

## *Development education seminar "Make a wish... Creative places of learning and growing together for better global future."*

**Working languages: Latvian, English and Russian (simultaneous interpretation)**

**9 June 2022**  
**09:00 – 14:30 (CEST)**

**Hybrid event. Zoom and**  
**Liepāja State gymnasium No 1 (Ausekļa iela 9, Liepāja).**

This year the [Festival](#) of the New European Bauhaus is taking place with the motto "Together for a beautiful and sustainable future!". The Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments is joining the Festival with the side event devoted to municipal cooperation, development education, creative places of learning and growth for better future not only in Latvia, but elsewhere through municipal cooperation.

The role of local governments in promoting development cooperation, development education and awareness raising in local community is very important, and the types of activities to be implemented can be so unimaginably different. It can be the co-operation of municipalities with libraries, which are increasingly involved in achieving global goals and are also engaging local people through different activities. These can be summer schools organized by municipalities and gathering children from different countries, where they study together through dance, drawing and singing, which do not even require a full understanding of each other's language. But it can also be the Unseen Film Festival, where through documentaries people see diversity in the world and discover topics they can be even afraid to think about on a daily basis, but through the films these topics are addressed and explained in an imperceptible way.

Storytelling both teaches and enriches us and inspires new thoughts and activities. At the end of the event, the participants are invited to join in the creation of a new common storey by planting trees in the framework of the campaign "Trees for Life" initiated by the European Commission and the European Committee of the Regions.

The event is organised by the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, Liepāja city council and PLATFORMA.

### **Agenda**

**Moderator: Ms Elīna Tolmačova, Head of the Environment, Health and Public Participation Unit, Liepāja municipality**

**09:00 – 09:10**

**Opening of the event**

**Mr Gints Kaminskis, Chairman of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments, Bureau Member of the European Committee of the Regions' Conference**

	<p><i>of Regional and Local Authorities for the Eastern Partnership (CORLEAP)</i></p> <p><b>Mr Gunārs Anšiš, Mayor of Liepāja city council, European Climate Pact Ambassador (video message)</b></p>
<b>09:10 - 09:20</b>	<p><b>Development education and development cooperation policy of Latvia</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Madara Siliņa, Head of the Development Cooperation Policy Division, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia</b></p>
<b>09:20 – 09:30</b>	<p><b>Educational and creative places for learning and growing: Liepāja State gymnasium No 1.</b></p> <p><b>Mr Helvijs Valcis, Director, Liepāja State gymnasium No 1</b></p>
<p><b><i>Innovative places of learning. Have you recently been in library?</i></b></p>	
<b>09:30 – 09:50</b>	<p><b>Sustainable development through story telling. The involvement of society, formal and non-formal education.</b></p> <p><b>Ms Baiba Moļņika, Secretary General, the UNESCO Latvian National Commission</b></p>
<b>09:50 - 10:10</b>	<p><b>The transformation opportunities of Liepāja library on the way towards the European Capital of Culture.</b></p> <p><b>Ms Inta Šoriņa, Project Director of Liepāja Candidacy for the European Capital of Culture 2027, Liepāja, Latvia</b></p>
<b>10:10 – 10:30</b>	<p><b>Libraries and their role in education for global citizenship via Agenda 2030.</b></p> <p><b>Ms Vanesa Corrales Argumanez, Technician in European networks and Agenda 2030, Fons Mallorquí, Spain</b></p>
<b>10:30 – 10:50</b>	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
<p><b><i>Development education for more social cohesion. Focus on Ukraine</i></b></p>	
<b>10:50 – 11:30</b>	<p><b>Ukraine. Alone, but together.</b></p> <p>United in cooperation: the cooperation initiatives of the Association of Ukrainian cities, the needs of Ukrainian municipalities now and in the near future. Sharing with experience of municipalities welcoming people from Ukraine in integrating children in formal and non-formal education.</p> <p><b>Ms Nataliya Lazarenko, International Cooperation Coordinator, the Association of Ukrainian Cities</b></p> <p><b>Ms Linda Vovere, Specialist on Youth Affairs of Jelgava city "Community center", coordinator on the work with Ukrainians in Jelgava (Latvia)</b></p>
<b>11:30 – 11:50</b>	<p><b>Summer camps for children from Ukraine. The experience of Joniškis municipality (Lithuania).</b></p> <p><b>Ms Vaida Aleknavičienė, Deputy Mayor of Joniškis, Lithuania</b></p>
<b>11:50 - 12:20</b>	<p><b>The film festival as a tool for promoting social inclusion. The example of the Bilbao International Festival of Unseen Cinema "Film Sozialak".</b></p> <p><b>Mr J. Carlos Vázquez Velasco, Director of the NGDO (Culture Communication Development) and of the Bilbao International Festival of Unseen Cinema "Film</b></p>

	Sozialak”
12:20 - 12:30	<b>Epilogue. Closing remarks and future wishes.</b> <b>Ms Agita Kaupuža</b> , Adviser on EU Issues, Head of the Brussels’ office of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments
12:30 – 13:15	<b>Lunch break</b> <b>Short excursion at the Liepāja State gymnasium No 1</b>
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Tree planting activity and creation of “wish trees” in the framework of the action of the European Commission and the European Committee of the Regions “Trees for life”.</b>
<b>OR</b>	
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Visit of the environmental and nature education centre “Nature house”.</b> <b>Zirgu sala 2, Liepāja</b>

