

## *Development cooperation and education seminar "Tell me your story..."*

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

**17 December 2021**  
**09:00 – 13:00 (CET)**

**Ogre Central library, Brīvības iela 35, Ogre**  
**Zoom platform**

In the beginning was the word. Words are making sentences, forming stories we can share with others and creating a new meaning, new vision through story telling! We need to tell stories, as it is in our nature. But the most important: the idea of story and storytelling is to celebrate life!

However, for the story to become reality, we need funding. The European Commission's two key priorities are green and digital Europe to foster changes starting from reducing the impact of climate change and continuing with digital transformation in education. During the seminar we will offer an insight into several new funding opportunities and calls for proposals, which might help to make your story, wish or idea to be implemented in the real world. Moreover, this can be done together in a sustainable and beautiful way.

Likewise, the two parts of the event will be an opportunity for the municipalities from the European Union and Eastern Partnership countries to share with the best practice examples of development cooperation activities implemented in the fields of climate action and global citizenship education. We aim to spotlight the activities already implemented, so that this could form the basis for the future stories (ideas and visions) and new future project ideas and common activities among the European Union and Eastern Partnership countries' municipalities.

If you wish to be part of this storytelling experience, please, **register until 16 December:**  
<https://forms.gle/iTqNxaWLukys5w5H6>

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 and PLATFORMA.

### **Agenda**

**Moderator Dr.phil. Voldemārs Bariss**

<b>09:00 – 09:10</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Mr Gints Kaminskis, Chairman of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments (LALRG), Member of the CoR CORLEAP</i>
<b>09:10 – 09:30</b>	<b>Development cooperation: new priorities and perspectives for future cooperation</b> <i>Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia</i>

*The hidden social policy: from nature-based solutions to more resilient communities*

09:30 - 09:50	<b>Decent work and economic growth: and what if through social entrepreneurship?</b> <i>Mrs Dana Bārbale, Deputy Executive Director, Ogre state city council</i>
09:50 – 10:10	<b>The new building of Ogre Central library: working for better climate and more inclusive society</b> <i>Mr Egils Helmanis, Mayor, Ogre state city council</i>
10:10 – 10:30	<b>Green tourism and historical heritage: a stepping stone for the development</b> <i>Ms Tatiana Bokuchava, Project Manager and Secretary of International Relations, National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia (NALAG)</i>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Smart communities &amp; global citizenship education: arts, games and creativity</b>	
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Stories, storytelling with and among us</b>  <i>Discourse with Ms Nora Ikstena - the Latvian writer, author of the books "Celebrating Life", "Life Stories" and many more, being translated also into Georgian and Ukrainian.</i>
11:00 - 11:20	<b>DEAR and development education: getting ready for funding perspectives 2022</b> <i>Ms Agata Sobiech, DG INTPA, European Commission (tbc)</i>
11:20 – 11:35	<b>"CULPEER4change" project: development education through creative activities</b> <i>Ms Antonia Vogelgsang</i>
11:35 - 11:50	<b>"Bridge 47" project: working together for transformative education for all ages</b> <i>Ms Nora Forsbacka</i>
11:50 – 12:10	<b>Playful learning: exploring sustainable development through games</b> <b>« Renaissance écologique ». Mr Julien Dossier, QUATTROLIBRI.</b>
12:10 – 12:30	<b>"De Duurzame Les." Mr Thijs Struik, The Sustainability Games.</b>
12:30 – 12:50	<b>Discussion</b> <b>What are our priorities and strengths, and what are we missing to have successful cooperation in common activities?</b>
12:50 – 13:00	<b>Closing remarks</b> <i>Ms Mudīte Priede, Secretary General, LALRG</i>



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