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**Final seminar of Erasmus + project "Forward Together".**

**Valmiera, Latvia**

**October 21-24, 2024**

**Monday, 21.10, 2024. Entry.**

**Hotel Wolmar and Valmiera library**

**6.30** arrives in Riga Turku, 2 participants (Finland); further by public transport to Valmiera

**16.50** Ikast-Brandt arrives in Riga, 3 participants (Denmark); further by public transport to Valmiera

? enter Hijuma, Estonia, 2-4 participants, with their own car.

*Evening*

**17.00** Meeting with Ukrainians online. MEET. In the Nákotnes reading room, Valmiera library, Cēsu street 4. The meeting is led by **Raija Alalipasti**.

**Dinner** - Wolmar restaurant until 21.00, **everyone pays for themselves**

**Tuesday, 22.10.2024 in the sign of Ukraine**

Departure at **9.30** from **hotel Wolmar**

**10.00 -13.00** Kalači & Skangaļi manor

Theme: "Wellbeing"

- The project "More light!", its integration by the poet Eduards Weidenbaum

in the memorial house-museum "Kalāči" (Cēsu district, Liepa).

**Inga Surgunte**, head of the cultural sector of the Latvian National Commission for UNESCO, plans to introduce the attendees to the experience of working on the "More Light!" project of the Eduard Veidenbaum Museum "Kalāči". This project in the museum vividly shows that, in fact, the young poet Eduards Weidenbaums during his lifetime in the 19th century. 2/2 faced the same feelings and mental health issues that children and youth struggle with today. The importance of being heard and getting the help you need in time.

**Baiba Roze**, Ed. Weidenbaum Memorial Museum "Kalāči", museum pedagogue.

"Well-being and young people's mental health". Getting to know the exposure,

narrative about work with youth groups and implemented projects

In the Skangali manor

**13.00-14.00** Lunch at Skangaļi manor. **Everyone pays for themselves.**

About: Skangaļi manor or Skangale manor house is located in Skangaļi, Liepa parish, Cēsis county, about 110 km from Riga. The buildings of the manor and the land around them today belong to the Salvation Army, which has established a guest house and the Ulof Palme Museum in the renovated house of the manor's lords.

**14.00** We'll drive to Valmiera

Hotel (the bus is waiting and takes you to the library)

**15.00– 17.00** Seminar in Ukrainian sign. Valmiera library, room 217

**15.00-15.10** Start, speeches, Ukraine.

**15.10- 15.40 Oksana Kirilyuk**, executive director of the Association of Small Cities of Ukraine. + Translator. Progress report. Current affairs & figures;

**15.40- 16.10 Svetlana Jodo**, senior librarian, Valmiera library. Presentation "Working with the community";

**16.10- 16.40 Olga Kronberga**, IFLA training specialist, Valmiera library "Measuring, evaluating and demonstrating the impact of library services"

**16.40-17.00** Conclusion of the "Ukraine" session.

**17.00-18.00** Hike - excursion in the city center. Integrating "Krodera Library" into the interior of the theater. A brief overview of the reconstructed theater. Public relations and advertising specialist **Marta Cekule**.

Promenade - by **Richard Eddy Shtibe**, head of VB BAN

**6:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m.)** Dinner at RĀTES VARTI restaurant: **everyone pays for themselves**

<https://www.ratesvarti.lv/lv/edien-karte>

Menu: <https://www.ratesvarti.lv/eng/wine-card>

### **Wednesday, 23.10 Valmiera, Wolmar**

**In the historical mark. Knowledge of history prepares the future**

9.30 AM - at the Wolmar Hotel: Erasmus + project summary. Annely Veevo(?)

10.30-12.00 Latvian history and democracy during the century. Lecturer Dr. history **Gatis Krūmiņš**, Vidzeme University Associate Professor and leading researcher.

12.00-13.00 Lunch (business) Wolmar pays for itself

13.00-14.00 Free time

14.30 Trip around the county: Rūjiena

15.00 Rūjiena library (**Ilze Krastiņa**, library manager )

The program for Rujiena city is made by: **Madara Seile**, head of cultural projects of the Valmiera County Cultural Administration, and **Anna Paula Gruzdiņa**, representative of the community of residents of Rūjiena

On December 6, 2023, an international jury announced the recipients of the title "Cultural Pearl of the Baltic Sea Region 2024" (BSR Cultural Pearls). In 2024, this title will also be carried by Rūjiena in Valmiera county, together with the city of Svendborg in Denmark, Kiel in Germany and Jakobstat in Finland. Title - an opportunity to highlight the uniqueness of Rūjiena, while promoting cooperation and strengthening the community, local residents implementing various activities.

- A brief introduction to the Rūjiena library
- Presentation "Cultural Pearl of the Baltic Sea Region 2024" - in the Culture Center
- Excursion: At the corner of Rīgas and Upes streets, there is a special courtyard, which is included in the old buildings - the buildings were built at the end of the 19th century.

**From 5:30 p.m.** Excursion and dinner at the Ķoņi Mill/ owner **Mirdza Čākure**

The only place in Latvia where grain is ground and wool is spun together in a mill.

**All expenses are covered by the Project**

**Thursday, 24.10, Valmiera**

The Danish team leaves by public transport at 7.45 from Valmiera bus station (plane to Billund at 12.55)

Estonians leave after lunch

Finland at 23.30 (must be at the airport at 21.30) from Riga airport. To Airport by public transport.

**Morning- project conclusion**

We leave the Wolmar hotel at 9.30 to Museum.

10.00-12.00 Conclusion of the seminar in the Valmiera Museum Exhibition Hall.

The exhibition "Ciao, Niklāv Strunke!", celebrating the 130th birthday of the world-renowned artist Niklāv Strunke at the Valmiera Museum. Narration: **Inguna Dukure**, head of the Strencci City Library.

Niklāvs Strunke – painter, graphic artist, book illustrator and scenographer, one of the most outstanding founders of the Latvian style of book graphics how An artist who has convincingly and vividly asserted himself in the circle of the European artistic avant-garde. Eccentric, temperamental - bright both in life and in art. An artist whose name is included in the list of Latvian Cultural Canon.

- The master class – an idea for future-strengthening lesson: let's print "Ciao!" on bags. The master class will be led by **Arta Rozīte**, head of the Exhibitions and Events Department of the Valmiera Museum

The closing words of the Erasmus+ project Forward Together are also in the museum

12.00 business lunch at Wolmar.