

LEARNING CITIES COMMISSION MEETING

Liepāja, 21–22 May 2026

DRAFT PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2026 - ARRIVALS

THURSDAY, 21 MAY – MEETING DAY

Venue (to be confirmed):

Liepāja Concert Hall Great Amber is a multifunctional art center of national and European significance, hosting a broad spectrum of contemporary culture services including art events in various genres representing Latvian and foreign professional arts, music, dance, visual and new media arts. The Concert Hall maintains the availability of professional art in the region, thus promoting intellectual pastime activities and the education of the public.



09:00–12:00 (break at 10:30)

1. Welcome by the City of Liepāja
2. Opening of the meeting & warm up
3. Driving Innovation in Education: The Role of City Policy
4. Practicalities of the Liepāja meeting and study visits
5. LCC activities 2026
6. Ongoing projects and new project initiatives
7. UBC conference – planning and contribution
8. AOB

12:00–13:00 Lunch

13:00– 14.45 Presentation of the Latvian system of education





15:15–17:00 Workshop Session/Presentation




The Motivation Program for 9th-grade students, developed by the Liepāja Education Department, and/or the story of how a school support team can transform the environment and assist students in the learning process.

19:00 Official Dinner

FRIDAY, 22 MAY – STUDY VISIT DAY (09:00–17:00)

Planned by host city

<p>9:00 – 11:00</p>	<p>Liedags Preschool Educational Institution</p>	<p>Visit to modern preschool educational institution (opened at 2023), with a focus on outdoor pedagogy</p>	
<p>11:30 – 13:30</p>	<p>Liepāja Rainis Secondary School and Liepāja West Coast Secondary School</p>	<p>A creative school emphasizing alternative learning approaches and technology, featuring a sports class that is unique in Latvia. The story of Liepāja West Coast Secondary School – how it transformed from a segregated school to a safe, high-quality educational environment. Includes a Montessori class.</p>	  

	<i>Lunch at school</i>		
14:30 – 16:30	Science and Education Innovation Center (https://ziic.liepaja.edu.lv/en/)	A presentation at the Nature House about the science centre and its collaboration with educational institutions and educators, short excursion, an opportunity to explore the floating laboratory <i>AkvaLab Liepāja</i> (in groups of 10 people), and participation in an eco-print workshop.	  

16:30–17:00 Wrap-up and reflections

19:00 Dinner (optional)

SATURDAY, 23 MAY – DEPARTURES