

E4C - TARGET REGIONS SURVEY

Latvia	
Target Region - local name	Limbažu rajons
Target Region - EN name	Limbazi region
GENERAL INDICATORS - GEOGRAPHY, DEMOGRAPHY, ECONOMY	
Area (km ²)	2.602
Agricultural land (% of area)	35%
Arable land (% of area)	n/a
Forest land (% of area)	52% (2004)
No. Inhabitants	38012 (2005)
Population density (pers./km ²)	14,9
No. of municipalities	11
GDP/capita (nat. currency)	1 232 LVL (2002)
GDP/capita (EUR)	2 211 EUR
GDP/capita (PPS)	
GDP/capita - % of national average	51%
GDP/capita in PPS - % of EU25 (EU25 = 100%; in 2004, EU25 average = 22 286 PPS)	47,2%
Unemployment rate (%)	9.5% (2004)
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS	
Key primary energy sources	wood fuel, coal, light fuel oil, imported electricity
Are primary energy sources imported or available in region?	Wood fuel is available in region, other main primary energy sources are imported from outside. There are a couple of small Hydro power stations and wind power generators, but their part in electricity production is negligible
Key final energy consumers	Households, industry, other consumers
District heating systems	yes, there are more than 90 small boilerhouses in region, >70 of them are wood fuel based, ~10 coal based
Share of district heat on final consumption	n/a
Current share of RES in primary energy supply in region	approx.50%
Current share of RES in primary energy supply - national average	approx.35%
Current share of RES in gross electricity consumption	n/a
Current share of RES in primary energy supply - national average	45%
Key RES with highest potential	biomass (wood waste from forestry and sawmills), energy crops
Total amount of primary energy supply (GWh/year)	
OTHER INFO - activities within region	
Have contacts with local/regional authorities been already established?	yes
Other activities/projects in region that could be complementary/contributing to E4C	STEM AIJ projects of Bio fuelled boiler house in Limbazi (1997-1998) and Vidrizi parish
Have separate institutions responsible for RES & RUE development been set up already in the region (e.g. Local/regional energy agency etc..)?	no
Are there RES/RUE projects already financed from Cohesion/Structural Funds within region?	no
Have strategic/planning documents for the region elaborated and are available?	yes, but only for Riga planning region, which includes Limbazi region
If so, specify	Regional Development Programme
Have any measures been taken to analyse RES & RUE potential within region?	yes, in Renewable energy strategy (2000)
Is the region/community providing financial support to RES & RUE projects?	partly
Are there any projects / activities / awareness campaigns promoting RES & RUE in region?	no
OTHER INFO - availability of data	
Is general statistical data for region available?	yes
If so, please give key source of information	Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia
Is data for region available by smaller units? (i.e. by municipality)	no
Is energy statistical data for region available?	no, only for whole Latvia
If so, please give key source of information	Energy Balance (data for 2004)
Is information on RES/RUE projects already supported from Cohesion/Structural Funds within/outside region available?	n/a
If so, please give key source of information	n/a
Notes	Sources of data: Statistical Yearbook of Latvia 2005

RES = Renewable Energy Sources

RUE = Rational Use of Energy (= Energy Efficiency)