



**07.11.2024.**

10:00–16:00

Radisson Blu Latvija Conference & Spa Hotel, Elizabetes iela 55, Rīga

## **Latvia's 20 Years in the European Union: Think Globally, Act Locally**

Event for representatives of youth affairs and non-governmental organizations, teachers, and education experts



## **Agenda**

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| 9:30–10:00  | Registration and coffee  |
| 10:00–10:15 | <b>Opening speeches</b><br>Ilze Saleniece, Deputy State Secretary, Director of the Policy Initiatives and Development Department, Ministry of Education and Science<br>Baiba Moļņika, Secretary-General, Latvian National Commission for UNESCO                |
| 10:15–10:40 | <b>How to Balance Global, European, and Local Vectors in Education?</b><br>Žaneta Ozoliņa, Political Scientist, Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of Latvia   |
| 10:40–11:10 | <b>Global Education in Latvia: Learning and Findings from the GENE Peer Review</b><br>Liam Wegimont, Executive Director, Global Education Network Europe (GENE)  |
| 11:10–11:40 | <b>Aspects of Global Education in Formal and Non-Formal Education (Education Policy, Curriculum, Youth Policy)</b><br>Ilze Saleniece, Deputy State Secretary, Director of the Policy Initiatives and Development Department, Ministry of Education and Science |
| 11:40–11:50 | <b>Grant Competition for Sustainable Development Projects 2024-2026: Opportunities for Local Communities</b><br>Inese Vaivare, Director, Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS)  |
| 11:50–12:10 | Coffee break   |

12:10–13:30

## **Panel discussion: "Is Latvian Youth Empowered to Engage in Solving European Union and Global Issues?"**

Moderator: Eva Johansone, journalist and climate activist

Panelists:

Andra Strautiņa, Head of Education and Sustainability, LAPAS

Liam Wegimont, Executive Director, GENE

Nikola Kleinberga, Coordinator of the Latvian UN Youth Delegate Programme

Visvaldis Valtenbergs, Senior Researcher, University of Latvia

13:30–14:00

Lunch break

14:00–15:20

## **Parallel workshops**

### **1 Engaging Educators and Approaches to Incorporating Global Education in the Learning Process**

Organized by: Global Education Network Europe (GENE)  
Workshop language: English (with simultaneous translation into Latvian)

A workshop tailored to look at teacher engagement and ways to approach global education in teaching.

### **2 Promoting Participation**

Organized by: Ministry of Education and Science, Youth Organization "Creative Minds for Culture," and Youth Organization "Nītaureņi"  
Workshop language: Latvian

#### **Board Game by Youth Organization "Creative Minds for Culture"**

Participants will have the opportunity to try a board game created by young people, aimed at simulating real-life situations and highlighting our individual participation. This game introduces players to the concept of participation and how it manifests in daily life. The game is educational, entertaining, and helps to understand the everyday expressions of participation.

#### **Participation Game "Get Involved!" by Youth Organization "Nītaureņi"**

The game is designed to strengthen participation skills and knowledge about its forms and opportunities for involvement at local, national, and international levels. It encourages players to find answers to various participation-related questions and challenge themselves by experiencing participation in real life.

### **3 Powerful Stories of Change**

Organized by: Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS)  
Workshop language: English

In this workshop, we will explore how to inspire meaningful action and positive change through storytelling. While we engage in various activities, how effectively are we communicating stories that resonate and motivate others? What can we learn from stories of local sustainability efforts across different countries? Participants from diverse international backgrounds will come together to create and share stories that foster more impactful communication and attract greater public engagement in our initiatives. This workshop is part of the international project GEAR UP!

**4 Glocal Idea Cauldron**

Organized by: Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS)  
Workshop language: Latvian

The aim of the workshop is to encourage global education practitioners and enthusiasts to generate innovative ideas that engage young people in solving global challenges. Together with LAPAS experts, participants will experiment with creative idea development methods, taking a step closer to developing global education project proposals.

**5 How Our Lifestyle Affects Climate Change and Practical Introduction to the Educational Game Method “Climate Call”**

Organized by: Green Liberty  
Workshop language: Latvian

Does flying to Thailand have a greater impact on climate change than eating meat every day for a year? Does attending a festival have a bigger effect than a flight to Vietnam? In the session "Climate Call" we will explore answers to these and similar questions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about climate change challenges and actively engage by trying out the card game “Climate Calls”, which helps players understand the impact of everyday actions on climate change. The session aims to inspire and spark discussions about the impact of daily actions on climate change, as well as introduce a teaching method that helps understand the relationship between lifestyle, climate change, and sustainable development. All participants will receive several game sets to use in their work with students.

15:20–15:35 Coffee break

15:35–15:55 **Newest Programmes and Activities of the Latvian National Commission for UNESCO for Schools and the Conclusion of the Global Goals Week Activities in Schools**

15:55–16:00 Concluding remarks

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