

## City of Riga December 2007

### Consolidation of Deliveries & Incentives

#### Context

In 1992 Riga introduced access restrictions on freight transport during the day time in its historical centre. Unfortunately these restrictions have been ignored due to insufficient controls and lack of personnel to receive deliveries after working hours and the lack of storage facilities in some of the historical buildings, thereby requiring deliveries several times a day.

#### Objectives

During the project an analysis will be performed to identify the future freight distribution centres. Another study will find out the technical conditions of the current freight transportation and possibilities to switch to environmentally friendly and modern transport vehicles in areas with historic buildings and narrow streets.

#### Description of the action

Transport and Telecommunication Institute has commenced collecting information on goods deliveries in the Old Riga as well as developing a concept on a potential logistics centre to ensure goods deliveries into the Old Riga.

Institute of Roads Transport of the Riga Technical University (RTU) has started a study on introduction of bio-fuel. The first phase of the study - research on potential use of bio-fuels including analysis of the results of former studies carried out in Latvia is going on.

There are two producers of bio ethanol in Latvia having limited capacities therefore increase of capacities are planned on the national level. A national program for production and utilisation of bio-fuel for 2003-2010 is being implemented in the country.

Analysis of the existing needs for delivery of goods in the Old Riga has been carried out. It indicated a need for a separate distribution centre for the merchandize there.

An opinion poll has been carried out among 64 transport companies about their co-operation with freight delivery companies to identify their level of co-operation. This indicates the freight delivery needs as well as supplies in the rest of the Riga historical centre area.

A proposal has been made to organize an internet portal containing on-line information on the goods to be delivered to customers (address, the nature of the cargo volume, the type of packaging, etc.) and the transport company providing information on the availability of vehicles and their characteristics (the cargo compartment, etc.) to deliver the goods. The portal would determine the minimum required number of vehicles for the delivery of goods for a specified period of operational planning (for example, the following day).

On April 25, 2007 a conference took place in Riga on the problems and opportunities for production and consumption of bio-fuels in Latvia. It focuses on topics such as promotion of the use of bio-fuels including the state support to enterprises and drivers by a favourable tax policy measures.

in October 2007 information leaflets on the bio-fuels have been made and dissemination in co-operation with the fuel station "Statoil". See next page.

#### Further planning and expected results

Specifications will be worked out on delivery vehicle sizes and methods for individual operators in the historical centre of Riga and will allow consolidating deliveries. Such operators will be required to use environmentally friendly vehicles.

Negotiations are going on with the public transportation company Rīgas Satiksme on the use of bio diesel in the public buses.

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In January 2008 a seminar on the needs to use bio-fuels will be held together with the respective ministries.

### Local partners

Riga City Council  
Latvian Retailers Association  
Transport and Telecommunication Institute  
Rīgas satiksme  
Road Traffic Safety Directorate

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Leaflets disseminated via "Statoil" fuel stations

