

City of Riga. February 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.

### Further planning and expected results

Analysis of existing freight distribution centres in Riga and its surroundings and data collection on the needs for delivery of goods will reveal the actual situation in the city. This will allow deciding on the potential future distribution centres and their whereabouts.

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.

In March 2007 a conference is planned to take place in Riga which will focus on the problems and opportunities for production and consumption of bio-fuels in Latvia.

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

### Local partners

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

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