

Abstract

NEW DEVELOPMENT POLICY – TERRITORY BASED APPROACH PROPOSAL

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Traditional system of national and EU investments programming in Latvia is based on sectors approach. That leads to concentration only on those goals, which looks important in sectors' perspective. Local government can be involved in sectors' activity, but have miserable chances to apply centrally planned initiative for own – territorial priorities.

Procedure of programming leads to situation when practically in any territory effect of investments is much smaller, than it could be, if real local priorities to be take into account.

XXIII Congress of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments proposed a new approach to development programming, based on centrally established goals and locally determined projects in the limits of quota, based on objective criteria.

Paper presents policy analysis of new proposal and describes national discussion about territory based approach to next programming period of EU budget. The possible impact of the new approach to development planning and budget planning system is evaluated.