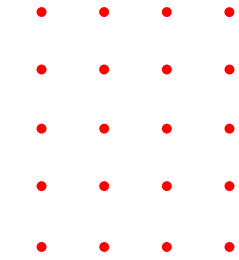


School meals - Latvia



Baltic Municipality's Food Coalition, Project #S002

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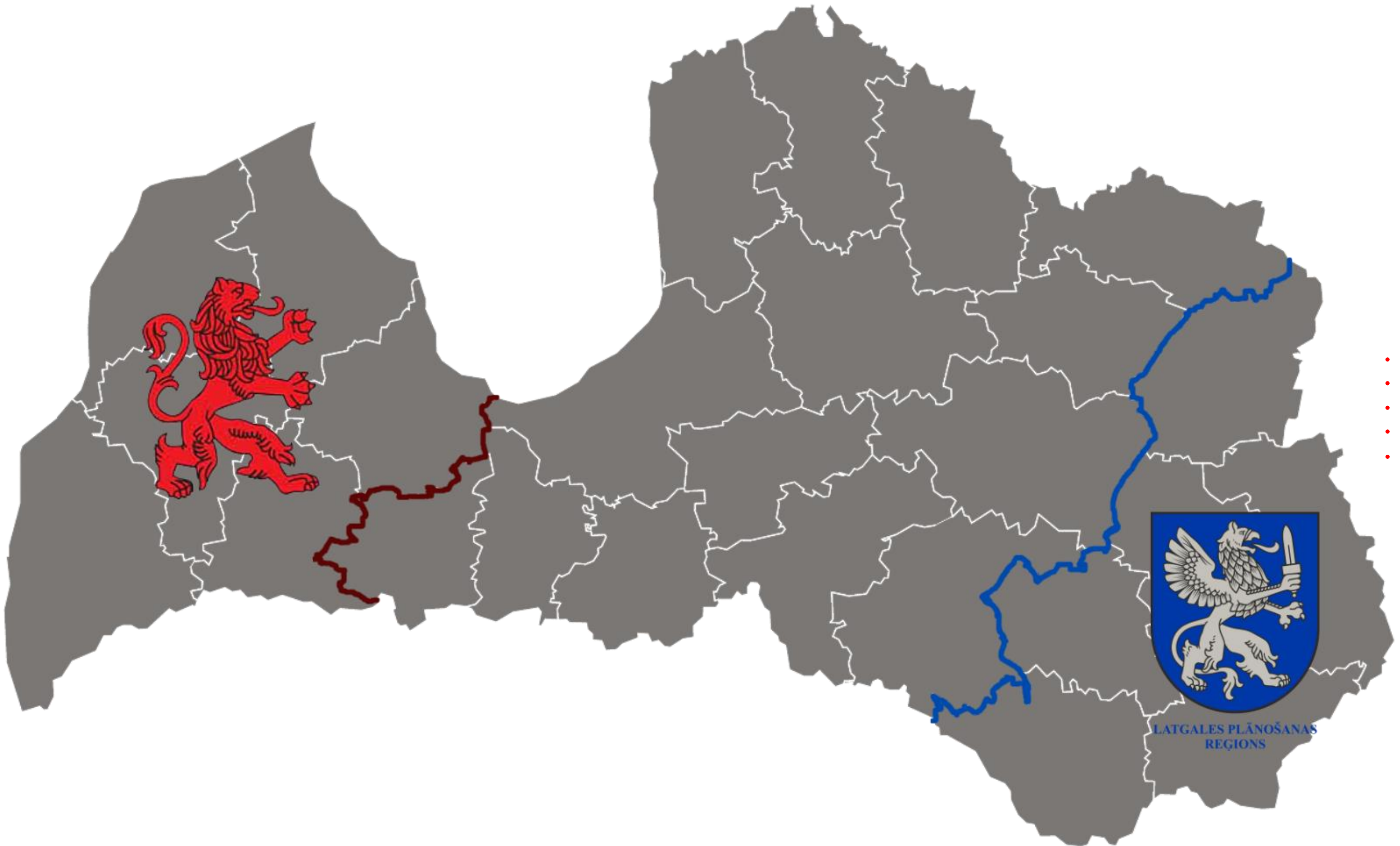
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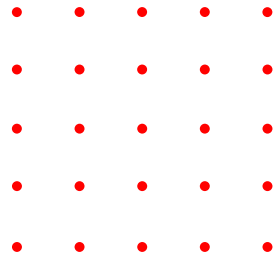
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Number of students in the 2022/2023 school year

Latgales Planning region

25'543 total

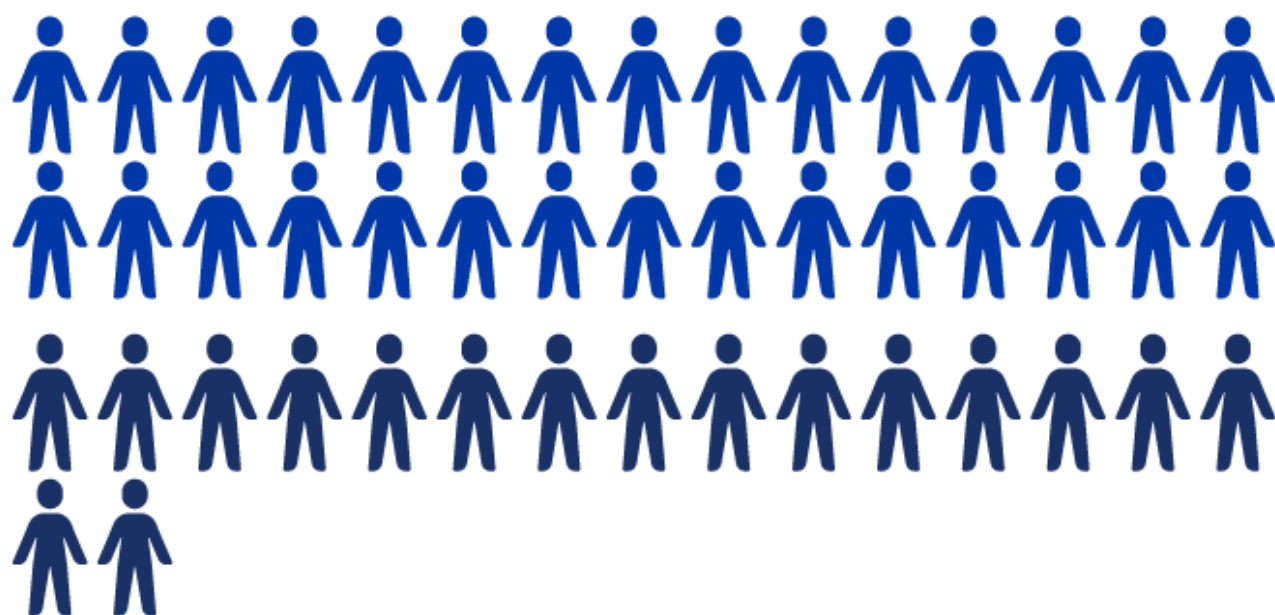
1st - 6th grade

-13'599



7th - 9th grade

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10th - 12th grade - 4'308

Kurzemes Planning region

31'606 total

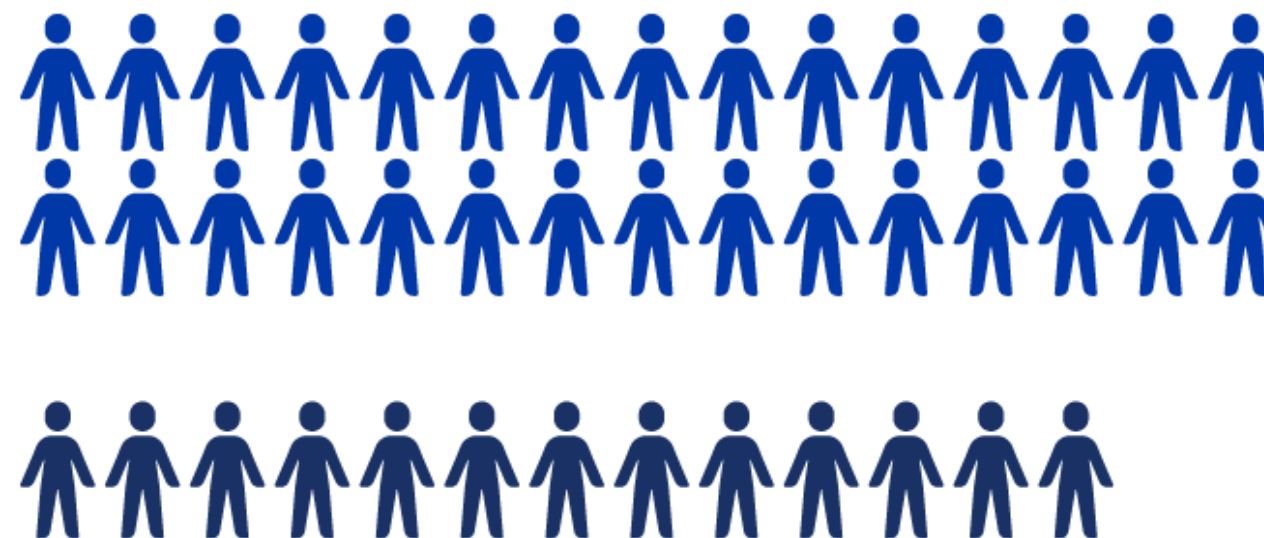
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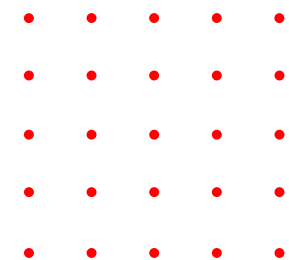


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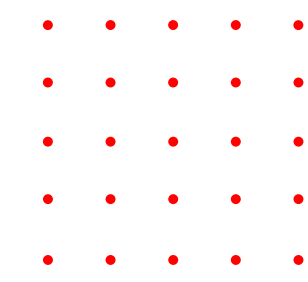
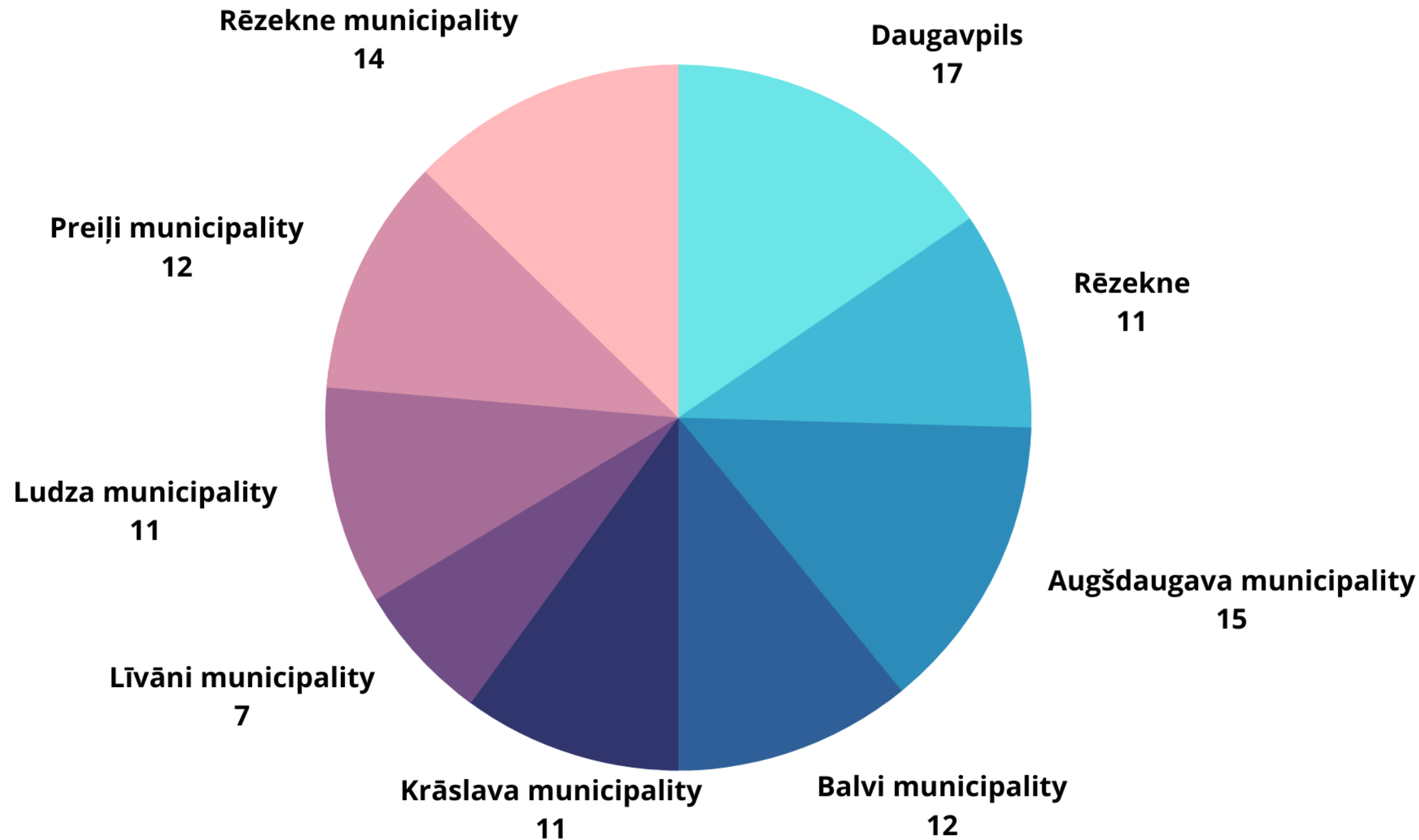
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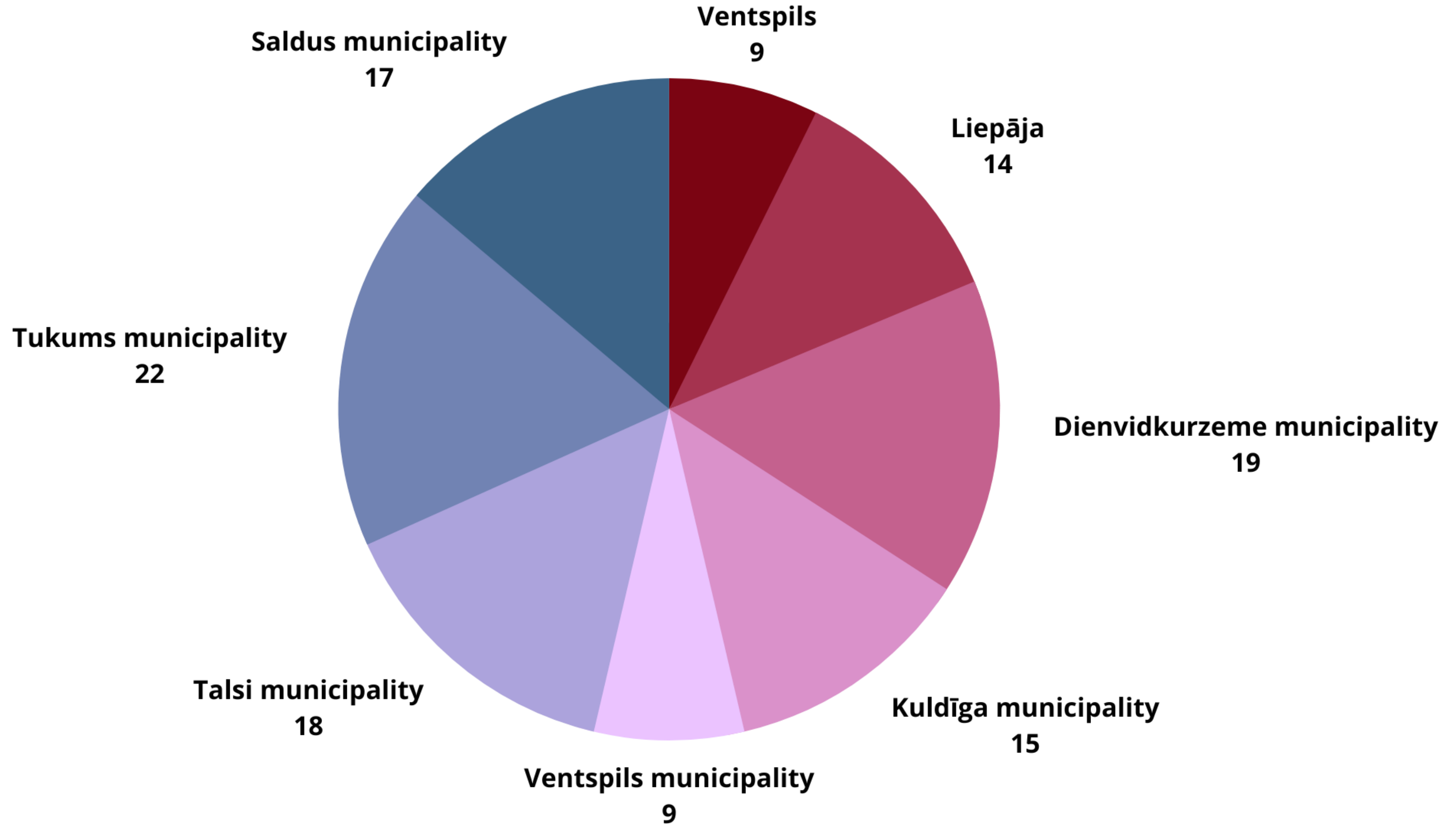
10th - 12th grade - 4'197



Latgale region - 110 primary&secondary educational institutions in 2021/2022

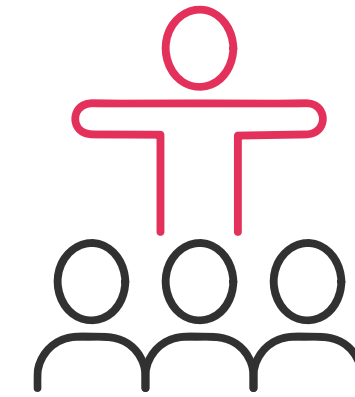


Kurzeme region - 123 primary&secondary educational institutions in 2021/2022



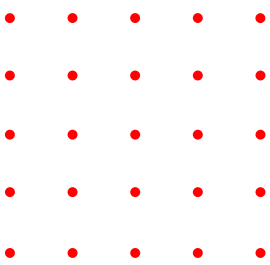
Food coalition project

Purchase of foods/food services for schools



▶ Legal docs regulating public procurement (PP)

- ✓ Public Procurement Law
- ✓ MoC Regulation No. 353 of 20 June 2017 on Green Public Procurement
- ✓ Regulations on providing and preparing public meals + state ceiling on covering meal costs per pupil



▶ Involved players

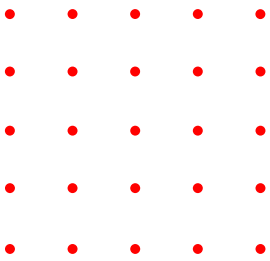
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ Farmers
- ✓ Food service providers
- ✓ Intermediary bodies
- ✓ Associations
- ✓ Latvian Rural Advisory Training Center

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Purchase of foods/food services for schools



- ▶ **PP models of locally grown foods**
 - ✓ None permanent. In future – if municipality can decide that NGOs/social enterprises provide foods
- ▶ **Intermediary distributors**
 - ✓ Yes, most common model
- ▶ **Docs/programmes that raise schools' interest to buy local foods**
 - ✓ Rural Support Service programmes «School fruit», «School milk»



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▶ Possible logistical procedures for buying directly from farmers

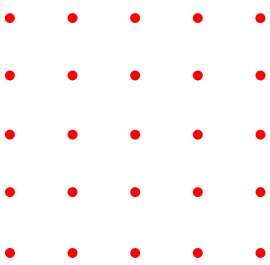
✓ None currently. In future - if PP requirements are changed/ capacity&skills of municipalities to use existing PP frame

▶ Nutrition education & curriculum

✓ Yes. Projects, camps, helping local farmers to harvest, piensaugliskolai.lv
Chemistry, natural sciences, social sciences & biology subjects involve integrated learning on nutrition

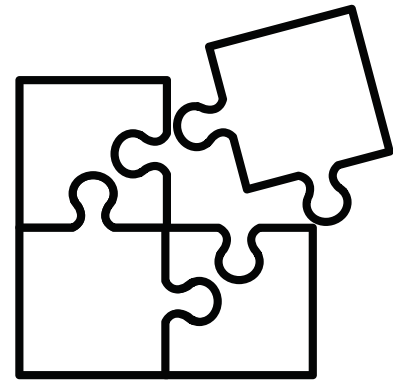
▶ Role of municipalities in food strategies

✓ Makes the PP according to the PP law. Decides on increasing limits for covering meal costs to schools, decides on more biological foods



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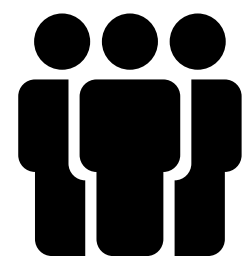
Challenges



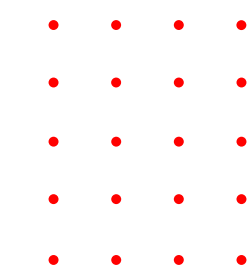
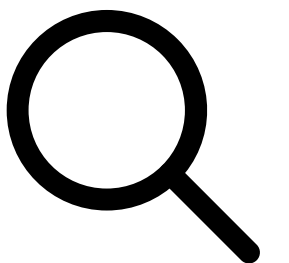
Local farmers lack the relevant certificates -
Simply not wanting to? Complicated
procedure? Too high requirements? Too costly?



Local farmers can't provide the required
quantities on their own



Example. Local milk has 3,5-4,2% fat,
regulations suggest 2,5%. Will FVS accept
analyses made by local farmers as sufficient?



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