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*“The Planet of Skills.
Revised Perspective on
Networking Potential”*

Riga, Latvia

26th - 27th September, 2023



PROGRAMME

Tuesday 26 September, 2023

Ogre Technical School, "Ogres meža tehnikums", Aizupes, Tīnūšu pagasts, Ogres novads

07:00 – 08:00 **Breakfast in the Hotel**

08:00 – 09:00 **Way to the Ogre**

Hotel Radisson Blu Rīdzene - meeting point at 8.00 in front of the hotel

Ogre is the principal town of Ogre Municipality in Central Latvia, 36 kilometres (22 miles) east of the capital Riga, situated at the confluence of the Daugava and Ogre rivers. It has been a town since 1928. The population in 2020 was 23,273. The name of the town comes from the Ogre river. The Ogre village was first mentioned in 1206, called "Ogre" in German. In 1861, when a railway Riga–Daugavpils was built, Riga's residents started to build summer cottages here. In 1862 Ogre became a health resort.



09:00 – 9:30 **Arrival of participants, registration**

09:30 – 9:45 **Moderator: Artis Ozoliņš**

Welcome, Opening of the Forum

- [Ilze Brante](#), Director, Ogre Vocational School, Latvia
 - [Anda Čakša](#), Minister, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia
 - [Santa Šmidlere](#), State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia
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9.45 – 10.00 **Setting the scene**

- [Giovanni Crisonà](#), President, Skillman.eu
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10:00 – 10:30 **Morning coffee**

Presentation of the culinary heritage from the Kurzeme region of Latvia
Kuldīga Technology and Tourism Technical School, Latvia

10:30 – 12:00 **Key note speech**

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- [Juris Binde, Dr. oec.](#), Professor of Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, CEO of Latvijas Mobilais Telefons Ltd.

Presentations

- [Kristīne Krivmane](#), Team Leader – European Year of Skills, European Commission
 - [Georgios Zisimos](#), Head of Unit, European Training Foundation (ETF), (recorded)
 - [El-Iza Mohamedou](#), Head of Centre for Skills, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
 - Announcement by [Éric Charbonnier](#), analyst of the OECD Education and Skills Department
 - [Csaba Borboly](#), Member of the European Committee of the Regions and President of Harghita County Council, Romania
 - [Massimo Temussi](#), President, ANPAL Servizi S.p.A., the company solely owned by the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance, overseeing labour policies and employment services
 - [Yuriy Balanyuk](#), Head of the National Qualifications Agency, Ukraine
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12:00 – 12:10 **Comfort break**

12:10 – 13:50 **Moderated Panel discussion (2 rounds)**

Panel 1. National perspective

Moderated by Artis Ozoliņš

- [Athanasios Tsagkatakis](#), Head of Department; National Benchlearning Coordinator for Greece, Linking VET and LLL with Labor Market, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece
- [Beata Dziemińska-Skowron](#), Polish Ministry of Education, Ministry of Education and Science, Department of Strategy, Qualifications and Vocational Education
- [Rūta Gintaute-Marihina](#), Director of VET and Adult Education Department, Latvian Ministry of Education and Science
- [Joana Vilimienė](#), Head of Vocational Education Division, Lifelong Learning Department Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Lithuania
- [Rita Kask](#), Adviser, Ministry of Education and Research Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training Policy and Life Long Learning Department, Estonia
- [Oleksii Oleksiuk](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Ukraine

Panel 2. Stakeholders perspective

Moderated by Urs Hauenstein, University of Lincoln, President International Council for Education and Management ICEM

- [Lina Shabeeb](#), Managing Director, Shbeemann Consulting, Germany
 - [Tereza Kechoyan](#), Director of International Co-operation and Development Public Administration Academy of the Republic of Armenia
 - [Shanti Jagannathan](#), Principal Education Specialist, Human and Social Development Sector Group, Asian Development Bank
 - [Cloud Bai Yun](#), Member of the International Board in charge of China Council, Skillman.eu
 - [Margarita Pavlova](#), Professor of Education at the Education University of Hong Kong and Director of the UNEVOC Center, Hong Kong
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- [Julian NG](#), President of International Vocational Education and Training Association (IVETA Global)

13:50 – 14:00

Info session

Guidelines for participating in parallel sessions starting at 15:15

[Ilze Buligina](#), Senior Expert, Latvian Ministry of Education and Science

14:00– 14:10

Group photo

14:10 – 15:15

Lunch

with culinary heritage from the Zemgale region of Latvia provided by Ogre Technical School, Latvia

15:15 – 16:45

The impact of ‘sharing is caring’ - VET towards Excellence and internationalisation

Parallel sessions in separate spread-out rooms

Five thematic workshops in the ‘world-cafe’ type mode

Room 1: Quality Education for the Future

Room 2: Teachers for today and tomorrow. Varied stakeholders’ perspective.

Room 3: Qualifications vs Microcredentials. Labour market responses.

Room 4: A data informed approach to human capital development. OECD: Education at a glance.

Room 5: Excellence, individualised approach, inclusion – contributing to VET internationalisation.

Targeted (project based) workshops

Room 6: Group Pitches: Showcase of Creative Ideas

15:15 – 16:00

Room 7: SWOST - Sport Without Stereotypes final conference

Room 8: Impact of digitization on higher education

Room 9: Peer learning in TVET - networking, sharing, and comparing. UNEVOC, the UNESCO’s designated centre for technical and vocational education and training (TVET)

Room 10: Mastering Organisational Efficiency: [Skillman.eu](#)'s Blueprint

16:00 – 16:45

Room 7 BIS: SWOST - Sport Without Stereotypes final conference

Room 8 BIS: [Tracks4crafts.eu](#) - Future-oriented heritage approach in Europe

Room 9 BIS: Self-assessment at VET provider and system level; quality assurance tools and methods. INAPP The Italian National Institute for Public Policy Analysis

Room 10 BIS: Artificial Intelligence for education and training

16:45 – 17:00

Comfort break

17:00 – 17.15

Conclusions from Day One

[Julienne Mukabucyana](#), French Board Representative, Skillman.eu

17:15 – 17.30

Information on Day 2

[Valentina De Vico](#), Secretariat’s Member, Skillman.eu

17.30 – 18.30

Welcome message

- **Armands Krauze**, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia

Presentation and degustation of Latvian special food products included in EU food quality schemes

European Protected Special Products of Latvia

Association "Siera klubs" (Cheese Club) together with all producers of the European Protected Latvian special products. Co-financed by the Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia.

18:30. – 19:15

Opening of the Poster Exhibition

Urs Hauenstein, Skillman Board Member in charge of International Partnerships

19:15 – 21:15

Social dinner

Culinary heritage from the Latgale region of Latvia

Riga Tourism and Creative Industries Technical School

Music and cultural event

Ogre Technical school is located in Ogre, Latvia, 40 km from the capital city, Riga. Ogre Technical school offers more than 20 secondary vocational education programs in such areas as forestry, wood technology, electronics, hospitality, mechanical engineering, art (creative industries), computer science, administrative work, catering services. Currently, Ogre Technical school has more than 1200 students (16—20 years old) and there are about 130 teachers and 49 support staff.



Venue - Ogre Technical School

21:15 – 22.00

Returning to Riga

Return to [Radisson Blu Rīdzene Hotel](#) by bus

Wednesday 27 September, 2023

8:00 – 14:30

Parallel on site visits (chosen in the conference platform)

The site visits are based on **particular concepts** – illustrated by a VET or other type of institution

8:00

Departure to sites (pre-booked options) Hotel Radisson Blu Rīdzene - meeting point in front of the hotel at 8.00

Option 1

Bulduri Technical School

1. Digitalisation / smart / E-gardening
2. Knowledge triangle – Education and Training, Research, Business/ Entrepreneurship

Bulduri Technical School is a professional secondary education school in Bulduri, the oldest school in Latvia with a focus on horticulture. Bulduru Technical School is located in the territory of the ancient Bilderliņi crown manor on the banks of Lielupe, near the sea. Since 1910, future specialists in the field of horticulture and horticulture have been educated in this place. Nowadays, this school also prepares young specialists in the tourism, hospitality and catering industries!



Option 2

Latvian University of Life Sciences and Technologies

1. Permeability – VET, HE
2. Young teachers and trainers
3. Green education for sustainability

Latvian University of Life Sciences and Technologies, previously Latvian Agricultural University (LLU), is a university of biosciences and technologies that implements research and study programs in biosciences, engineering sciences and social sciences. Due to the proportionally large number of university students, Jelgava, the city where the university is located, is sometimes called the student capital of Latvia. The university specializes in forestry, agriculture, horticulture and veterinary science.



Option 3**Riga State Technical School (RVT)**

1. Renewable Energies and recycling of materials
2. Rail Baltic project
3. Printing and Media

Professional Education Competence Centre Riga State Technical School (RSTS) is the most versatile vocational education competence centre in Latvia. At the moment 39 accredited vocational education programmes are being implemented in RSTS. In 14 different vocational secondary education programme groups, as well as professional development and further education programmes. There are more than 2000 students in RSTS.



Option 4**Riga Tourism and Creative Industries School (RTRIT)**

1. Culinary heritage and international networking
2. Artificial Intelligence

Riga Tourism and Creative Industries School offers professional secondary and vocational education programs for both primary and secondary school graduates - in the department of food production and catering, in the department of hospitality, tourism and commercial sciences or in the department of fashion, style and design. With approximately 2000 students, currently, this is one of the largest vocational education institutions in Latvia.



Option 5**Riga Media and Art School (RMMT)**

1. Arts and Crafts for sustainable development (including restoration)
2. Digital approaches and Media

Riga Art and Media Technical School is a modern professional education institution. A place where age-old art meets modern technology. School specializes in the art industry, training students in video, photography, animation, web design, wood and metal artistic processing, textile and clothing design and many other areas.



Option 6**Vidzeme Technical School of Technology and Design – Agriculture and Innovation**

Vidzeme Technical School of Technology and Design unites two professional schools - Priekuļi Technical School and Cēsis Technology and Design High School. Vidzeme Technical School of Technology and Design unites two professional schools - Priekuļi Technical School and Cēsis Technology and Design High School. Students are offered at least 20 educational programs in the fields of agriculture, IT, computer systems and telecommunications, construction, wood product manufacturing and design, and road transport and mechanical engineering.



Option 7**Smiltene Technical school****Veterinary medicine in VET**

Smiltene Technical School is the only educational institution in Latvia that offers young people the opportunity to learn veterinary professions after graduating from primary school. At the school, it is also possible to learn horticulture, hospitality and catering, processing of wood materials and other professions in demand on the labour market. The school's students improve their professional knowledge in the school's veterinary training clinic equipped with the latest equipment, hotels, a training restaurant, a simulator classroom and a training ground built by the students themselves.



13:30 – 14:30

Return to Riga

by bus at Hotel Radisson Blu Rīdzene

14:30 – 15:40**Wrapping Up: Skillman 2023 meanings and Riga Declaration**

Santo Darko Grillo, Italian National Coordinator of the European Year of Skills, Director of the National Institute for Public Policy Analysis (INAPP), Italy (online)

Rūta Gintaute-Marihina, Director of VET and Adult Education Department, Latvian Ministry of Education and Science

Filippo Del Ninno, ETF - European Training Foundation

15:40 – 17:00

Informal gathering by the invitation of the Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia – forming the future networks of networks

- **Santa Šmidlere**, State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia
 - **Awarding Ceremony and Conference Closure**
Urs Hauenstein, Skillman Board Member in charge of International Partnerships
Giovanni Crisonà, Skillman President
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20:00 – 22:00**Final Concert****@ ATMODA, Riga**knatmoda.lv

