

Together We Grow

Designing Liveable Cities for Tomorrow

Final Project Conference

12–13 November 2025

Venue: Latvian Railway History Museum
Riga, Uzvaras bulvāris 2A

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1

- 09:00 – 10:00 **Registration and opportunity to visit the railway museum**
- 10:00 – 10:35 **Opening & Engaging Exercise**
- *Māris Sprindžuks, Deputy Chairman of the Riga City Council*
 - *Dirk Scheelje, Managing Director of Heinrich Boell Foundation Schleswig-Holstein*
 - *Marta Kotello, Chairperson of the Riga City Council Traffic & Transport Committee*
- 10:35 – 11:35 **The Long Bloom: Past Lessons and Future Visions for Liveable Cities –**
- A keynote conversation with
- *Tina Saaby, Director of Danish Town Planning Institute & Former City Architect of Copenhagen*
 - *Renāte Lagzdina, Director of the University of Latvia Botanical Garden*
- 11:35 – 11:45 **Engaging exercise**
- 11:45 – 12:30 **Rooted in Values:** Introducing the Liveability Design Approach and the Charter for Designing Liveable Cities
- Intro on the LDA and the charter** (15 min)
- *Insa Olshausen, City of Kiel, Germany*
- Mini panel on working with the charter** (20 min) – Panellists:
- *Anita Amālija Olava, Riga City Council, Latvia*
 - *Beatričė Umbrasaitė and Vilius Klimas, Vilnius City Municipality, Lithuania*
 - *Insa Olshausen, City of Kiel, Germany*
- Engaging exercise**
- 12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Spreading the seeds:** Getting to know the LBY training programme
- Introduction of the Liveability training programme** (15 min)
- *Harri Sippola, City of Pori, Finland*
 - *Jörn Frenzel, Estonian Academy of Arts*
- Mini panel on the training programme** (15 min) – Panellists:
- *Petri Haavisto & Harri Sippola , City of Pori, Finland*
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In the field: Partner and twin cities share their urban practices

Introduction to the practice guide (5 min)

- Lone Gjerulff Bak, Guldborgsund Municipality

Topic A: Neighbourhood Centres and Third Places

Mini panel on the neighbourhood pilots (20 min) – Panellists:

- Magdalena Żółkiewicz, City of Gdynia, Poland
- Michał Żelechowski, Krosno Municipality, Poland
- Insa Olshausen, City of Kiel, Germany
- Camilla Jägerving Isaksson and Anna Sandström Emmelin, Umeå Municipality, SE

Engaging exercise (10 min)

Topic B: Youth involvement

Mini panel on the topic of the twin visits/exchange (25 min) – Panellists:

- Leendert Bjerg, Business Kolding
- Louise Parbring, City of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Elīna Tolamčova, Liepāja Central Administration, Latvia
- Lone Gjerulff Bak, Guldborgsund Municipality, Denmark
- Krystyna Wróblewska, Baltic Sea Cultural Centre

15:30 – 15:50

Coffee break

15:50 – 16:10

Planting ideas, Growing Solutions: Lessons learned from piloting the Liveability Design Approach

- Dorota Kamrowska-Załuska & Magdalena Rembeza, Gdansk University of Technology
- Magdalena Żółkiewicz, City of Gdynia

16:10 – 16:50

Sowing the next season – Sustaining the Community of Future Cities after 2025

- Hauke Siemen, REM Consult

16:50 – 17:00

Closing of day 1, outlook day 2

19.30

Arrival to Dinner at the Railway museum

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DAY 2

09:00 – 12:30 Parallel sessions

For international guests	For local participants
Departing at 9:00 from <u>Railway museum</u>: Urban dives to 2 neighbourhoods and community centres in • Riga Grīziņkalns neighbourhood (<i>Kaspars Kursiņš, Grīziņkalns neighbourhood residents' association</i>) • Sarkandaugava neighbourhood & the first NGO-led community centre (<i>Māris Jansons, Riga neighbourhood alliance</i>) • Coffee break 12:30 return to Railway museum	9:00 Arriving and morning coffee 9:30 Liveability charter workshop (in Latvian)

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch break**

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- 13:30 – 14:50** **An Urban Bouquet: Gathering Stories and Solutions, Part 1**
(Liveability Talks Live Session) – Local talks
- *Signe Pērkone, architect & spatial planner, Riga Local Government City Development Department*
 - *Ieva Lāce-Lukševica, architect and activist, architectural office NRJA*
 - *Linda Zaļā, landscape architect, founder of Zala Landscape Architects*
 - *Ingrīda Strazdiņa, NGO Green Liberty*
- 14:50 – 15:15** Coffee break
- 15:15 – 16:30** **An Urban Bouquet: Gathering Stories and Solutions, Part 2**
(Liveability Talks Live Session) – International talks
- *Nikolaj Sveistrup, Head of Development at Brundtland ThinkTank and Founder of URBAN AGENDA, Denmark*
 - *Young Urban Planners, City of Gothenburg, Sweden*
 - *Caroline Paulick-Thiel & Blasius Walch, Politics For Tomorrow, Germany*
- 16:30 – 17:00** **Closing the Garden Gate:** Summary, wrap-up and farewell
- *Liveability charter workshop results & farewell from Mārtiņš Eņģelis, urban researcher, spatial planner & Riga city councillor*
 - *Farewell words & outlook from Dirk Scheelje, Heinrich Böll Foundation Schleswig-Holstein*
- 20:00** **Dinner** (only for project partners, associated organisations and twins)

14 November 2025

Internal closing meeting of the Liveability Partner Consortium

DAY 2