **1795 EUR**, in Riga – **1913 EUR**)
- Average unemployment rate (2024) – **3,3%**
- **Ranked as the 8th best European micropolitan city** in the Foreign Direct Investment Strategy 2025 (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

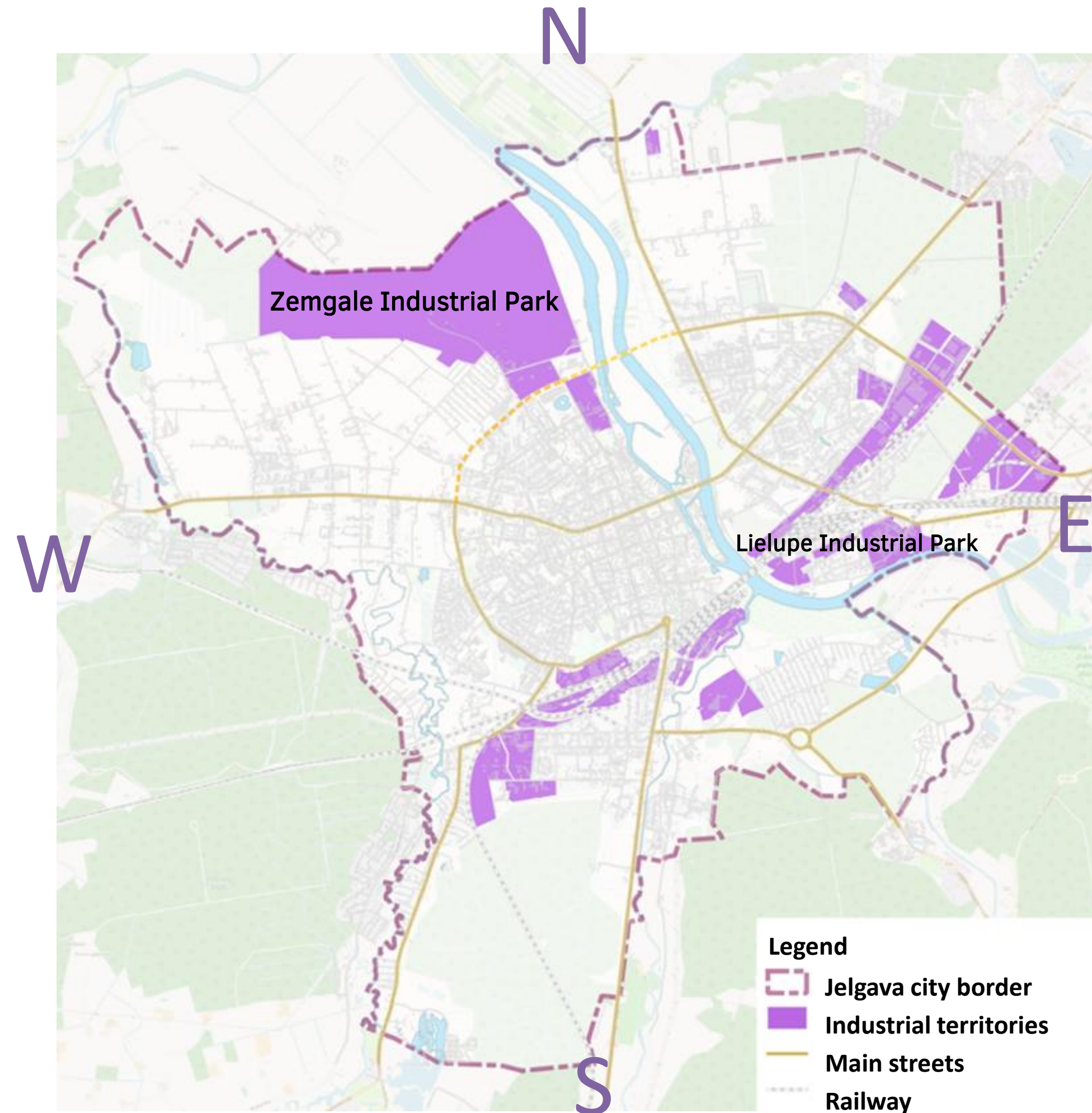


Developed food, woodworking, mechanical engineering and metalworking, plastic processing industries



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.

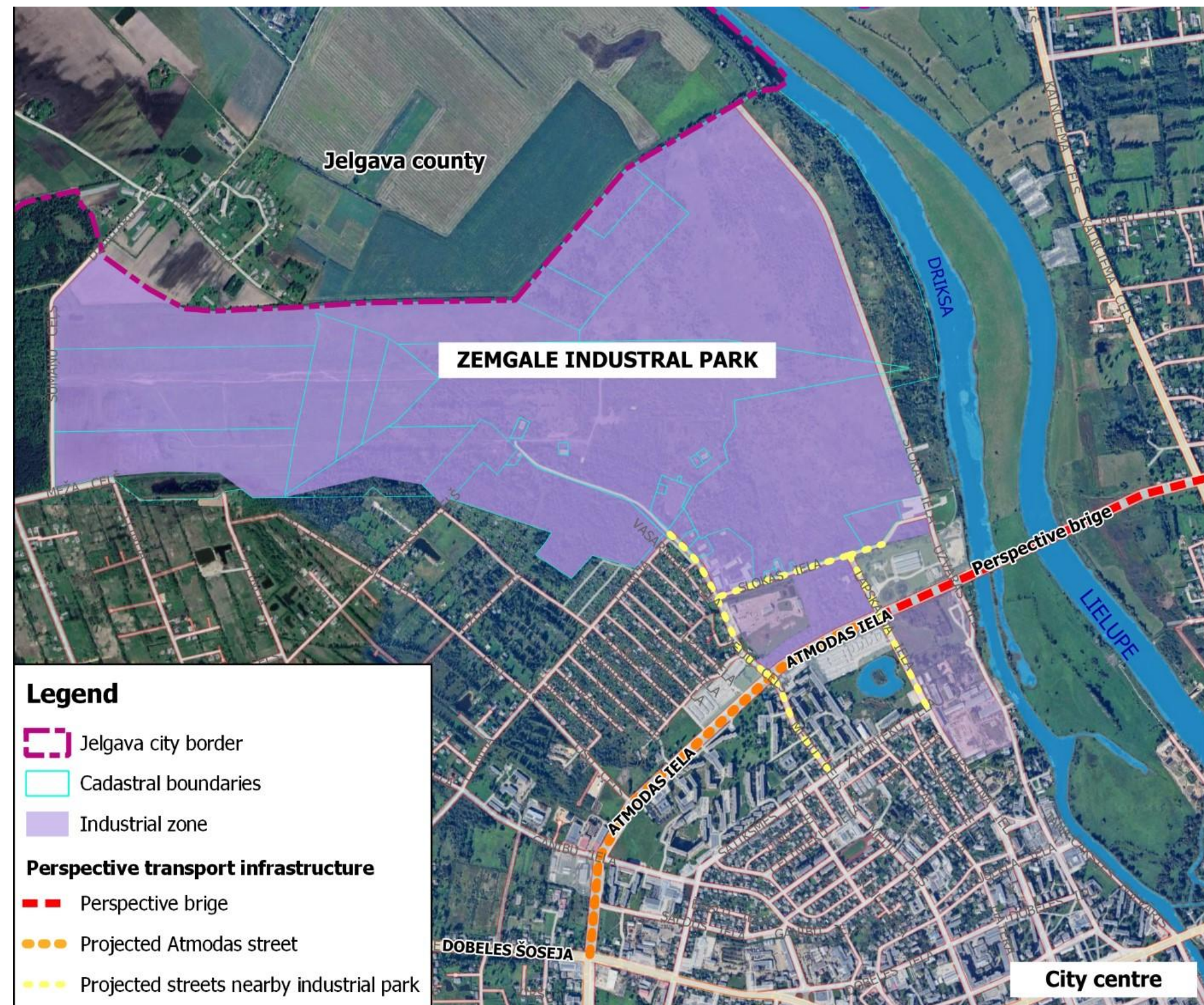
Desired smart industries in ZIP

Bio-economy

Smart materials,
technologies and
engineering systems

Smart-energy

Information and
communication
technologies



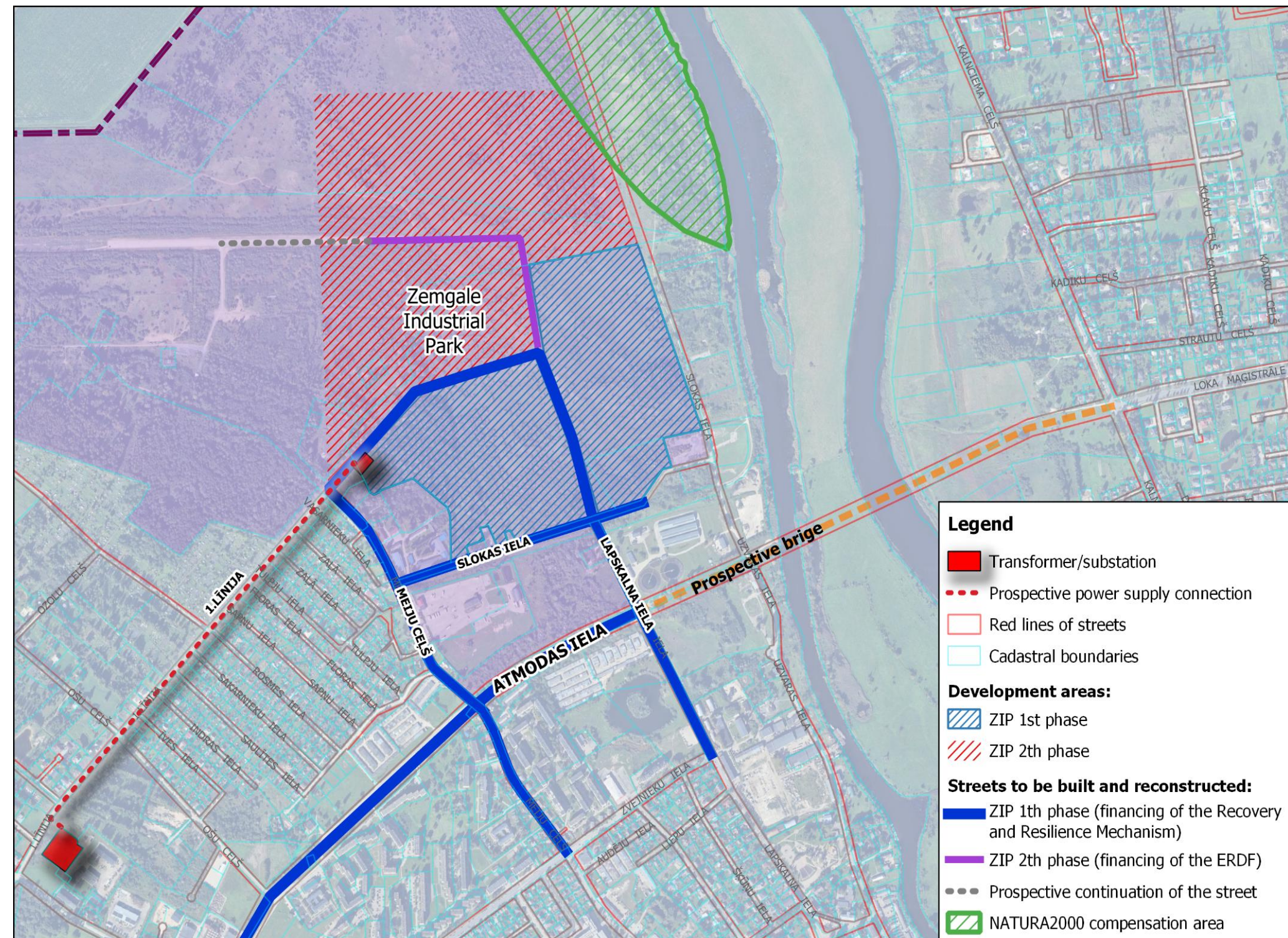
Development of road and engineering infrastructure for ZIP

(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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