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Insight into the Latvian Geospatial Information Agency

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Some Events in the History of Cartography in Latvia

- **1907** - the first map in Latvian language (K.J.Simanis Map Publishing House)

- **July 15, 1919** - establishment of Topography Unit under the Operational Department of the Latvian Army Chief of Staff

- **April 1, 1921** – establishment of Division of Geodesy and Cartography on the basis of Topography Unit

- **1922 – 1940** – production of topographic map at scale 1:75 000

- **beginning of the 30's** - aerial photography is widely used for the mapping

- **the early 40's - the early 90's -** periods of German and USSR occupation (the map publishing is under close supervision by the authorities)

- **beginning of 1947 -** establishment of Riga Cartography Factory (only one in the Baltic States)
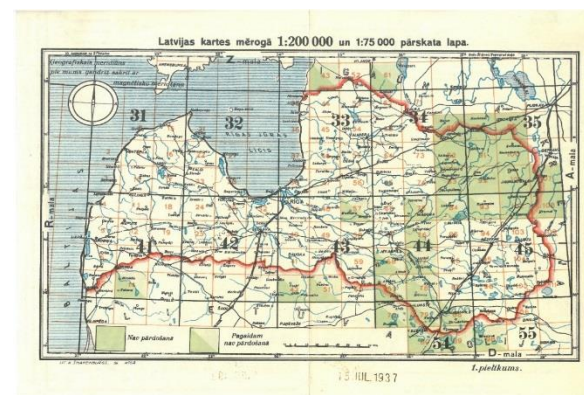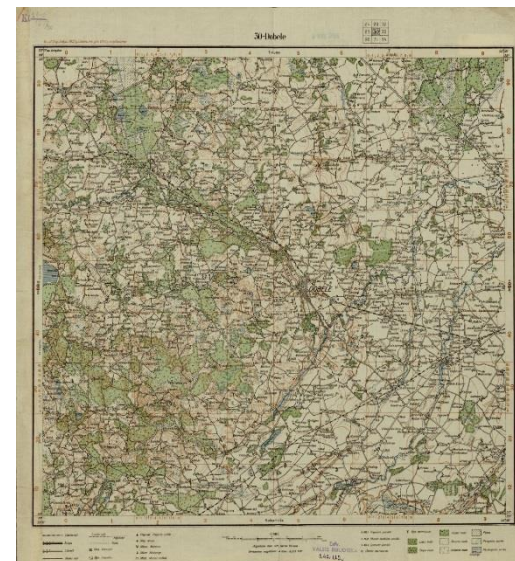
Some Events in the History of Cartography in Latvia

- **1990** - establishment of Department of Geology, Geodesy and Cartography of the Council of Ministers

- **1993** - establishment of State Land Service
  - Cartography Division of the National Surveying Centre
  - Photogrammetry Division of Latvian Land Cadastre Centre

- **1999** - reorganization of State Land Service, establishment of Geodesy, Cartography and Large-scale mapping boards

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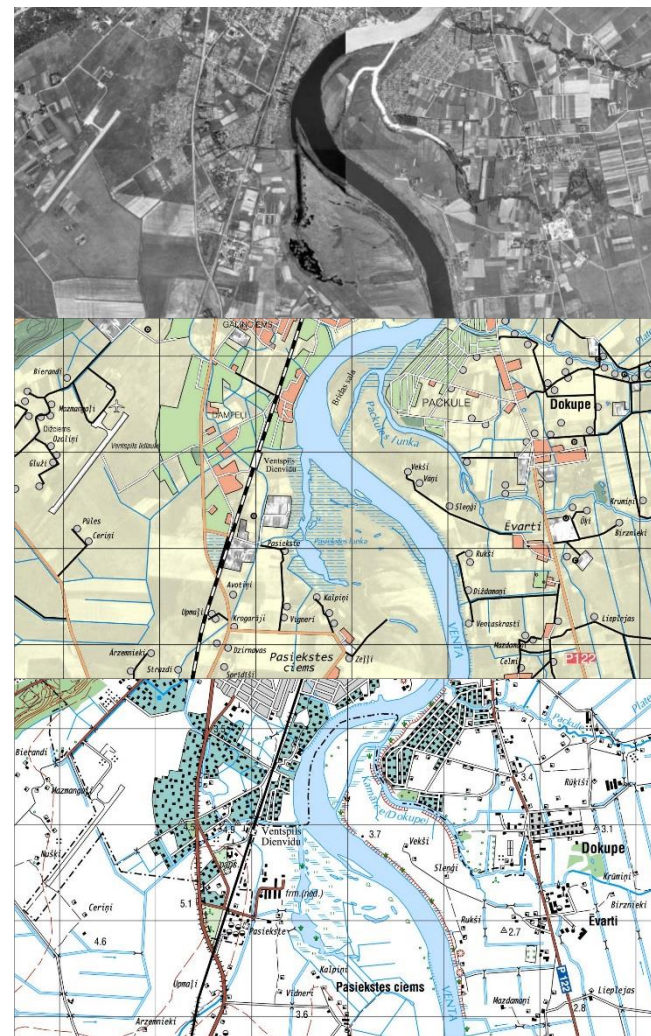
- **January 1, 2006** - in result of the SLS reorganization, the functions of the State Geodesy and Cartography are taken over by the State Agency "Latvian Geospatial Information Agency" (LGIA)

- LGIA is the leading governmental authority for implementation of the national policy in the field of geodesy, cartography and geospatial information

- LGIA is the only governmental authority in Latvia creating geospatial reference data for military and civil purposes

- LGIA operates under supervision of Minister of Defence

Size and Population Density of Latvia

Latvia
Area: 64 589 km^2
Population: 1 919 968
Density: 34.3/km^2
GDP per capita: €28 727

The Netherlands
Area: 41 543 km^2
Population: 17 336 891
Density: 417.8/km^2
GDP per capita: €53 143

Belgium
Area: 30 688 km^2
Population: 11 420 163
Density: 374.2/km^2
GDP per capita: €43 992

Switzerland
Area: 41 285 km^2
Population: 8 570 156
Density: 207/ km^2
GDP per capita: €75 671

Denmark
Area: 42 933 km^2
Population: 5 814 461
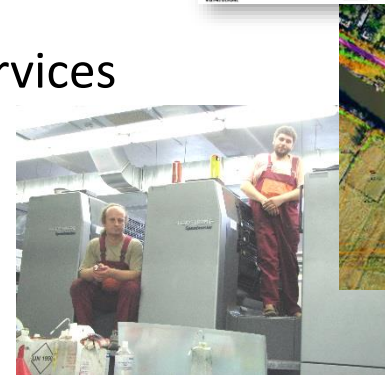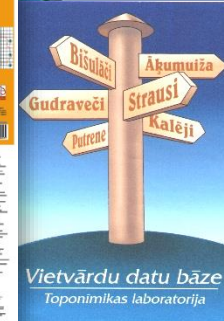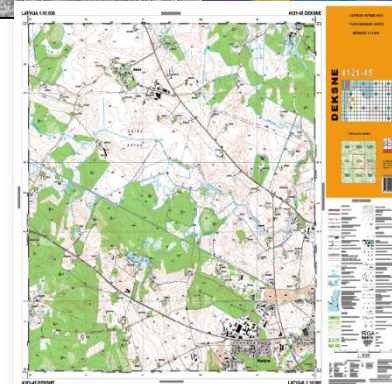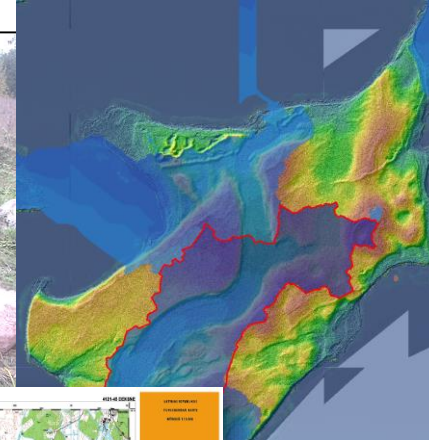Density: 135.43/km^2
GDP per capita: €47 111

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Areas of Activity

- Geodesy, GNSS Base-stations

- Remote sensing

- Cartography
  - Military mapping (including aeronautical charts)
  - Civil mapping
  - Place names

- Geoinformation systems (GIS) and services

- Printing

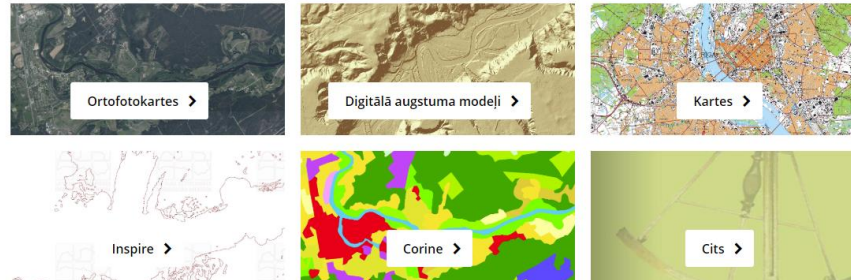- Archive and material circulation fund

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Open data

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English **Latviešu**

Ziņas   Darbības jomas   Pakalpojumi   Dokumenti   Par mums   Kontakti

Atvērtie dati

Ortofotokartes ›   Digitālā augstuma modeļi ›   Kartes ›

Inspire ›   Corine ›   Cits ›

Geographical names
Geodetic network data

Orthophotos:
- 1994 – 1999 (1 cycle)
- 2003 – 2005 (2 cycle)
- 2016 – 2018 (6 cycle)
- 1997 – 2002 city orthophotos

Maps:
- Overwiew map 1:250 000
- Topographics map 1:50 000
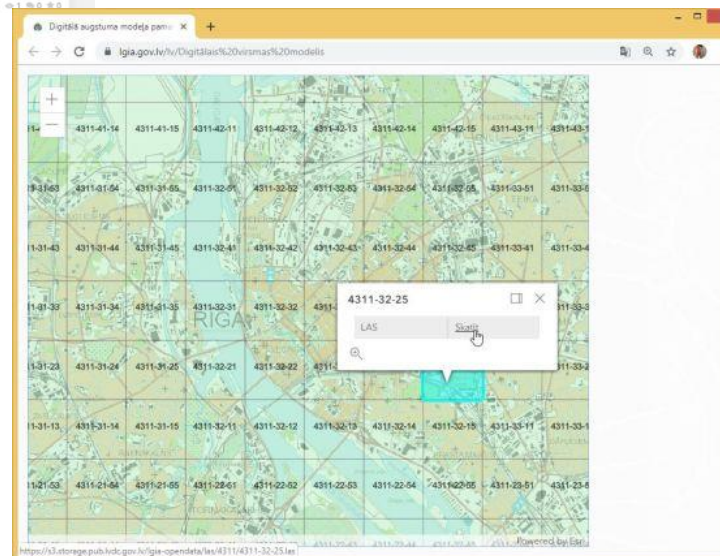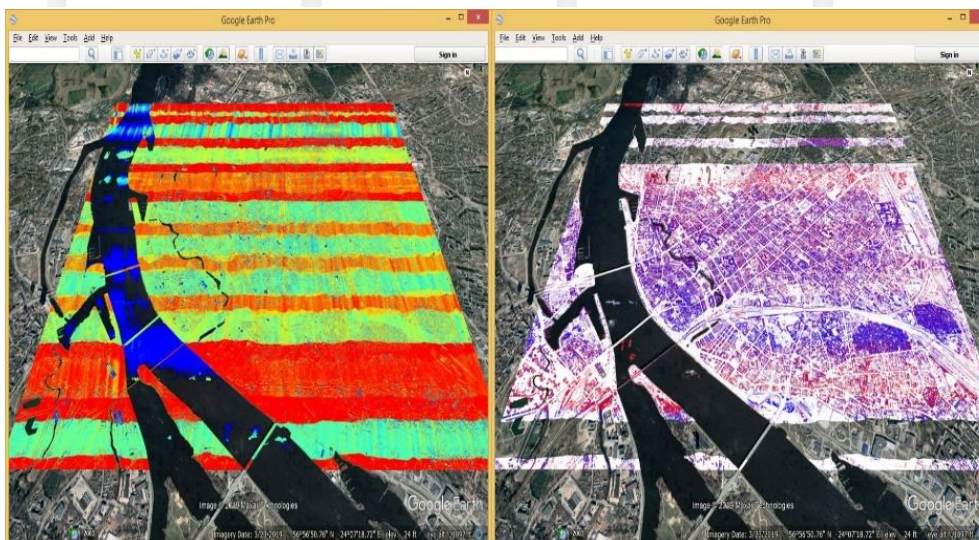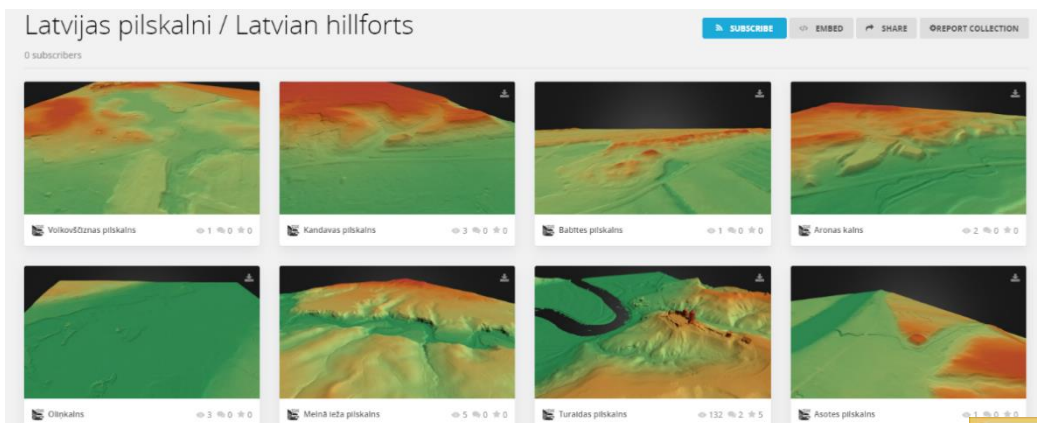- Satellite map 1:50 000

Digital elevation models:
- LIDAR data
- Digital terrain model 20m GRID
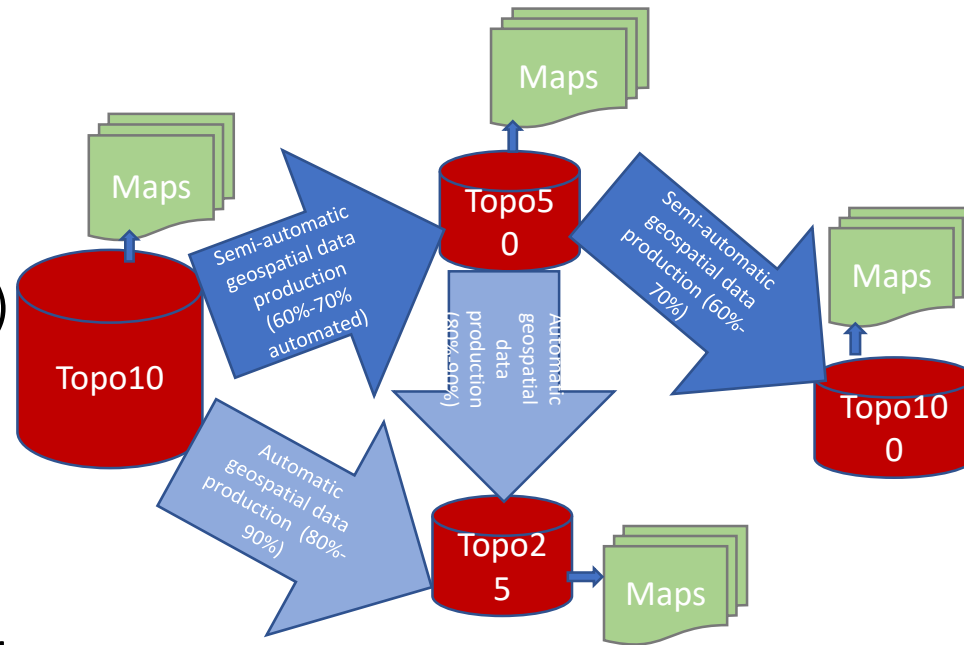
Open Data Use Samples

https://sketchfab.com/gatons/models

https://rapidlasso.com/2019/09/03/national-open-lidar-strategy-of-latvia-humiliates-germany-austria-and-other-european-closed-data-states

Automation of Mapping

- 3 semi-automated mapping products:
  - Military topographic map at scale 1:25 000 (from 2016, full coverage in 2020)
  - Military topographic map at scale   1:100 000 (from 2019)
  - Military topographic map at scale   1:50 000 (research work in 2019)
- Output – printed map
- 60-90% of information generalised automatically, 10-40% generalised manually
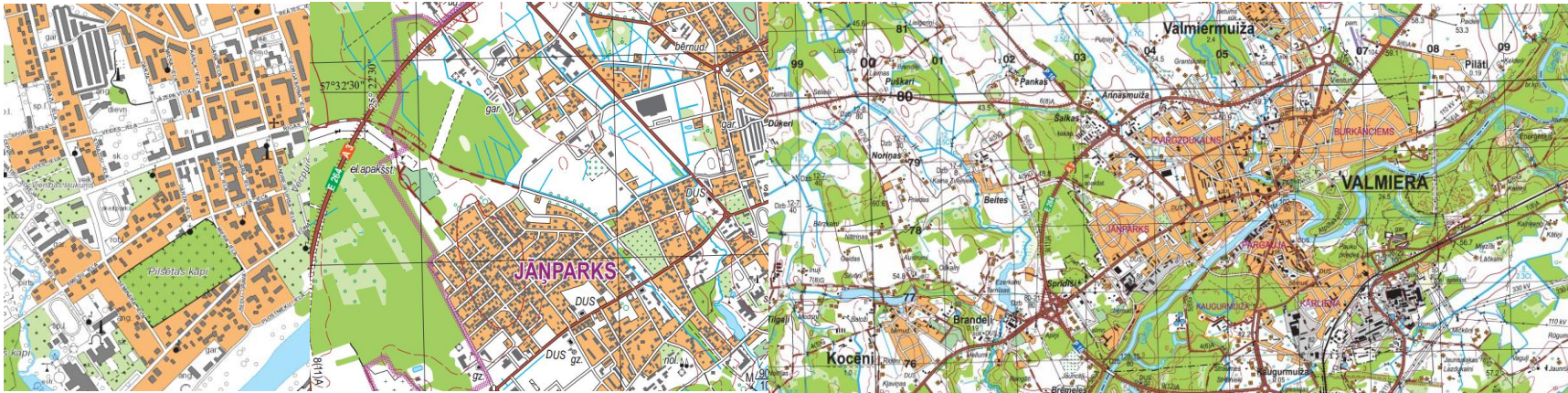
Automation of Mapping – The Future

- Begin research and preparatory work to implement automated generalization solutions for cartographic products in future

- Basic map - topographic map at scale 1:10 000, from which data will be automatically derived in other scales 1:25 000, 1:50 000 etc.

- Maps on demand service

Our Websites

- Official website www.lgia.gov.lv (general information about LGIA)

- Products and services website http://map.lgia.gov.lv

- (detailed information about LGIA products and services)

Our Websites – Map Browser

- https://kartes.lgia.gov.lv

- Free of charge

- Possibility to look at any place in Latvia

- Available all geospatial information for civilian use

- Functionality:

- Distance measurement capability, link to a particular object by email, recalculation of coordinates, adding freely available map services etc.
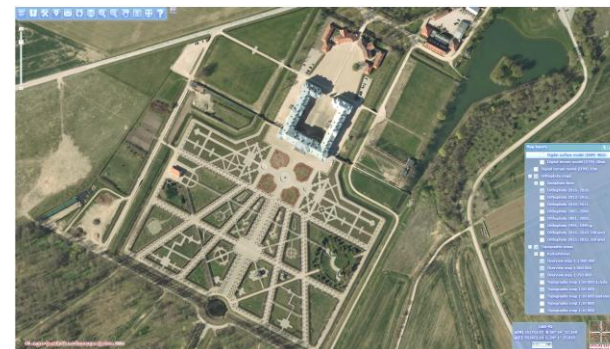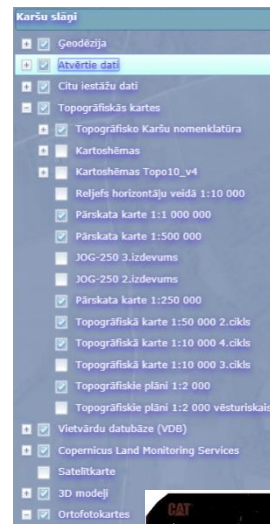
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