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Saue municipality introduction

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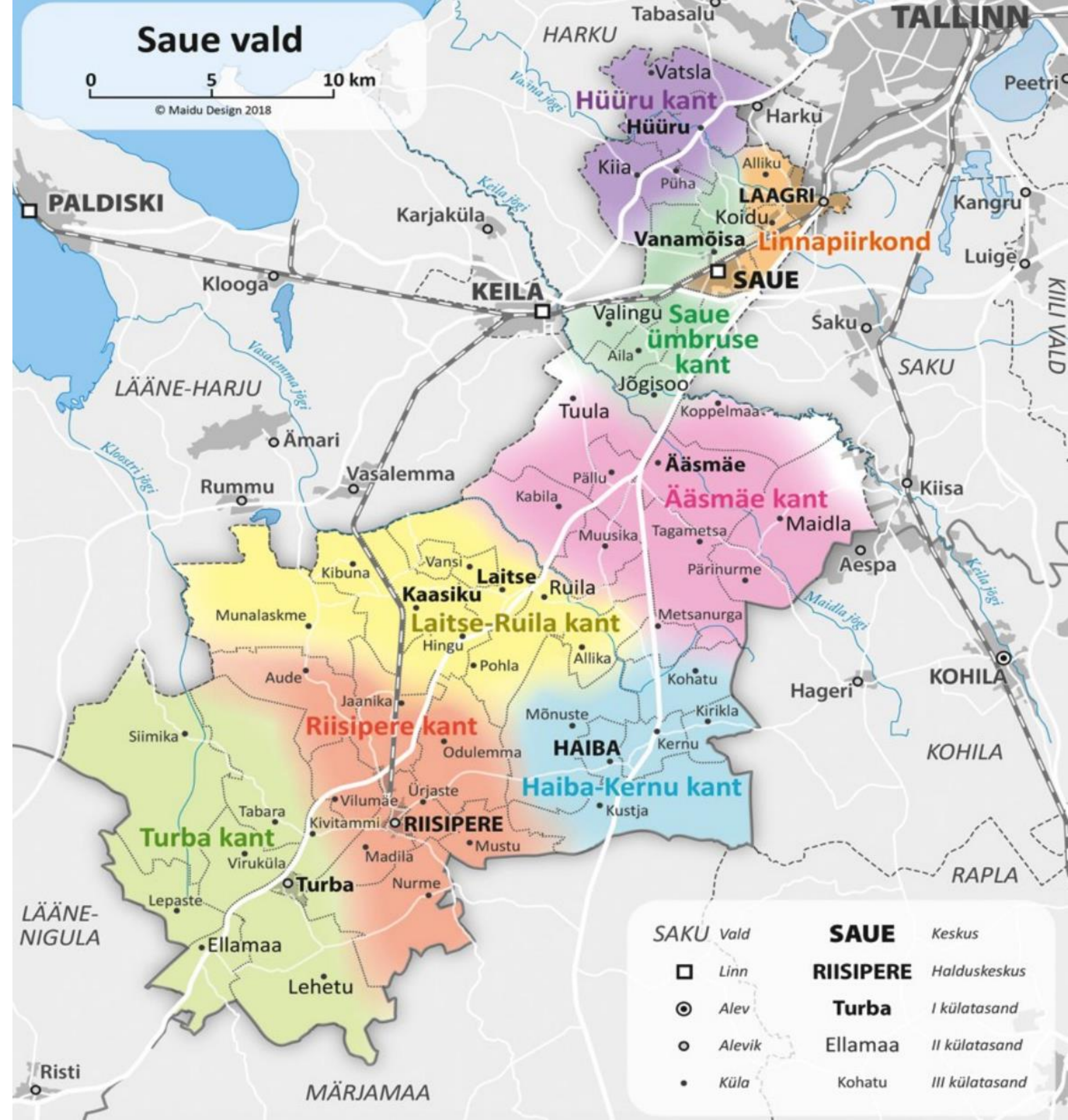


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Location



- Formed in 2017/2018, forerunner of administrative reform
- Population – 26 036, perspective to reach 30 000 in 20 an
- 70% urban and 30% rural
- Area 628 square km
- One town (Saue, pop. 6000), 3 settlements (pop. 6000, 900, 900), 50 villages
- Administrative staff – approx. 110
- Largest rural municipality in terms of population in the mainland of the country





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Education

- 11 kindergardens with almost 1600 kids
- Systematic cooperation with private kindergardens
- 7 elementary schools with almost 3000 kids
- One high-school (state administered), 550 students
- Youth work, municipal institutions for music, sports etc





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Social healthcare and health

- ca 14% of population over 65 and ca 27% younger than 18 years
- Social services for elderly - Saue Social Centre, home-based support services
- Financial support for families, school meal support, orphanage in Laitse
- 5 GP Health Centers + pharmacies & dental clinics





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- Central cultural centre to operate in 4 locations
- Central library with 9 locations
- Strategic partnership with civil sector
- Various municipal sport institutions
- Good sport infrastructure with multiple recent investments - new cultural houses, stadiums and sport halls

Culture and sports





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Other areas of responsibilities

- Entrepreneurship and tourism
- Water management
- Technical infrastructure development
- Spatial planning and construction
- Environmental protection, waste management
- Improvement of public spaces





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Management and finances

- Central municipal staff around 100 in various locations + 22 municipal institutions
- 27 members in municipal council, 3-tier coalition (2 political parties, one election association)
- Professional specialisation - HR, IT/e-services, communication etc.
- Total annual in 2025 budget almost 64,9 M EUR, incl. 7,4 M EUR for investments (education, infrastructure), 260 000 for participatory budgeting





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Main strategic objectives

- Development of modern urban public space and specialized services in Saue town and Laagri settlement area
- Systematic and area-based rural development that supports local characteristics
- Development of growth areas near the main transport corridors
- Development of strategic, open and participatory local administration





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Sustainable development, entrepreneurship and innovation

- Balanced territorial development, rural-urban balance
- Innovation and e-services
- Strategic partnership with communities
- Implementation of green deal (incl. climate neutrality) in co-operation with local enterprices
- Ensuring sustainable development by supporting organic farming, creation of attractive public spaces and planning cohesive green infrastructure
- Innovative co-operation projects with international and/or academic partners





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Saue municipality was one of the first Estonian local authority to build up a zero-energy kindergarten in Estonia in 2011-2013. The initiative was executed in co-operation with the neighbouring municipality and acted as a flagship example for other Estonian municipalities



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Saue municipality was the first Estonian rural municipality to introduce the special support measure in co-operation with the national electric railroad carrier in 2018. In order to promote this sustainable mean of transportation, we offer our citizens the possibility to travel free of charge with electric trains within the territory of the municipality. This initiative was later adopted by other municipalities.

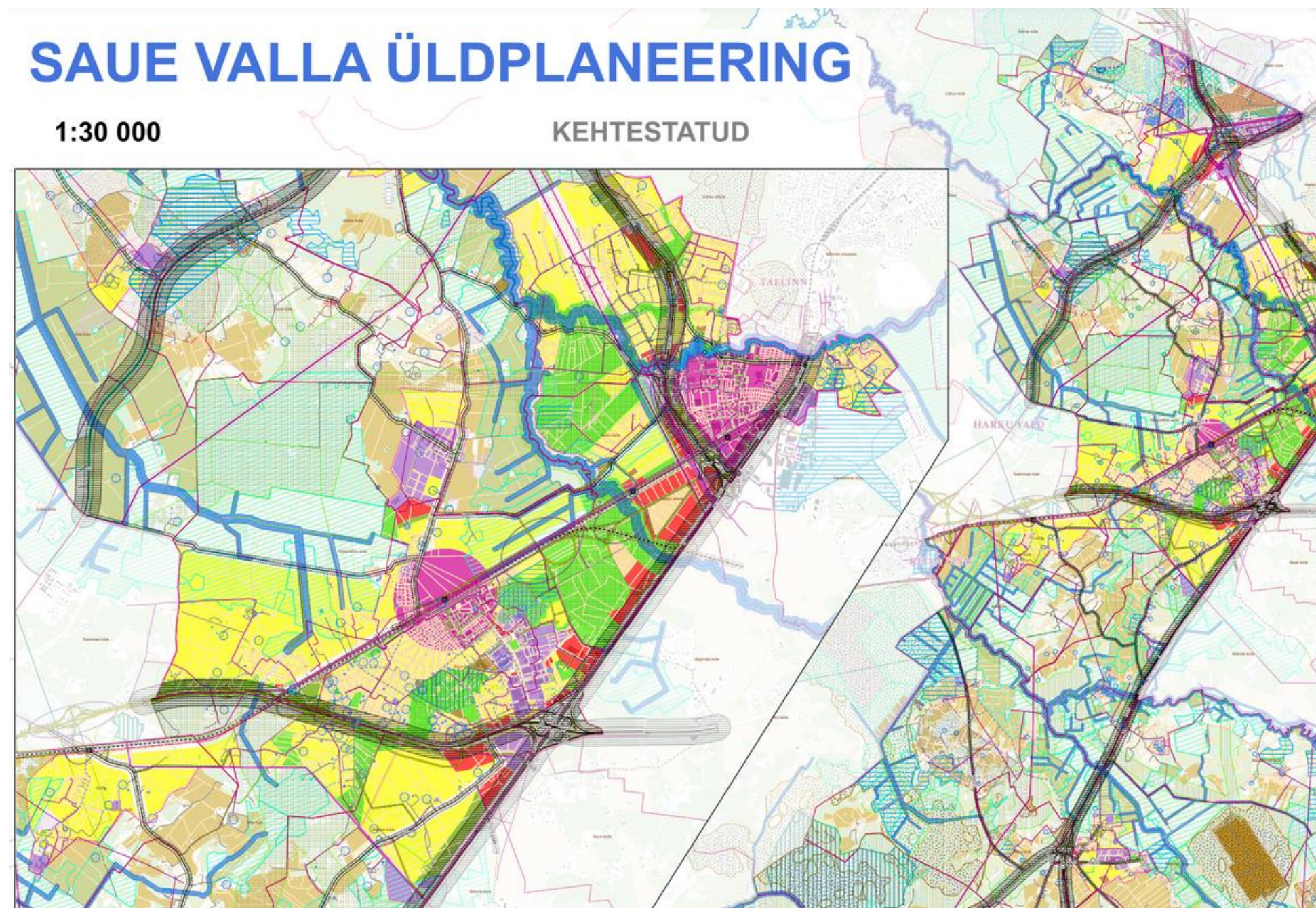


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In 2020 a new municipal hall was constructed in Saue town to accommodate the administration of the municipality after the administrative territorial reform (in 2017 three neighbouring rural municipalities and one town merged). The construction of the building is fully wooden and in 2020 it was awarded with the title “Wooden building of the year” for the outstanding promotion of wood as a sustainable construction material in public sector.



Balanced spatial development - our main policy instrument for that purpose is a municipal spatial development plan – the new plan for the enlarged post-reform territory came into a force in June 2021 and it involves several measures to support climate change adaptation. It is defined that new residential areas should be located next to the existing ones and close to the transportation corridors and hubs. The spatial plan protects the valuable agriculture areas of the municipality to preserve this traditional industry, ensure the local food security in capital region and support short value chains in food production. It is regulated that new buildings are not allowed onto a valuable agricultural areas.



Integration of the sustainable investment principles. The rapid population growth causes the need to constantly develop our services and infrastructure. Building and modernisation of public buildings (mostly schools and kindergartens) have proven to be an effective tool to achieve significant energy savings.

Outdoor pavilions installed into public park in Saue use solar panels for illumination. Pavilions were developed as a part of BaltSe@nioR 2.0 project – Innovative solutions to support BSR in providing more senior – friendly public spaces due to increased capacity of BSR companies and public institutions co-financed by the European Union (European Regional Development Fund) within the INTERREG Baltic Sea Region





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Thank you!

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