



State Education
Development Agency
Republic of Latvia



Erasmus+ TCA thematic seminar

Strengthening EU Values through Digital Participation

28/10/2025 - 30/10/2025



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VENUE: Bellevue Park Hotel Riga

15:00 – 16:00	<i>Registration and welcoming coffee</i>
16:00 – 18:00	Welcome and Networking Activity <i>Viesturs Dūle (Zuarguss), Communication and mindfulness trainer, Latvia</i>
18:00 – 18:30	<i>Free time</i>
18:30 – 20:30	<i>Dinner at the Bellevue Park Hotel Riga</i>

29/10/2025

VENUE: National Library of Latvia

9:00 – 11:00	9:00 - 9:15 Welcome by the Erasmus+ National Agency of Latvia 9:15 - 9:30 Empowering Learners: The Role of Erasmus+ in Promoting Active Participation <i>Marita Kroiča, Senior Expert, State Education Development Agency, Latvia</i> 9:30 – 10:00 Address by European Commission <i>Yiannis Vacondios, Programme Manager, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission</i> 10:00 - 11:00 Fostering Active Engagement: Embracing EU Values in Civic Participation <i>Paul Blokker, Professor, University of Bologna, Italy</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break and networking</i>

11:30 – 13:00	11:30 - 12:20 Participation in the 21st Century Cristina Bacalso, researcher, Germany 12:20 - 13:00 Digital Citizenship Education Ahmet Murat KILIÇ, Head of the Digital Transformation and E-learning Unit, Education Department, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe
13:00 – 13:05	Introduction - Parallel Workshops
13:05 – 14:20	<i>Lunch and Networking</i>
14:20 – 15:30	Parallel Workshops on Media Literacy and Digital Participation Klinta Ločmele, Dr. sc. comm., Media Literacy Expert, Latvia Digital Participation Challenges and Solutions Ireta Čekse, Dr.sc.admin., Senior Researcher, Assistant Professor, IEA ICCS National Research Coordinator (NRC) in Latvia Technological Influences on Engagement Līva Kalnača, Dr. sc. comm., Researcher in Social Media and Digital Environment, Latvia Digital Well-being Ilze Jēče, Facilitator, Trainer, Mental Health Support Coordinator, Latvia
15:30 – 15:50	<i>Coffee break, networking, and returning back to plenary room</i>
15:50 – 16:20	Empowering Participation through Digital Tools Dr. Eszter Hartay, European Center for Not-for-Profit Law Stichting, Netherlands
16:20 – 17:20	Networking Activity – It's All About Participation and EU Values
17:20 – ...	• <i>Free time & networking</i> • <i>Guided tour in Riga Old Town or in the National Library</i>
19:00 – 21:30	<i>Gala dinner (The House of the Black Heads, Rātslaukums 7, Riga, LV-1050)</i>

30/10/2025

VENUE: Bellevue Park Hotel Riga

9:00 – 13:10	9:00 – 9:30 Morning Participation Activity 9:30 – 10:00 manabalss.lv Imants Breidaks and Signe Valtīņa, representatives from manabalss.lv 10:00 – 10:30 Signal Elections Andris Gobinš, President, NGO European Movement Latvia 10:30 - 10:55 <i>Coffee break and networking</i> 10:55 – 11:10 PEACE+ Matteo Minà, INDIRE, Italy 11:10 – 11:40 Erasmus+ Teacher Academy SciLMi Maria Steger, Managing & Academic Director at EduNet Europe, Germany 11:40 – 12:10 Human Rights Guide in the EU Arina Melse, Baltic Human Rights Society, Latvia 12:10 - 13:10 Assessment and Forward Planning: Reflecting, Evaluating, and Defining Next Steps Līga Bērziņa, uzvedība.lv
13:10 – 13:30	<i>Closure of the event</i>
13:30 – 14:20	<i>Optional lunch at the Bellevue Park Hotel Riga</i>
13:30 -	<i>Departure</i>

* Please note that during the event photographs and videos will be taken for publicity purposes

**After the event we will share the presentations, contact information of the participants will be available on Padlet