**Template for Transnational Cooperation Activities**

**Type of event:**



**For which sector(s):**

School EducationVocational Education and TrainingHigher EducationAdult EducationYouth

**Key action(s) targeted:**

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**Budgetary year:** 2017

**Hosting country:** LV

**Coordinating National Agency** VALSTS IZGLĪTĪBAS ATTĪSTĪBAS AĢENTŪRA, LV01

**Partner National Agency(s) n/a**

**Title of event: Study visit “Effective school management, e.g. cooperation with local and national authorities, inclusion practices for minorities in SE and VET education”**

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**Starting date of the event:** 09/10/2017

**Ending date of the event:** 13/10/2017

**Event venue (city, country): Riga, Latvia**

**Working language: English**

**Number of places in total: max 20**

**Profile of participants:**

The study visit will be of interest to SE and VET representatives from local and national authorities responsible for education policy, school leaders, policy makers who are interested in the related theme and in sharing their expertise and experience, as well as professional networking that could lead to future cooperation and education development.

**Themes and goals of the event:**

Latvia has continued to implement comprehensive reforms in general and vocational education since regaining of its independence. In general education a new [competence-based education is being gradually introduced](http://izm.gov.lv/lv/aktualitates/2018-sakas-verienigs-projekts-macisanas-pieejas-mainas-atbalstam-skolas). The initiatives are being implemented for the modernization of vocational education and training and facilitation of the 50/50% proportion of upper-secondary students in general education and VET. General schools (at ISCED 1-3 including bilingual and special education institutions) are public (95%) and private (5%). It is also possible to obtain compulsory education in [vocational schools](http://www.izm.gov.lv/en/education/vocational-education), in the schools providing education for children with [special needs](http://www.izm.gov.lv/lv/izglitiba/vispareja-izglitiba/atbalsta-pasakumi-un-programmas), in evening or boarding schools. Basic education programmes for minorities are provided via bilingual education model in the Latvian, Russian, Estonian, Polish, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Hebrew and Byelorussian and it comprises special education programmes as well.

The study visit will focus on concrete examples and initiatives of school management, the scope of school heads autonomy as well as the role of municipalities in the provision of education. The study visit is also aimed at facilitation of discussion about the topic, exchange of experience and networking of participants.

**Expected results:**

The participants will:

* learn about the organisation and governance of the education system in Latvia;
* meet representatives at national, regional and local level;
* visit education institutions that are good practice examples in terms of school management, organisation of bilingual education, etc.
* share experience and participate in discussions.

**Programme of event:**

Monday 9th October 2017

Arrival of participants

From 18:00 Welcoming address, ice-breaking activities

Tuesday 10th October 2017

Introduction to the visits programme; meeting with the representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science

School visit

Wednesday 11th October 2017

School visits, discussions

Thursday 12th October 2017

School visit

Workshops, networking, follow-up

Farewell dinner

Friday 13th October 2017

Departure

**Event’s webpage** (if applicable):

<http://viaa.gov.lv/eng/ec_educational_programs_and_in/erasmus_/erasmus_plus_news/>

**Travel information:** later

**Event fee**: n/a

**Travel costs**: to be covered by the sending NA

**Accommodation and individual support costs:** to be covered by the sending NA

(**N.B.** The hosting NA will finance coffee breaks and farewell dinner on 12.10.2017. Lunches and dinners are to be financed by the participants)

**Number of participants per country: up to 2 per country**

**Deadline to which NAs inform organizer about number of participants, they will send**: 05/07/2017

**Deadline to which organizer confirms number of places reserved:** 31/07/2017

**Deadline for sending details of participants to hosting NA:** 01/09/2017

**Types of participant’s data sending to the organizer:** name, organisation, position, email address

**Registration** (if applicable)**: on-line registration form will be sent to the selected participants via e-mail**

**Is National Agencies staff welcome?** yes

**If yes, what is role and rules of participation of NA staff in event:** facilitation of discussion on the topic.

**Additional information** (if applicable)**:** Further information will be sent to the participating NAs via e-mail. On-line evaluation will be carried out after the study visit.