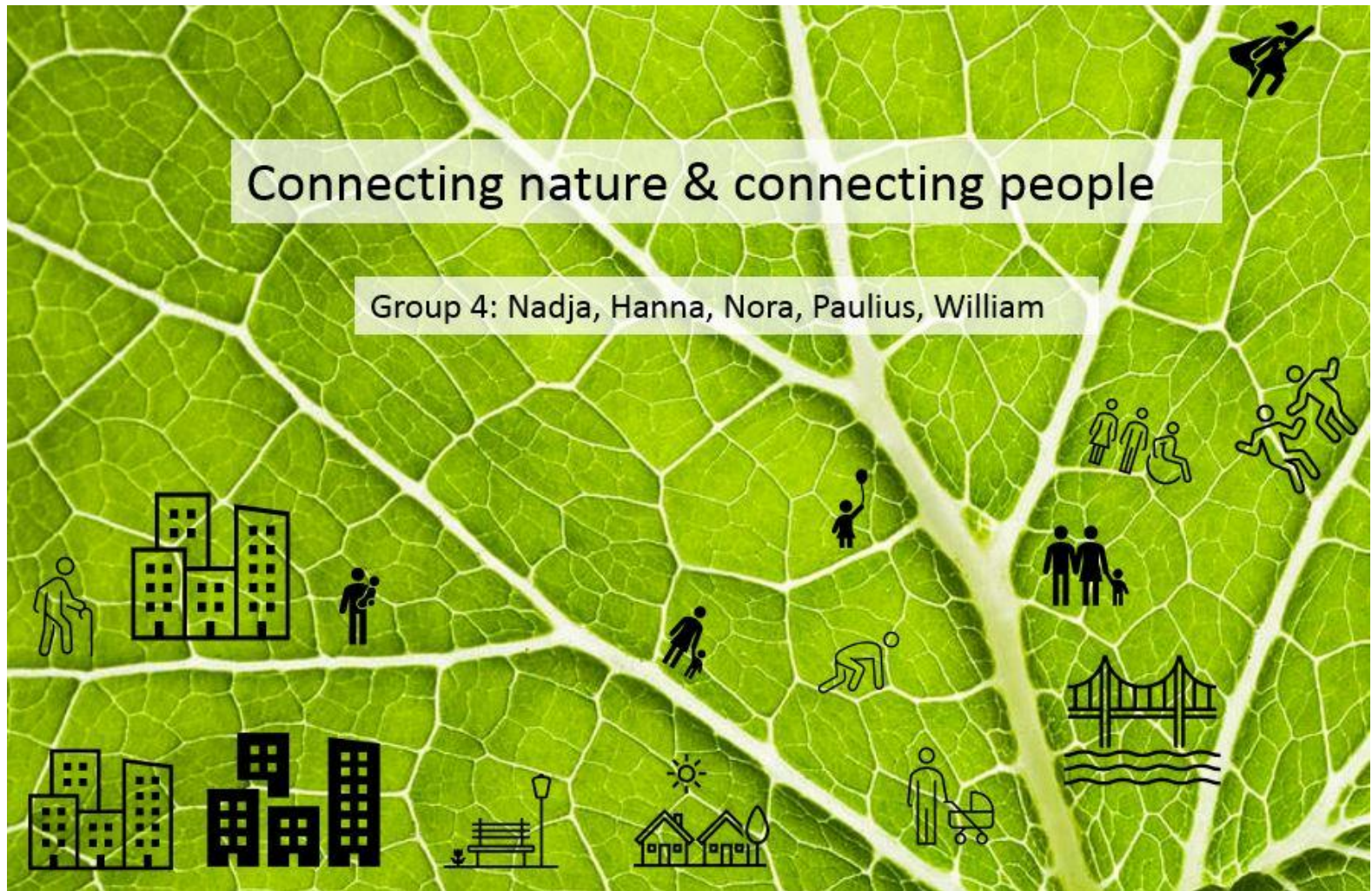# Connecting nature & connecting people
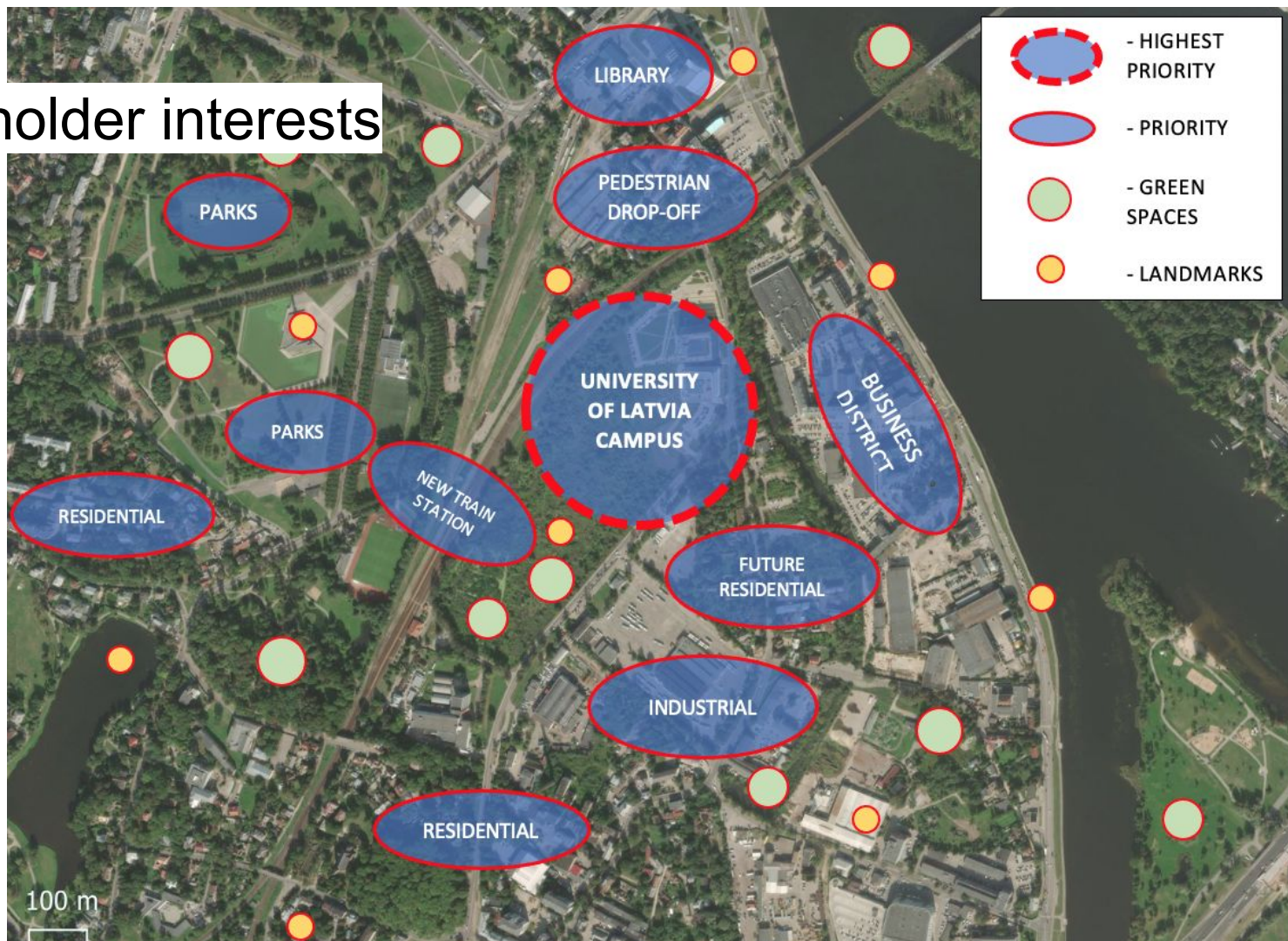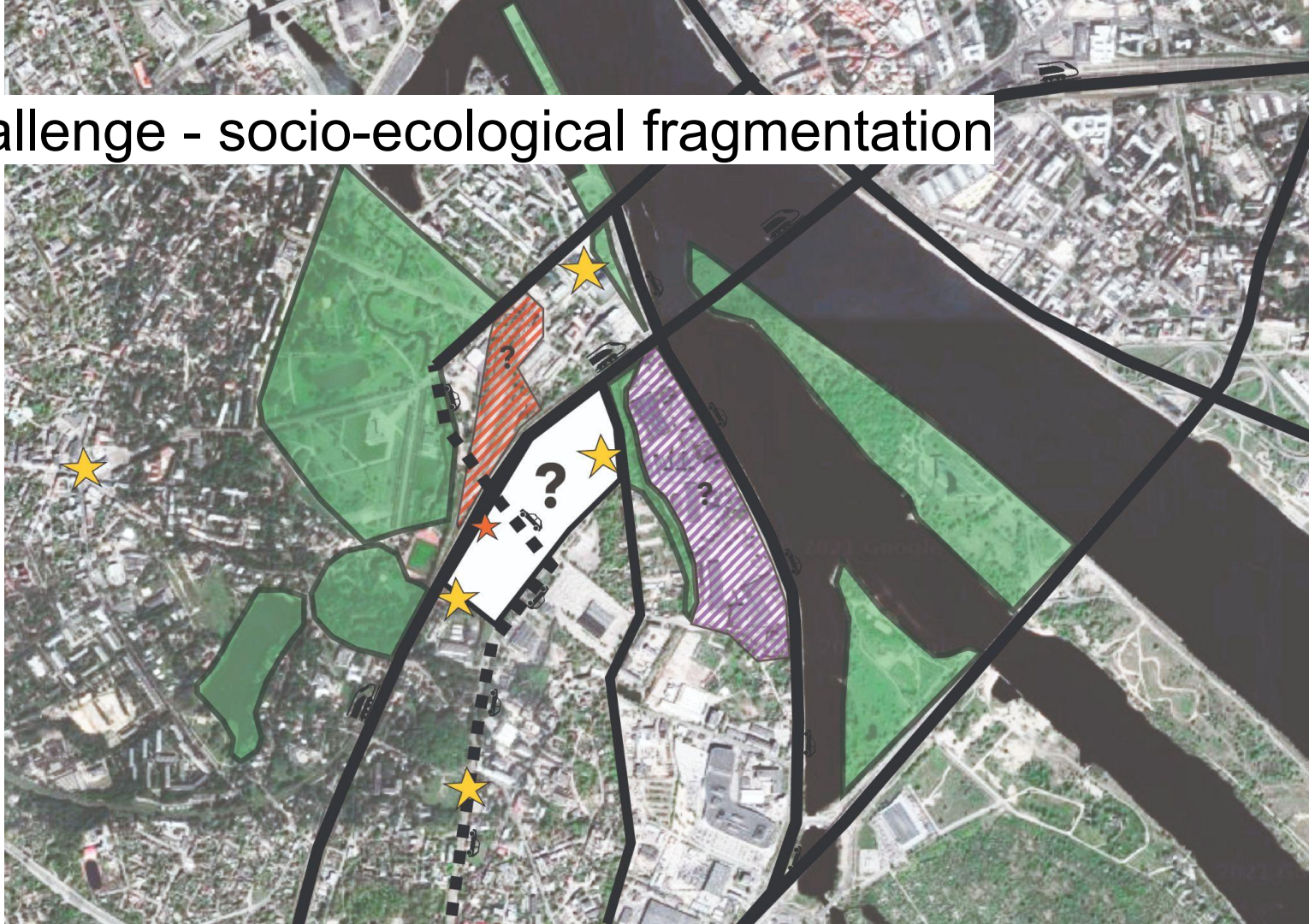
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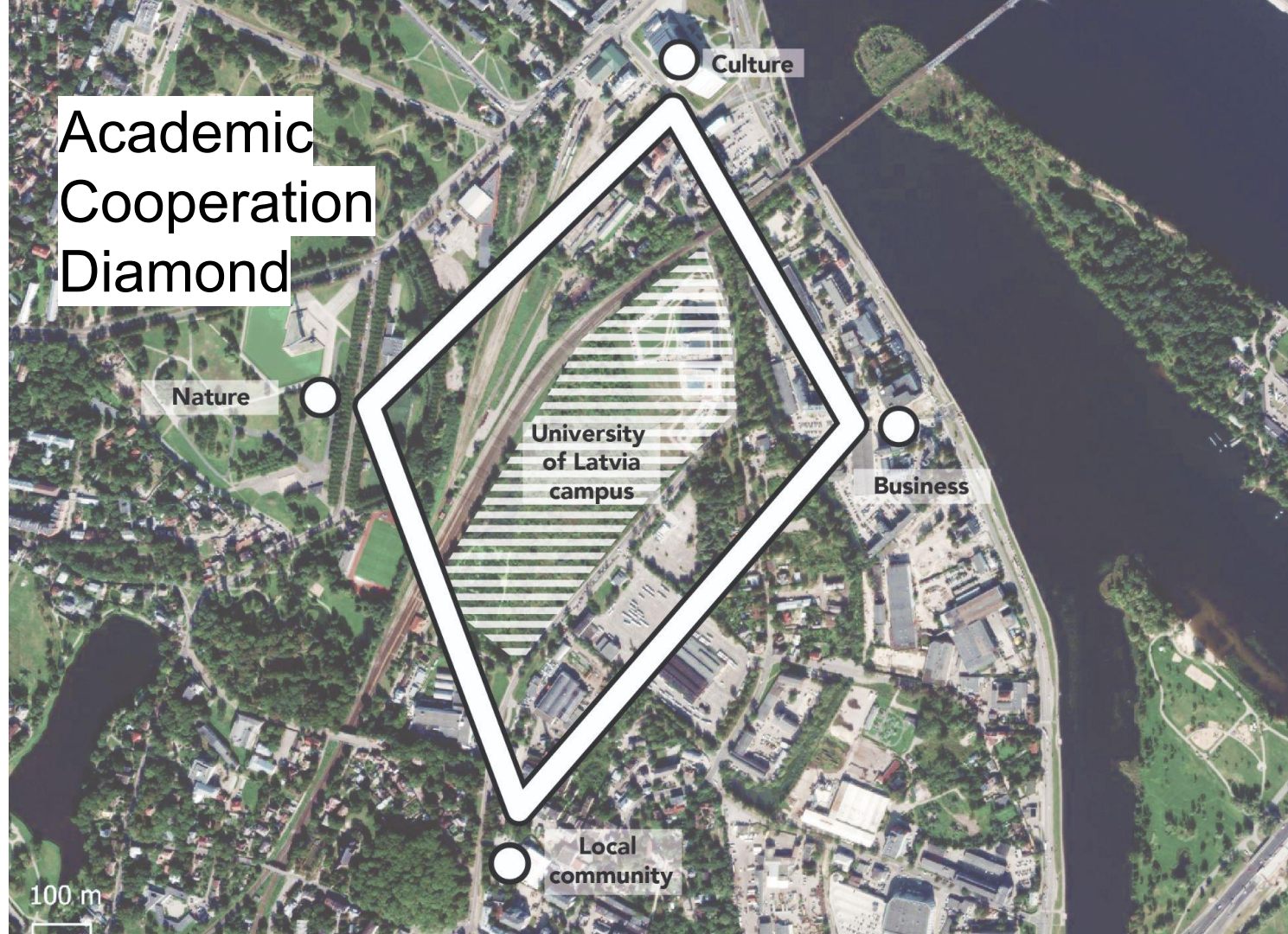
Stakeholder interests

Challenge - socio-ecological fragmentation

Academic Cooperation Diamond

Culture

Nature

Business

University of Latvia campus

Local community

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Legend:
- Walk and cycle
- Shared street
- Main transport artery
- Railway

1. Old railway station

2. Bridge over ditch

3. House of Letters + new buildings

4. New railway station

5. River promenade

6. Pop-up space

7. Railway Museum

8. Library (reference point) bike rental?

9. Green campus space

10. Wetlands

11. New student residents

12: Memorial park

Place	8. Library	4. New railway station	3. Building-House of lettre	5. river promenade	Wetlands / Ditch	University Central Park	Business Centre	Landmarks- (memorial park, library, rail way museum, campus/wetlands, river bank, church, old station)	Pop-up space	Old railway station
stakeholders:	students, tourists coming from city centre, citizens (academics), NGOs	Transport ministry, Rail Baltica, council, community	University, cultural workers, library, students, academics	Citizens, companies, Riga City, transport departement	Community, Uni. of Latvia, Municipality, RailBaltic	students, student associations, local residents	Businesses, start-up companies, University of Latvia, land and building owners, students	Community, Municipality	students, student associations, local residents, start-ups, artists, Free Riga, national Rail company	locals, uni, municipality
main function	entrance gate for the area, tourism reference point	links to parks, connect to city	bringing culture together	Recreational area, shared street principle	(storm) water catchment, filter pollutant, cooling, well-being, research	recreation and meeting point for students and local community	Innovation district, R&D neighbourhood,	Cultural and Neighbourhood identity	open space, space for sustainable innovation	passing information, bringing together community
seasonal and temporal use	●●●	●●●	summer - exhibitions, summer schools, open mics	day and night time	bird migration, day time use	day: walking, sitting, outdoor workout, drink a coffee, outdoor lectures; evening: events, meeting point for local ngos, space for partiticpation (glashouse)	winter sports facilities inside, entering place to the River Daugava,			day time and evening, more during warmer period
short-term activities	info place for the planned theritory	easy access from all sides	newcomer community planning for the building needs	summer cafés, close down 2 lanes for cars by river-> promenade	walkway, physical connector	outdoor work-out area, ping-pong tables, benches and tables, promenade roads, community information point, university activities that involve community	Offices rent for start-up companies, help from the university, student practices, university scientific resources, exhibition places, showrooms	highlight landmarks, participatory process to establish neighbourhood identity/brand (walking tours), put in landmarks signs/information boards	urban gardening, pop-up bar, space for art and exhibitions, flee and farmers markets	updates on planning table
long-term	gateway. heritage walking tour stars here	new business attractor	cultural hub	car free by river, transportation for cyclists, pedestrians & public transportation	meeting point, activity area, research, kids play area, outdoor exercise, climate change mitigation	glasshouse (multifunctional: coffee house, events, grow food), open air theatre/lecture, research reach-out	start-up business development center, business fares, workers living nearby this area, fast connection to the river, the station, and the campus,	meeting and reference point, historical value	temporary co working space	potential community centre, local participation

Pop up space

Main function: Culture! & reinforcing active citizenship

Stakeholders: Citizens of all sorts! Students, NGO's (Free Riga), start-ups, restaurants, Riga City, national rail company, tourists

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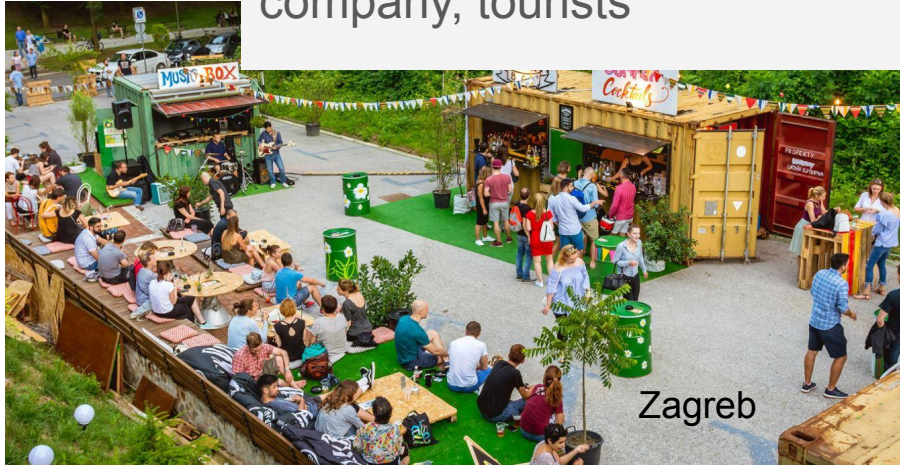
Open green space campus

Stakeholders: students, student associations, local residents

Main function: recreation, knowledge sharing, experiential learning

Short-term activities: outdoor work-out area, ping-pong tables, benches and tables, promenade

Long-term activities: glasshouse (multifunctional: coffee house, events, grow food), open air theatre/lecture, research reach-out

Wet-land at campus

Stakeholders: Community, Uni. of Latvia, Municipality, RailBaltic

Main function: (storm) water catchment, filter pollutants, climate mitigation, biodiversity well-being, research

Short-term activities: Walking bridges, leave space for water

Long-term activities: meeting point, activity area, research, kids play area, outdoor exercise, renature river

Business district and river promenade

Stakeholders: Businesses, start-up companies, University, land owners

Main function: Innovation district, R&D neighbourhood, start-up hub

Short-term activities: Offices rent for start-up companies, student practices, university scientific resources, showrooms, innovation fares

start-up business development center, business fares, workers living nearby the area, fast connection to the river, the station, and the campus

Cultural heritage and community

Main function: local identity, tourism

Stakeholders: community, NGOs, municipality, tourists

Activites:
Walking tour, marking the heritage sites

Long term: community centre in the old railway station

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Tentative Implementation Plan

Target of the Actions	Actions	Strengths / Potentials	Challenges	Responsibility	Estimated Completion
University of Latvia	Building of House of Letters and future development	Introduction of biophylic design, Accesiblity	Insufficient space for infrastructure and future expansion	University of Latvia, European Union	2023
	University Central Parc Development	Community interaction			2025
Community	Library outdoor plaza as Activity and Cultural Reference and Information Point	Neighbourhood entry point, Local and Tourist Interaction	Community Reachability, Pandemic	National Library, Knowledge Mile, NGOs, Civil Society	2025
	Neighbourhood accessibility	Community mobility to surroundings	Technical and financial constraints	City Council, Municipality District	2022-2030
Environment	Wetland and waterways redevelopment	Storm water catchment, Water pollutant filtration, Community recreational space, Academic research, Retain biodiversity	Maintenance	University of Latvia, Neighbouring communities, City Council	Progressive
Business	Creation of pop-up establishments	Space for sustainable innovation and collaboration; Reviving night and weekend acitivies along River Promenade;	Business continuity, Pandemic	Business organisation, Academe, RailBaltica	2023 - Progressive
Culture	Highlight landmark locations for historical reference	Community identity	Integration of new residents and migrants	Municipality district	2023
	Redevelopment of old raiway station as community and tourism hub	Venue for community engagement and interaction	Facility maintenance and management	Municipality district	2023
Future Goals	Model Campus for Socio-Ecological Sustainability	Academic excellence, Recognition	Consistency of stakeholder and community engagement	University of Latvia, Community, City Council, NGOs, Private Sector	2030
	Align and meet targets for SDG no 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	Achieve National Goal			2030

Thank you!

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