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UBC Cultural Cities Commission meeting in Kaunas

Cultural Cities Commission had a fresh start after covid years and the new chair city Espoo (2024-2025) continued the work to rebuild the network together with the vice-chair City Kaunas. Espoo and Kaunas will continue also for 2026-2027 and now it's time to have our commission meeting in Kaunas.

UBC Cultural Cities Commission is a **platform** for all participant cities to work together and share best practices. Commission works to strengthen the joint voice of arts and culture of UBC member cities in Baltic Sea Region and to augment the expertise of culture professionals active in the UBC CCC.

Nordic Days in Kaunas introduction:

Since 2019, each year in the spring, Kaunas has annually organised a city-wide initiative, showcasing how Kaunas cooperates with partners across the Nordic region in business, culture, education, and other fields, highlighting how much of the Nordics is present in our urban life.

In 2026, April 20-26 we will continue this tradition through a weeklong diverse programme featuring concerts and performances by Nordic artists, exhibitions on design, sustainability and innovation, lectures and forums, film screenings, literary events in libraries and bookstores, as well as activities in schools and universities.

Registration: RSVP by 3rd April

Registration link: [Register Here](#)

UBC Cultural Cities Commission meeting timetable & programme:

TUE 21st

12.00-13.00 Lunch at Science Museum café.

- [Science Museum](#). **Kaunas Science Island Museum** (Mokslo sala) is an interactive science centre located in the heart of Kaunas, Lithuania. It offers engaging, hands-on exhibits designed to spark curiosity and inspire learning for visitors of all ages. The museum combines science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) through playful experiments, interactive displays, and creative workshops.
- Karaliaus Mindaugo pr. 50, Kaunas, 44334 Kauno m. sav.

13.30-15.30 Cultural Cities Commission workshop on commission's vision and strategy

Location: Science Museum. Workshop room.

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Since EUSBSR has updated the Policy Area Culture ´s objectives for upcoming years and EU Culture Compass is advancing too, it is time to update the Cultural Cities Commission vision and strategy.

15.30-16:00 Coffee and snacks

16:00-17.00 Guided tour in museum.

18.00 "Bridges to the North" Kaunas State Choir concert at Kaunas State Philharmonic.

- The program will feature works by the most prominent Norwegian and Lithuanian composers - Edvard Grieg and Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis.
- E. Ožeškienės g. 12, Kaunas, 44252 Kauno m. sav.

20.00 Dinner

- Place TBC. Welcome dinner for UBC Cultural Cities Commission meeting together with Nordic Days guests.

WED 22nd

9.00- 10.30 Commission meeting

Recap of the 2025, action plan 2026 and creating together the action plan 2027 regarding the updated vision and strategy.

- Place: [Ažuolynas library](#). **Ažuolynas Library** has recently undergone a major renovation, transforming it into a contemporary cultural and learning space. The building preserves elements of its original Soviet-era modernist architecture, while the interior has been redesigned with a clean, light, Scandinavian-inspired aesthetic.
- Other guests could have an excursion at the same time/ later.

10.30-11.00 Snack at the Library

- Taking public transport to the next venue.

12.00 – 17.00 International education Forum

Development of Social and Pedagogical Innovations in Education. Part of Nordic Days in Kaunas 2026.

- Vytauto pr. 44, Kaunas, 44329 Kauno m. sav.

Find full programme of the educational forum here: <https://www.kaunosic.lt/en/>

19.00 -20.30 Vice mayors' Mantas Jurgutis reception on occasion of Nordic Days in Kaunas and Cultural Cities Commission members

- Standing format semi formal reception.

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WED 23nd

- If someone perhaps decides to stay, we could offer to join our programme organised for other guests: Kaunas Schools site visits and discussions.