



Sports, Sports Education and Leisure in Riga

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	Sports NGOs, Youth NGOs, private education institutions, individuals		



Riga Sport Development Strategy 2012 – 2017

The goals:

- **The society that is motivated and active in the field of sports**
- **Improvement of sports and physical activities' infrastructure**
- **Accessibility of sports education and sports proficiency**

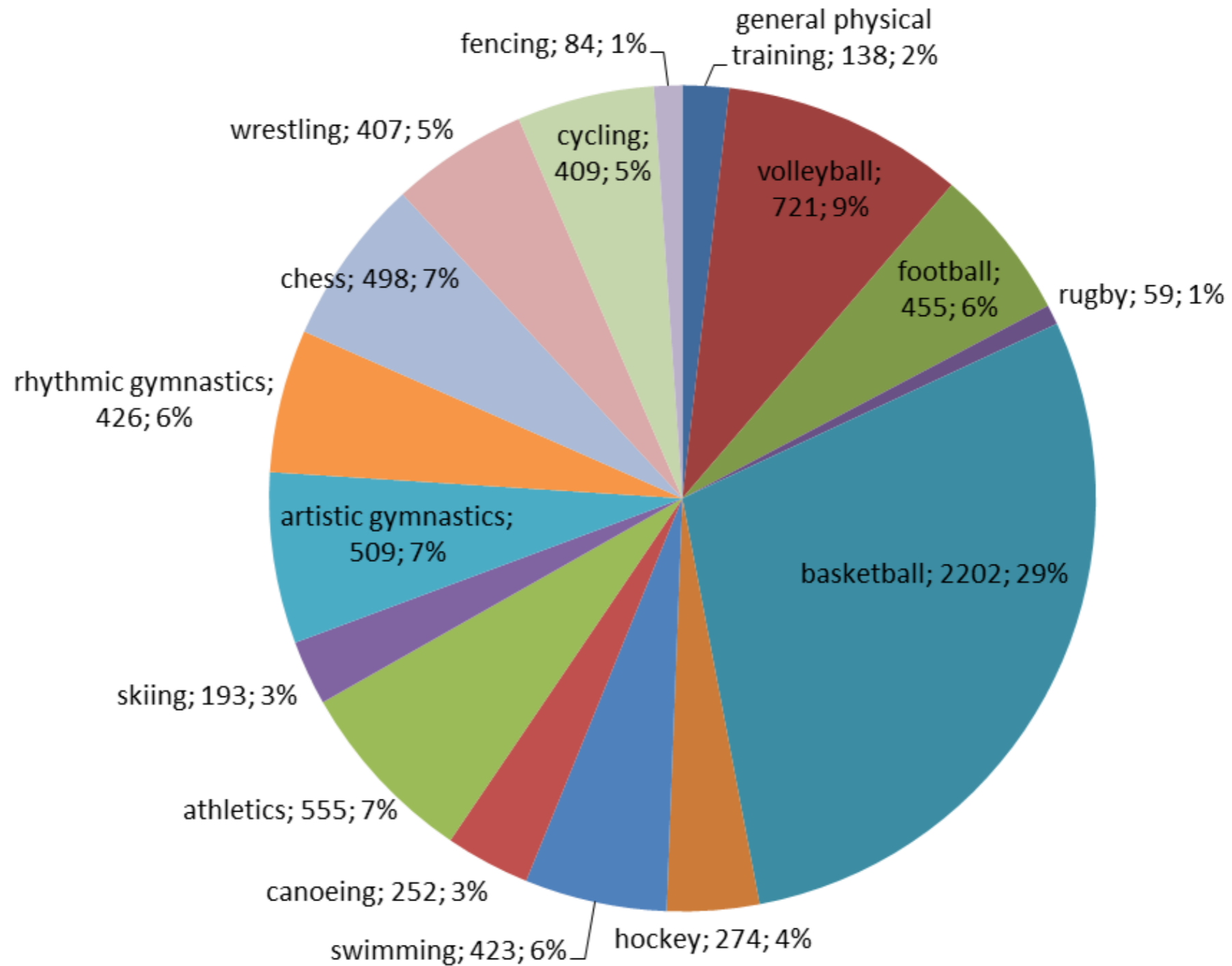


Sports education programmes implemented in the municipal educational institutions

Educational institutions	Number of students	Number of students involved in sports programmes	Number of groups
Sports schools: professionally oriented sports education programmes	7940	7263	536
Sports schools: hobby education programmes		677	47
Hobby education institutions	25 498	4794	370
Schools	67 091	7809	442



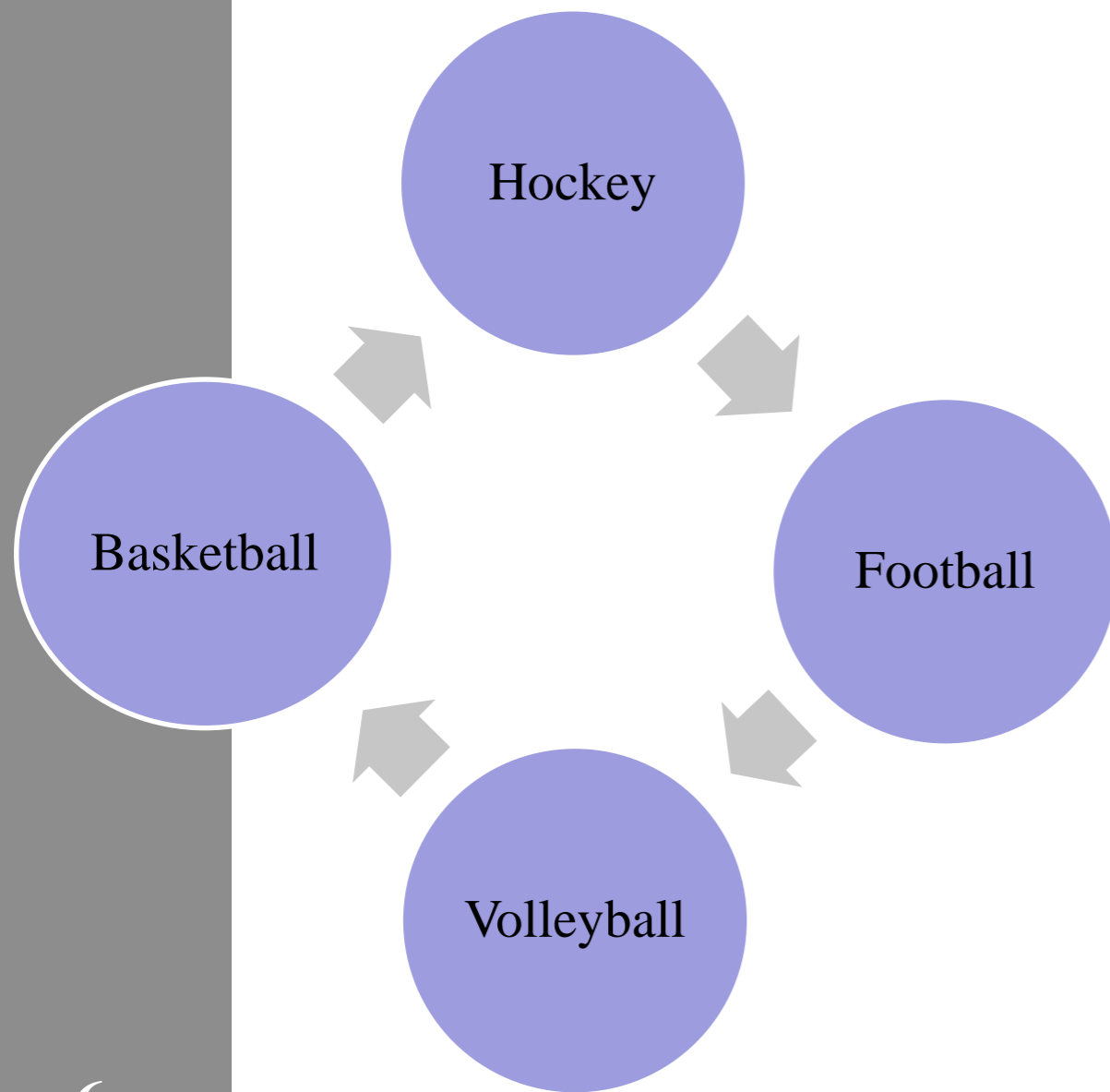
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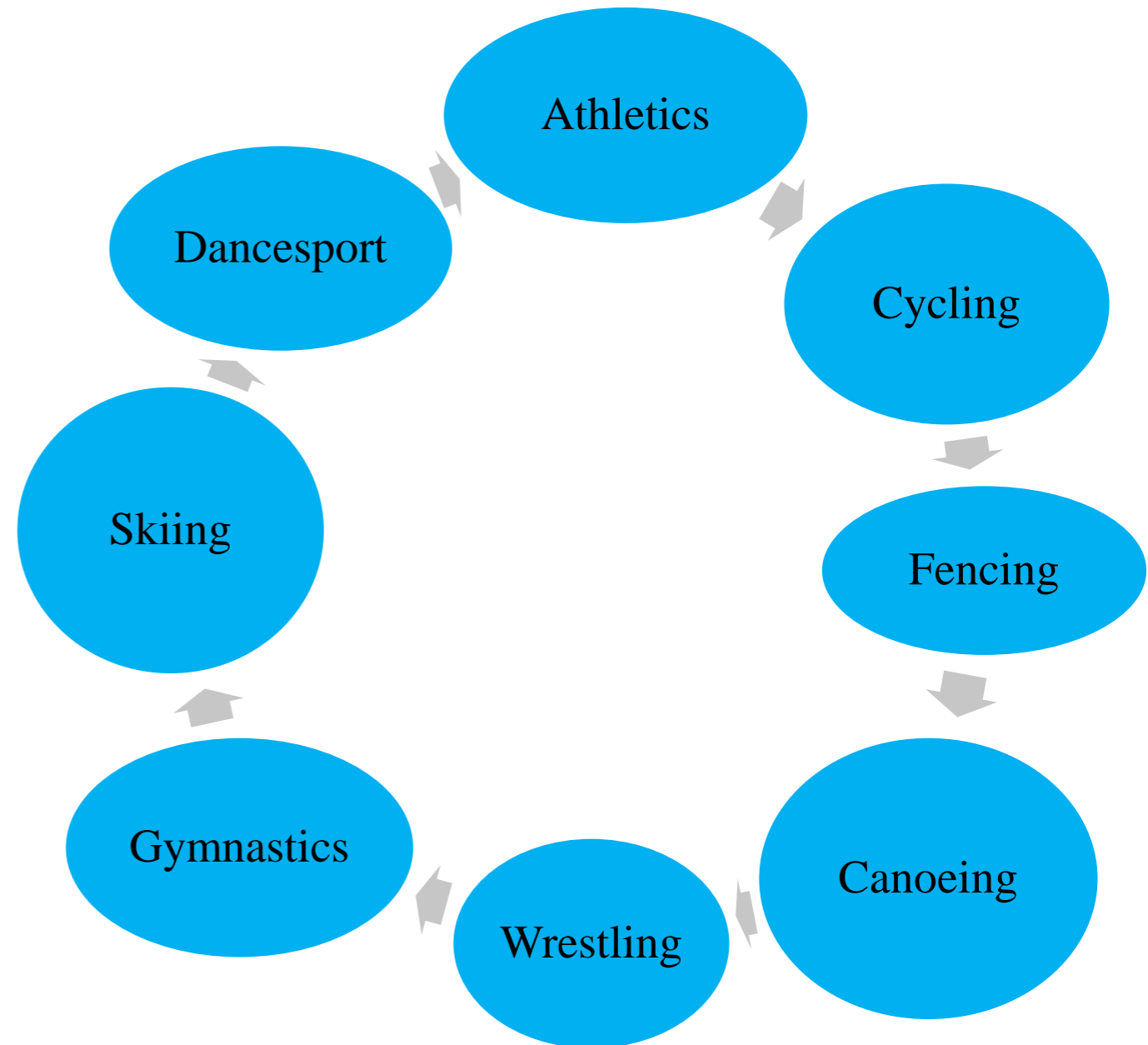


Children and youth sports development programmes implemented by the city of Riga

Team sports



Individual sports





Sports infrastructure in Riga

- 13 multifunctional sport grounds and stadiums (incl. regional sports centers, 4 of them launched last year)
- 37 mini-pitches and 4 large sport grounds
- 124 sport halls + 75 other indoor sport facilities
- Cycling routes network (7 routes)
- 4 skateparks
- Open-air skating rinks (5 this winter) and skiing routes (4 this winter)
- Outdoor exercise units (50, 12 of which set up last summer)





Financial support granted to events organised by sports NGOs

Financial support competition for organisation of sports competitions for inhabitants (incl. children and youth)

Number of supported projects (in 2017): 24

Financial support competition for organisation of World and European level sports competitions

Number of supported projects (in 2017): 3

Financial support competition for organisation of important and international competitions

Number of supported projects (in 2017): 31

Financial support competition for sports veterans' (seniours') organisations

Number of supported projects (in 2017): 14

Financial support competition for sports competitions organised by NGOs uniting people with disabilities (for their members)

Number of supported projects (in 2017): 3

Competition "Best children and youth sports organisation"

Number of supported projects (in 2017): 21

Gratuity for coaches and their sportsmen/sportswomen for excellent achievements in sports

Number of supported individuals (in 2017): 39

Children and youth camps funding competition

Number of supported projects (in 2017): 62



Municipal policy measures aiming at promotion of active and healthy lifestyle

- Swimming classes for 2nd grade students
- Free-of-charge outdoor fitness activities in the neighbourhoods for inhabitants of different ages (Nordic walking, jogging, yoga, workout etc.)
- Diverse sports competitions' calendar for all age groups (169 competitions, 99 thousand participants in 2017)
- Sports events and competitions during the city and national celebrations (according to the interests of the inhabitants)
- Participation in the LOC project «The whole class is sporting!» (14 classes)



The most important sports events in Riga

Events co-organised by the municipality

- Lattelecom Riga Marathon
- Olympic champion's U.Semjonovas's basketball cup for girls
- International rhythmic gymnastics competition "Baltic Hoop"
- International athletics competition "Riga Cups"

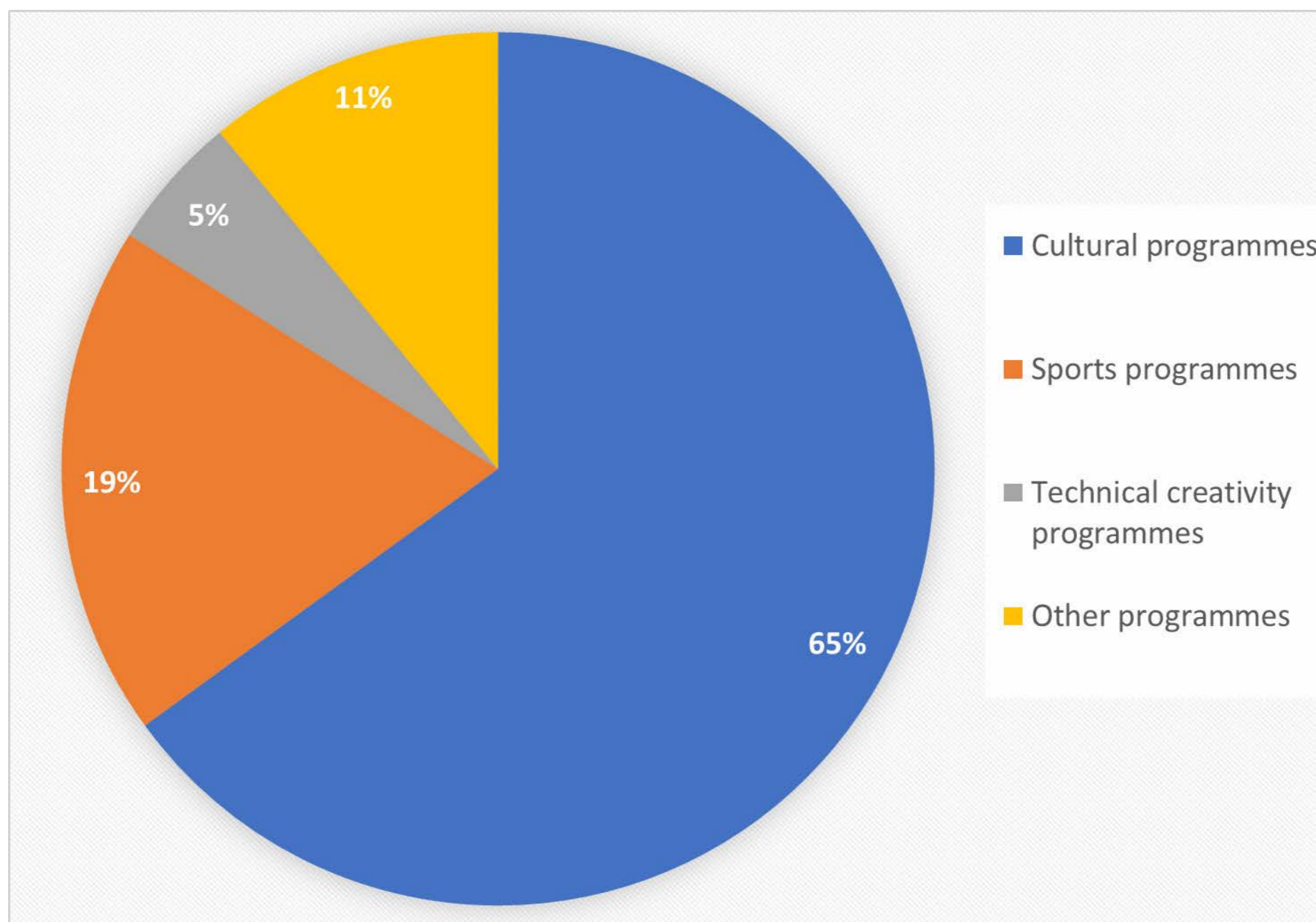
Events co-funded by the municipality

- Dancesport festival "Baltic Grand Prix"
- Riga Cycling Marathon
- Riga City Council's Cup Handball Tournament





Hobby education programmes offered by the city





Children and youth camps...

- Children and youth camps during school holidays (more than 340 in 2017)
 - organised by educational institutions
 - organised by NGOs





Events for youth and leisure time activities...

- 22 leisure time centres in the city
- NGOs managed free-of-charge events in the city during summer (19 projects in 2017)
- Traditional public events for children and youth





Cofinancing opportunities for (youth) NGOs...

- youth initiatives competition
- school parliaments' cooperation projects competition
- youth NGOs capacity building projects competitions
- children and youth camps competition
- youth events and leisure activities competition

- integration projects competitions
- sports events competition
- cultural projects and events competitions
- competition for the festival «Track of the Christmas tree»



Thank you for your attention!

