

## City of Riga December 2007

### Access Restrictions

#### Context

The historical centre of Riga is a multifunctional area where most of the city developments are based. There is a high concentration of public and economic activities here: retail trade, office and business functions, culture and entertainment, hotels and restaurants, state and municipal administration, etc. The historical centre area being approximately 5,2 km<sup>2</sup> and constituting only 1,43 % of the total city area has working population of 39 %. It is the most sensitive of the city zones where with severe traffic generated problems such as traffic jams, lack of parking lots, comparatively high air pollution from transport, etc.

#### Objectives

Implementation of traffic restrictions and identification of goods delivery drop-off points will improve traffic flows, environment quality and increase transport efficiency for goods delivery in the Riga historical centre.

#### Description of the action

Three meetings of the Local Freight Network (LFN) have been held in 2006. LFN members have discussed the following delivery restrictions in the historical centre:

- access restrictions on the basis of time, vehicle type, tonnage and other criteria;
- specifications for freight vehicles;
- control mechanisms;
- impacts on traffic and the environment, including the use of alternative fuels/vehicles;
- freight logistic centre models, their development and operating costs;
- expected results, including impacts on traffic and the environment.

Analysis has been commenced in order to identify potential “drop-off” points for goods in various areas of the city. All the streets of the Riga historical centre have been inspected and

concentration of trading places has been defined. A number of drop-off points have been considered to be included in a pilot project. In total 193 “drop-off” points have been developed within Riga historical centre project (see picture).

Presently proposals on establishing the first drop-off sites are being discussed with the Latvian Traders Association, i.e., where the drop-off sites should be organized and by which means – using the current parking places or constructing “pockets” that do not require major investments.



### Further planning and expected results

In 2008 it is planned to implement the first pilot project phase of establishing “drop-off” points

#### Local partners

- SIA “RTgas satiksme”
- Riga City Council City Development Department
- Latvian Traders Association
- SIA “Environment Management Coordination Centre”
- Riga Municipal Police Centre District Department
- Riga City Council Environmental Department
- Road Traffic Safety Directorate

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