

The increase of
city
competitiveness
in Latvia in the
context of
polycentric
development



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The tasks of research

- ▶ Latvia in context of EU and global level
- ▶ Social, demographical and economic indicators in evaluation of territory development
- ▶ Cohesion and integrity
- ▶ EU financial support in Latvia

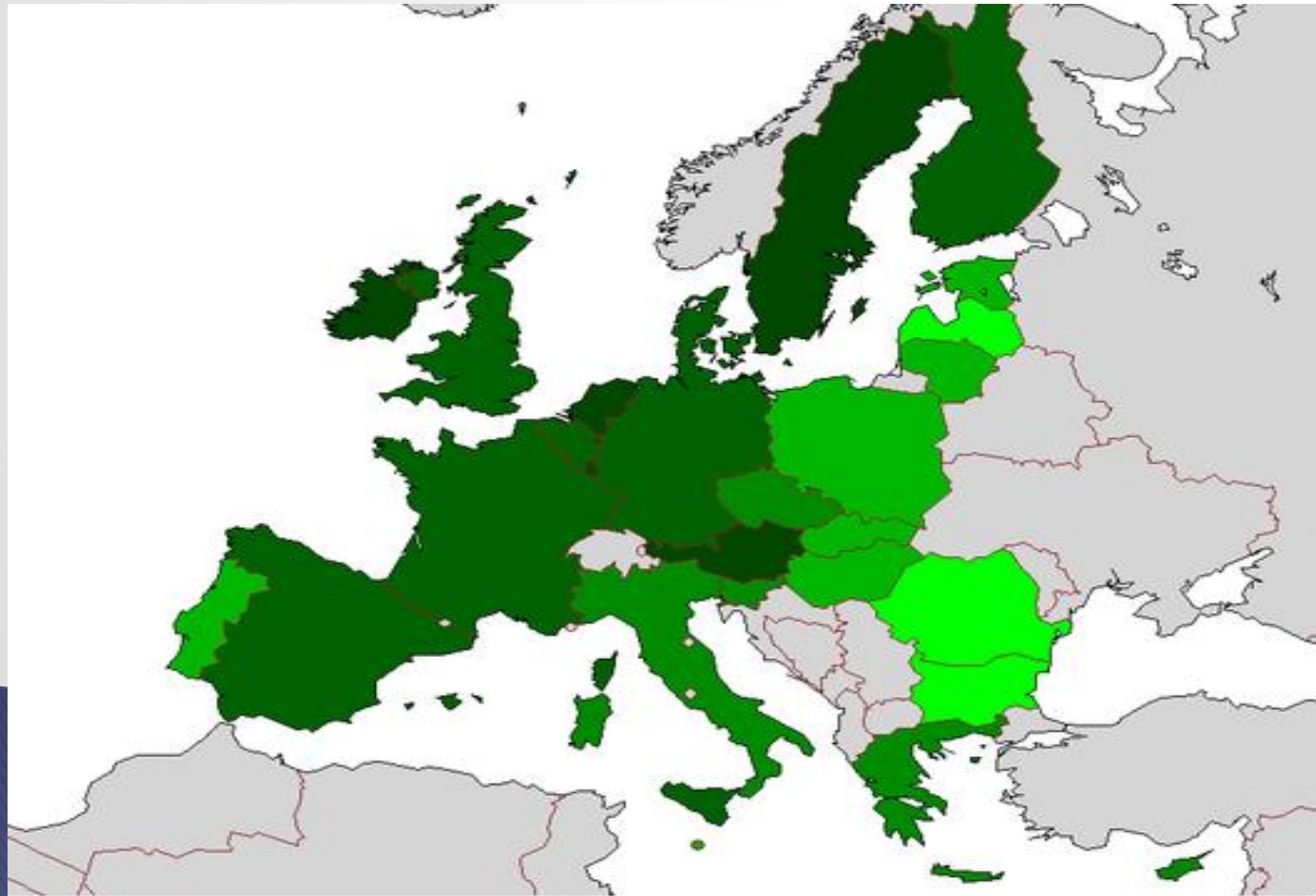
Latvia – monocentric country

- ▶ Latvia regions: Riga, Vidzeme, Kurzeme, Latgale, Zemgale
- ▶ Unequal territory growth
- ▶ “Polycentric development is a possibility for regions. Polycentric development in city net formation makes preconditions for the development of well-balanced country.”

Latvia National Development plan (2007 – 2013)

Global market and EU development scenarios

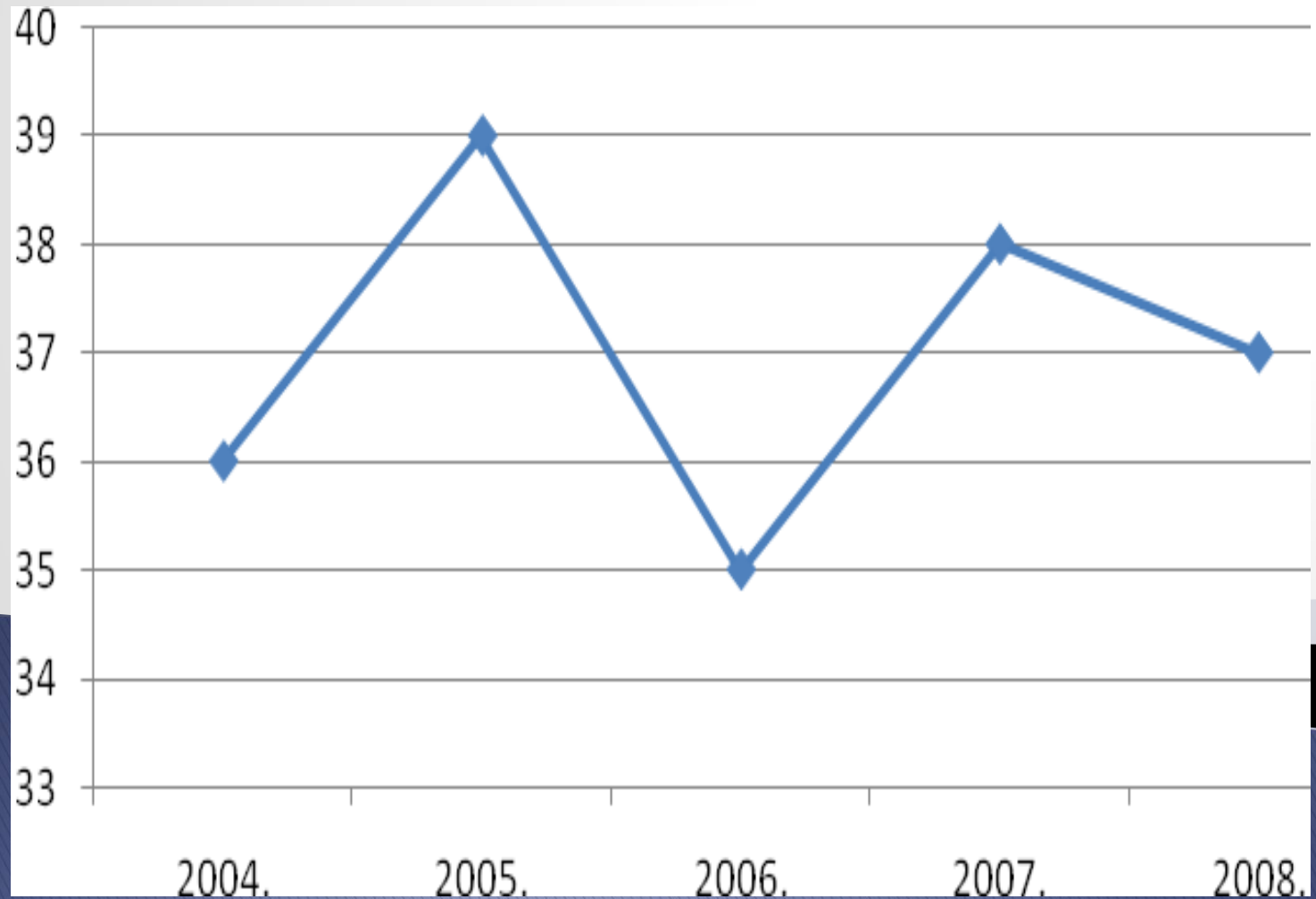
Gross domestic product per 1 inhabitant in the European Union, in 2008



>€30,000 **>€25,000** **>€20,000** **>€15,000** **>€10,000**

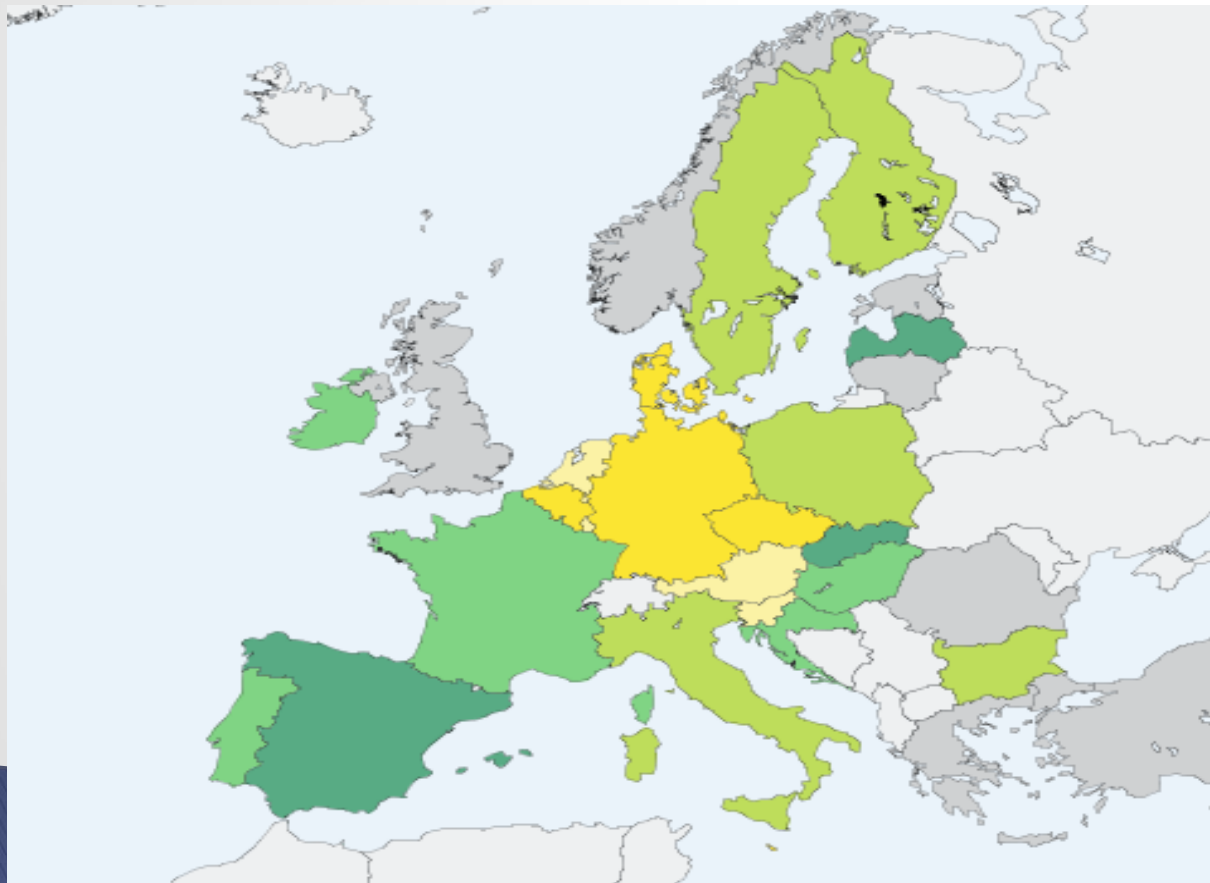
Social situation (I)

Indicators of Gini coefficient in Latvia from 2004 to 2008



Social situation (II)

The unemployment rate in the EU countries in March, 2010, %



Legend

4.1 - 6.7

6.7 - 8.1

8.1 - 9.1

9.1 - 13.2

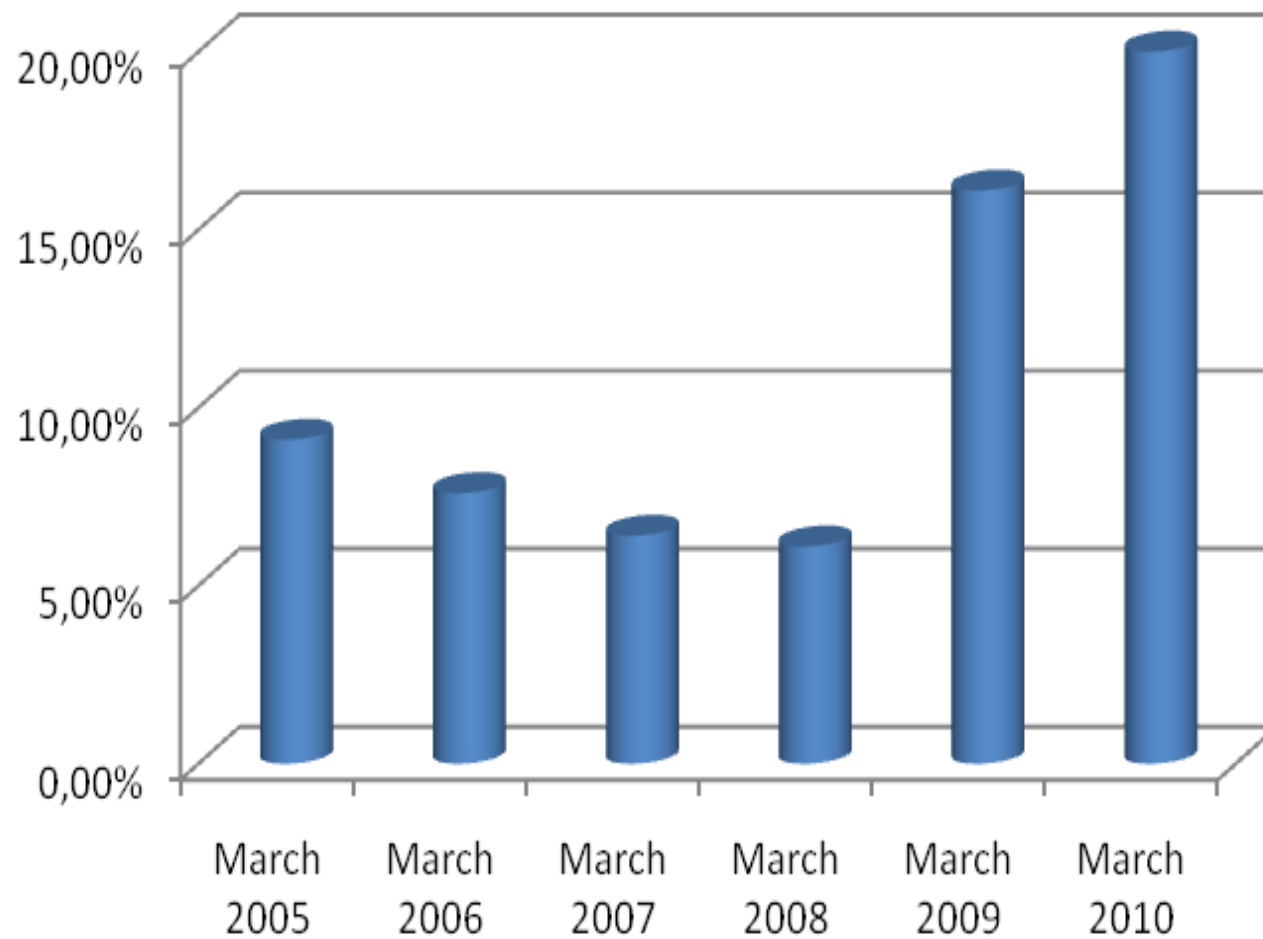
13.2 - 22.3

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Minimum value:4.1 Maximum value:22.3 eu25:9.7 eu15:9.6

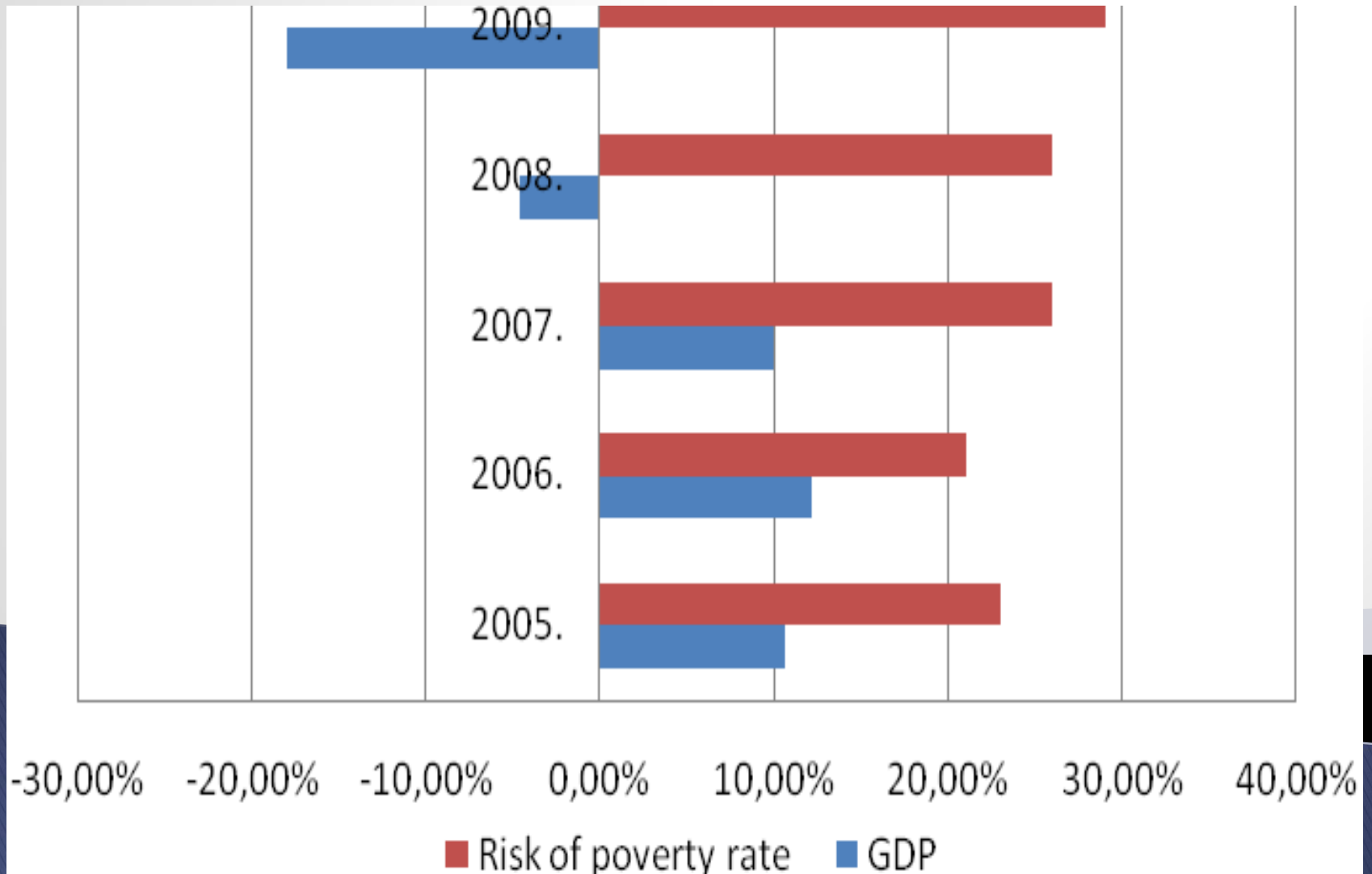
Social situation (III)

Unemployment level in Latvia from 2005 to 2010, %



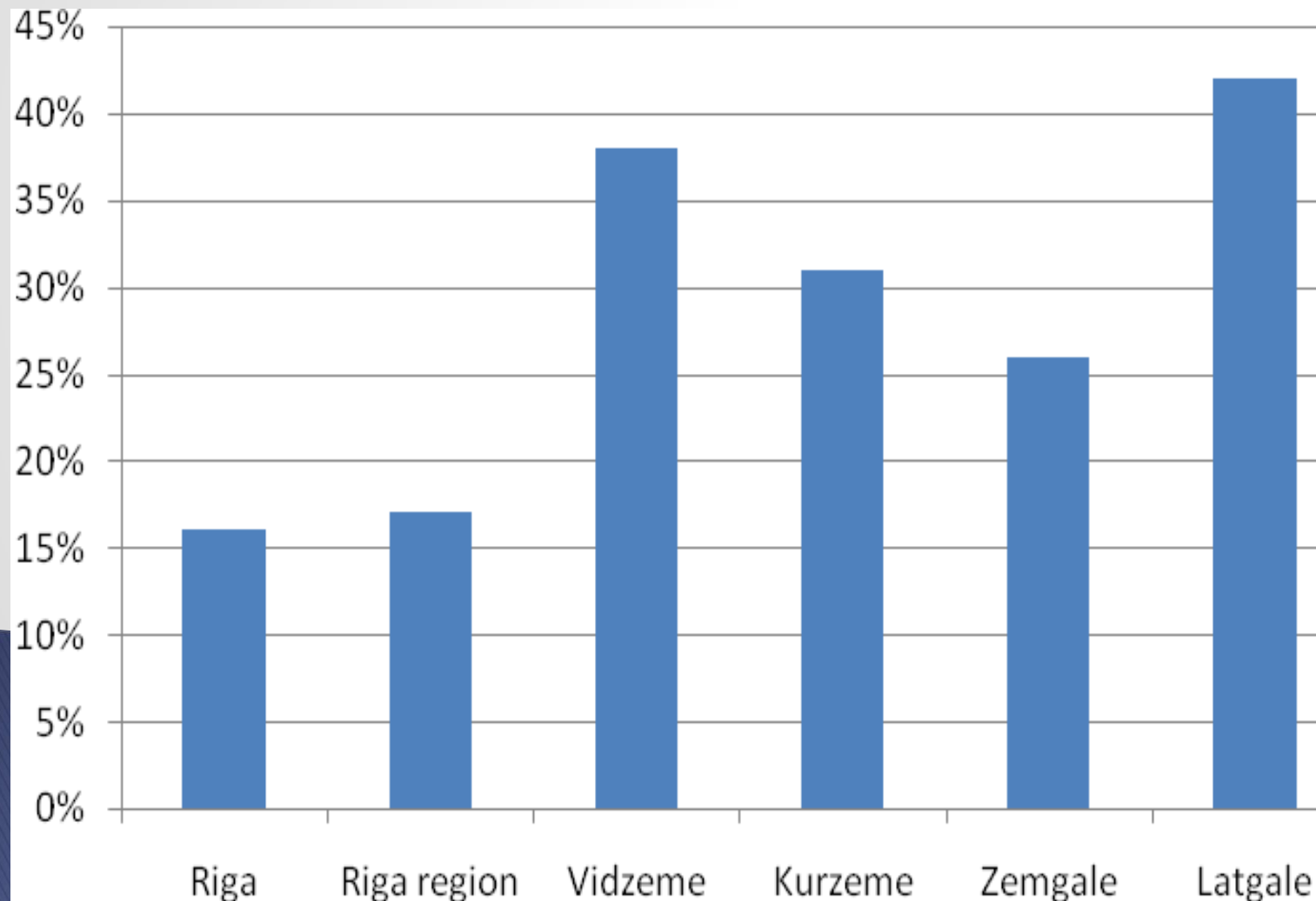
Social situation (IV)

Interconnection of GDP and poverty risk indicators in Latvia, 2005 -2009, %



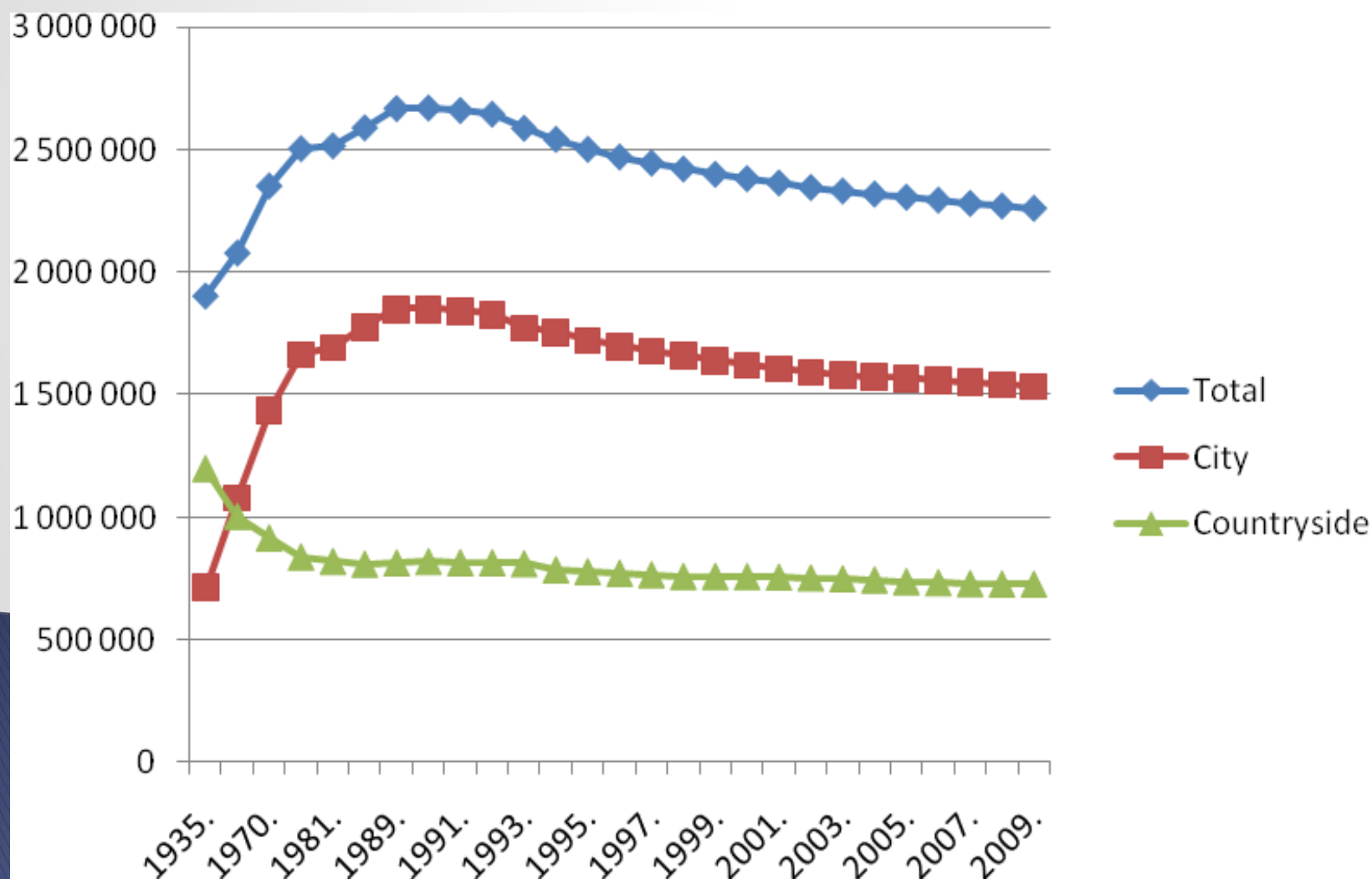
Social situation (V)

Index of poverty risk in regions of Latvia in 2008, %



Demography

The number of residents in Latvia from 1935 to 2009, people



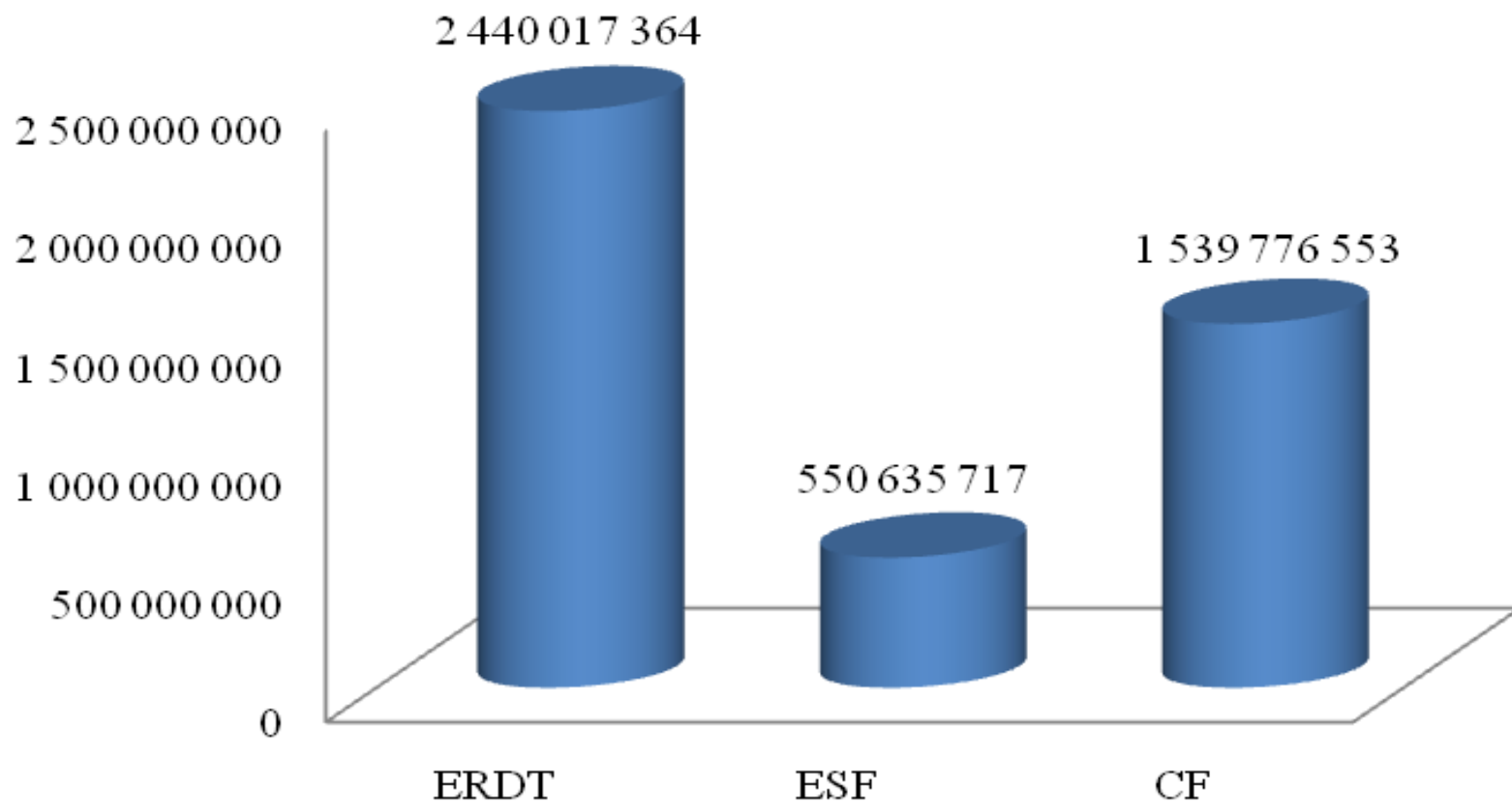
Economic situation and prospective 2012.- 2014.

- ▶ to start the repayment of debt
- ▶ GDP in the level of 2008 could return only in 2014 – 2015
- ▶ employment level of 2008 after 4-5 years
- ▶ necessity to deliberative, united statement of taxes in average term

Solutions of EU level for the provision of cohesion and integrity

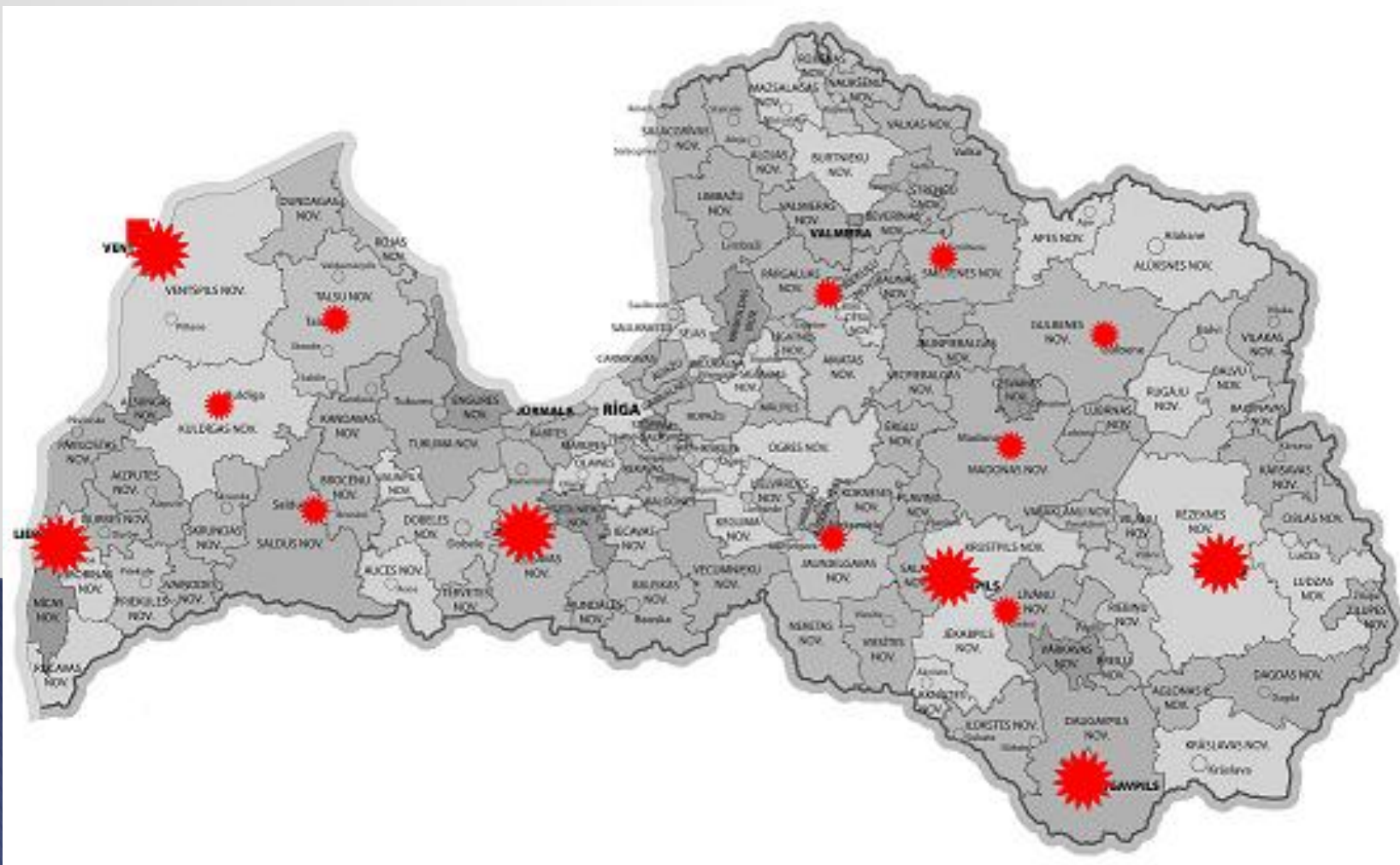
- ▶ The concept of polycentrism was consolidated in 1999
- ▶ 2009 marked defined changes about issues of city development
- ▶ Since the beginning of 90.-ties the state investment planning in Latvia had been decentralised
- ▶ Availability of financial resources would allow region centres to realize after-crisis development strategies

EU financial support for the development of city competitiveness in Latvia (I)



EU financial support for the development of city competitiveness in Latvia (II)

Defined polycentric development cities of national and regional importance in Latvia





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