International Scientific and Educational Conference
Future of Education and Skills
FuturEDU 2023

NOVEMBER 8, 2023, RIGA, LATVIA

VENUE: Room 402 EKA University of Applied Sciences, Str. Pernavas 62, Riga, Latvia
17:00 – 19.00   WELCOME DRINK FOR PRESENTERS AND PANEL DISCUSSION PARTICIPANTS

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AGENDA

9:30 – 10:00   REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE, ROOMS 302-303
10:00 – 10:30   OPENING CEREMONY / PLENARY SESSION, ROOM 303
Welcome speech
- o **Jelena Titko**, Vice-Rector for Science and International Cooperation, EKA University of Applied Sciences
- o **Gianluca Coppola,** President of the European Digital Learning Network (Italy)
- o **Anatolii Kutsevol**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Republic of Latvia
- o **Sharon Rapoport-Palgi**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Israel to the Republic of Latvia

PANEL DISCUSSION

10:30 – 11:00   OPENING OF THE PANEL DISCUSSION, ROOM 303
- o **Edgars Čerkovskis,** Moderator, EKA University of Applied Sciences
- o **Gianluca Coppola,** President of the European Digital Learning Network
  "*Digital Skills and Jobs. A Shared Reflection on the Future of our Workplaces***"**

11:00 – 12:00 PANEL DISCUSSION "Digitalization of Education as a Response to the Needs of Students and Teachers in Europe. Digital skill gaps in the Baltics with a special focus on the needs of the Ukrainian refugees in the Member States" (Moderator: Edgars Čerkovskis)
ROOM 303
    Participants:
- o **Gianluca Coppola**, President of the European Digital Learning Network (Dlearn), (Italy)
- o **Oksana Lentjušenkova,** Rector, EKA University of Applied Sciences (Latvia)
- o **Andrejs Berdņikovs,** Head of the Technology Business Center, Investment and Development Agency (Latvia)
- o **Victoriia Riashchenko**, ISMA University of Applied Sciences, ICU coach, participant of Ukrainians integration programs in Latvia, Society "Shelter" Safe House coordinator (Latvia)
- o **Kateryna Pidkorytova,** Ukrainian community representative, LELB Diakonija facilitator, teacher (Latvia- Ukraine).

12:00 – 13:00   COFFEE BREAK, Room 302

PARALLEL SESSIONS

13.00 – 16:00   DIGITAL SOLUTIONS FOR EDUCATION (Moderator: Edgars Čerkovskis, EKA, ROOM 303)

- **Jevgenija Dehtjare**, EKA Scientific Institution, "21st century skills" project coordinator (Latvia), "Digital Education in the Context of National Digital Strategy"
- **Oksana Lentjušenkova,** rector of EKA University of Applied Sciences, "Using networking intelligence for intellectual capital development" project coordinator (Latvia), "Network IQ index: Tool for Professional Development"
- **Kristīne Užule**, EKA University of Applied Sciences (Latvia) "BENEFIT Project as an Example of the Inclusive Digital Higher Education"
- **Marcis Pinnis**, Tilde LTD, EKA University of Applied Sciences (Latvia), "Virtual Assistants: Capabilities and Risks in Education"
- **Marius Saunoris**, Kaunas University of Technology, Kaunas University of Applied Engineering Sciences, (Lithuania), "Exploring the Use of Elements of Virtual Environments in Teaching the Basics of Electrical Engineering and Electronics "
- **Loreta Saunoriene**, Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania), "Integrating Digital Escape Rooms into the Teaching/Learning process of Mathematics".
- **Stella Kaprāne**, Alberta koledža, Biznesa augstskola Turība; LU (Latvia), "The Use of AI in Education: Legal Issues and the EU legislation".
- **Julija Mironova**, ISMA University of Applied Sciences, LU University, (Latvia) "Generative Tools of AI in Education"
- **Julija Surikova**, DRIVEN LTD, EKA University of Applied Sciences (Latvia), "Social Media and AI: Any Reasons to Study?"
- **Harsh Chauhan,** EKA University of Applied Sciences, LU University (Latvia), **"**Future of Higher Education & Student`s Perspective Towards Digital Transformation"

13:00– 16:00   INCLUSIVENESS AND DIVERSITY OF EDUCATION (Moderator D. Pershtein-Lapkis, NewDoor), PRESENTATIONS AND EXPERT DISCUSSION ROOM 306

- **Nataļja Novikova,** president of Children and Youth Para Sports Association (Latvia), "Integration and Adapted Physical Education".
- **Artur Banaszak**, Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Jozefow (Poland), "Challenges Facing Schools in the Process of Meeting the Educational Needs of Students".
- **Velga Vēvere**, EKA University of Applied Sciences, "CSR and ESG practices for stakeholders' well-being" project coordinator (Latvia), "Are We ready for Diverse Study Environment in EKA University of Applied Sciences?"
- **Oļegs Ņikadimovs**, EKA University of Applied Sciences (Latvia) "University Social Responsibility, Inclusivity, Diversity and Human Skills: Stakeholders' Perceptions"
- **Baiba Blomniece-Jurjāne,** Social entreprise "Barboleta" (Latvia), "Movement and Coordination Integration in Education"
- **Jeļena Budanceva,** EKA University of Applied Sciences (Latvia) "Digital Framework for Students` Psychological Support"
- **Natālija Cudečka-Puriņa,** EKA University of Applied Sciences (Latvia). "Inclusive Digital Education – a Tool to Understand Circular Economy"
  - **Expert discussion**
- **Liesma Ose,** inclusive education expert
- **Natalja Novikova,** president of Children and Youth Para Sports Association
- **Velga Vēvere** EKA University of Applied Sciences, "CSR and ESG practices for stakeholders' well-being" project coordinator
- **Baiba Blomniece-Jurjāne,** Social entreprise "Barboleta"

FuturEDU DINNER

19:00 – 21:00   DINNER FOR PANEL DISCUSSION SPEAKERS, SESSIONS PRESENTERS AND EXPERTS "Locale" restaurant, Grēcinieku str. 8, Old Town

FuturEDU ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Gianluca Coppola, Founder and the president of the European Digital Learning Network (**Italy**)

Gianluca COPPOLA is a founder and president of the "European Digital Learning Network" D*learn* www.dlearn.eu an EU network made of organizations from all over Europe aiming at fostering the opportunities brought by the digital means in the educational paths in 4 sector: Schools, Higher education, Adult education and Vocational training.

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Diana Pershtein-Lapkis, CEO & Co founder at NewDoor (**Latvia**)

Diāna PERSHTEIN-LAPKIS is a co-founder and CEO of NewDoor, an international social innovation and sustainability platform dedicated to driving positive change through innovation. Additionally, she is a member of the Council of the Latvian Space Industries Association (LAIK). Diana represents Top 100 Women in Social Enterprise 2023

Edgars CERKOVSKIS , director of the Master study programme "Circular economy and social entrepreneurship", EKA University of Applied Sciences (**Latvia**)

Edgars CERKOVSKIS (**Mg.sc.soc., PhD. Cand.**) is a Lecturer at the EKA University of applied Sciences (Latvia); a director of the Master study programme "Circular economy and social entrepreneurship". He has created and runs more than 10 innovative study courses in several Latvian universities - digital economy, digital technologies, artificial intelligence, digital tools and their applications and many more. He is the author of several digital tools, such as the Virtual Economy Cabinet and several simulation online games for students. The digital materials, programs and methods developed by Cerkovskis are still used in the largest Latvian learning centers - Riga Distance Learning Secondary School, European Distance Learning Center, Latvian Distance Learning Professional Center and European Distance Learning Secondary School.

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