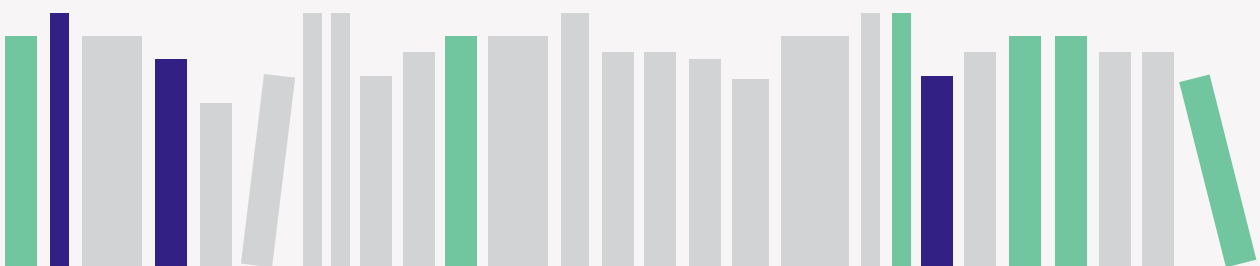
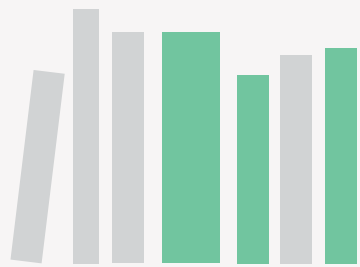
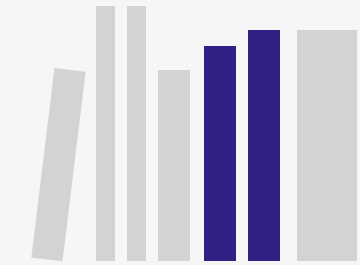


CONFERENCE

# Libraries as the game changers for the local social resilience and democracy in times of security challenges



**MONDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 2022**

AGENDA

Latvia and Moldova are facing similar challenges these days. Aggressive invasion of Russia in Ukraine has caused the need to change the role of the libraries as information and culture centers to the guards of the local democracy and supporters of the communities. Libraries are taking an active role in media literacy and fight against disinformation, helping to integrate refugees from Ukraine. Building local resilience is the key for the sustainability of democracy.

The common project “Librarians as promoters of local democracy, development and resilience”, led by the Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS) in partnership with the National Library of Latvia, National Library of Moldova and Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences aims to build the capacities of the librarians as game changers in the times of high uncertainties.

The aim of the public event is to share the best practices from Moldova and Latvia to inspire the local librarians and help them to develop new capacities to react to the challenges and new roles they are facing.

The participants of the event are librarians, local community leaders, local government representatives, NGOs and all who are interested in media literacy, local democracy and integration.

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The event is streamed [↘online in Facebook](#) in English.

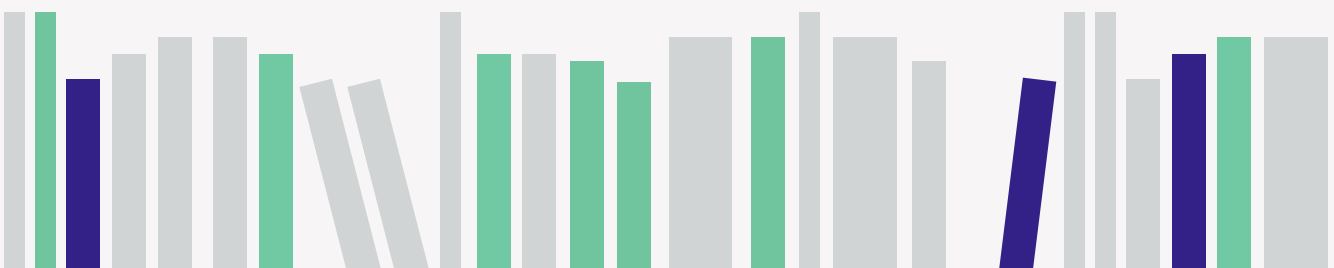
The language of the event is English with the translation in Romanian and Latvian.

[Registration for translated event ↘](#)

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Moderator of event **Emīls Rotgalvis**

*Emīls Rotgalvis works as a media literacy expert at the Library Development Centre of National Library of Latvia, his main competencies being organizing and executing projects aimed at promoting media literacy and resistance to disinformation in such societal groups as librarians, educators, senior citizens and the youth throughout Latvia.*



10.00–10.20	<p><b>Opening of the event</b></p> <p>H.E. <b>Andrian Roșă</b>, Ambassador of Moldova in Latvia  <b>Egils Dzelme</b>, Director of the Economic Relations and Development Cooperation Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia  <b>Inese Vaivare</b>, Director of Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation  <b>Andris Vilks</b>, Director of the National Library of Latvia</p>
10.20–10.40	<p><b>How libraries' soft power enables them to face uncertainty and change</b></p> <p><b>Giuseppe Vitiello</b>, Director, European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA)</p>
10.40–11.00	<p><b>The role of the librarians in promoting Media Literacy values, in order to ensure personal and national security</b></p> <p><b>Daniela Galai</b>, Media Literacy Expert (Moldova)</p>
11.00–11.20	<p><b>The importance of cooperation networks to promote media literacy in Latvian libraries</b></p> <p><b>Emīls Rotgalvis</b>, Media Literacy Expert, National Library of Latvia (Latvia)</p>
11.20–11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30–11.50	<p><b>Libraries: Democracy Resource Center</b></p> <p><b>Victoria Vasilica</b>, Management and Institutional Development Coordinator, Association of Librarians from the Republic of Moldova</p>
11.50–12.10	<p><b>Public library as a cornerstone of democracy</b></p> <p><b>Dzidra Šmita</b>, Director of Riga Central Library (Latvia)</p>
12.10–12.25	<p><b>Community libraries in times of active war</b></p> <p><b>Larysa Matkovska</b>, Chief Librarian, Vinkivtsi Settlement (Ukraine)</p>
12.25–12.40	<p><b>Solidarity with refugees from Ukraine</b></p> <p><b>Elena Pintilei</b>, Director General, National Library of Moldova (Moldova)</p>
12.40–13.00	<p><b>Latvian libraries in support of Ukrainian refugees</b></p> <p><b>Katrīna Kukaine</b>, Director of Development Department, National Library of Latvia (Latvia)</p>