

Practical Information

EURIG seminar and Members` Meeting; Riga-athon

From 23/05/2015 to 25/05/2015

in Riga, National Library of Latvia

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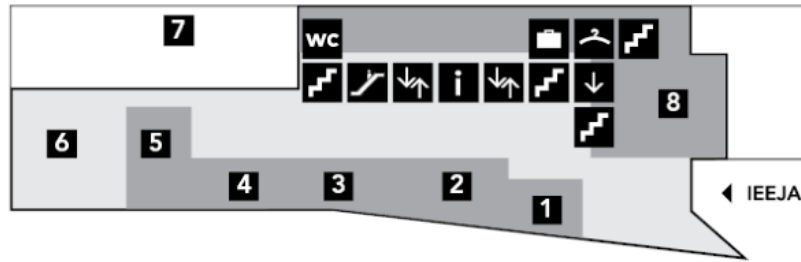
Date and venue

EURIG seminar and Members` Meeting will be held at the Public Area (Conference Centre on the Floor -1) of the National Library of Latvia in Riga, also called the Castle of Light (*Gaismas pils* in Latvian). EURIG delegates will use Main Entrance from the Uzvaras bulvāris (Uzvaras Boulevard) side. **Address of the Library:** Mukusalas iela 3, Riga, LV-1423, Latvia.



FLOOR -1 (1 – Conference Center)

In the end of the Day 1 (~ 17.00) there will be free Library Tour in English. Meeting point – Library Registration Desk on the Ground Floor. Duration of the tour 60 – 75 min (dependent on the interest rate). Please note that prior to the Library Tour all bags (also small bags) must be left at the lockers at the cloakroom! All valuable items could be transferred to the special transparent bags. Safety deposit for the key – 1 *euro* coin (notes could be changed in the special box on the wall). Coin will be returned when the key is placed back to the locker.



FLOOR 1 (i – Library Registration Desk, 1 – EURIG Registration Desk)

Riga-athon (by invitation) will be held at the Library Area on the Mezzanine floor (room # M9). Please note that prior to the visiting Library Area all bags (also small bags) must be left at the lockers at the cloakroom!

Registration

EURIG members and seminar participants will be able to collect their identification badges from the EURIG Registration Desk at the venue on 23 May 2015 starting from 8.30.

Related matters

All coffee breaks will be served next to the conference centre on the Floor -1 and lunches 24-25 May at *Klīversala* restaurant <http://www.kliversala.lv/eng/>. Seminar participants 23 May will have lunch at *Klīversala* canteen (own expense).

23 May – Library Tour – 17.00

23 May – Dinner (own expense) – 19.00 (walking across the stone Bridge ~ 10 min or taxi)

Dinner venue café ‘Labais Krasts’

Address: Anglikanu iela 5, Rīga <http://labais-krasts-kafejnica-277987.uz-kartes.zl.lv/>

The best and the only terrace between two churches in Riga Old Town with a magnificent view on the Daugava River. Tasty meals and appropriate drinks for the friendly price (fully reserved for the EURIG dinner).



24 May – Free Walking City Tour – 17.00-19.00. Meeting point – at the square outside the Main Entrance. After the greeting it is planned to walk across the Stone Bridge (10 min walking). Those who wish to go one stop by public transport, tickets could be purchased in the kiosk opposite to the Library (price – 1 *euro* 15 *cents*).

25 May – Museum Tour – Latvian National Museum of Art – 17.00-19.00. Entrance fee – 4 *euro* 80 *cents* if we will be group >10 people or 6 *euro* for the group < 10 people. Meeting point – at the square outside the Main Entrance. Library will try to ensure free transportation to the museum by minibus and car.

Travel and getting around

By air

Riga International Airport (RIX) is located just 10 km from the city centre and is easily accessible by public transport or taxi. It offers routes to 83 destinations, including most European capitals and transfer hubs.

Riga International Airport

RIGA Airport 10/1

Mārupes novads

Riga, LV-1053, Latvia

www.riga-airport.com/en

Airport inquiries service: +371 29311817

From the airport to the city

Getting to the city centre from the airport takes ~25-30 minutes by public transport or taxi.

Taxi services are available at Riga airport 24 hours a day and are located outside the arrivals area. The average fare from the airport to the city centre (Old Town) is € 15-20. The fare depends on both distance and time. Green *AirBaltic* and red *Riga Cab* taxi services are available and recommended.

Airport Express hotel shuttle operated by *AirBaltic* (green minibuses). This runs every 30 minutes and picks up passengers near the exit of the Schengen arrivals hall (Arrival E). It costs € 5 (cash only) for a one-way journey and takes passengers to the following hotel/s: *Islande Hotel, Maritim Park Hotel, Opera Hotel, Tallink Hotel, Radisson Blu Latvija, Albert Hotel, Monika Centrum Hotel*.

Public transport bus No 22 connects the airport with the city centre. The bus stop is located behind car park P1 opposite Arrival E. The service operates up to every 15 minutes from Mondays to Fridays and up to every 20 minutes on Saturdays and Sundays. It can take up to 30 minutes to reach the centre. For fares, see the *Transportation around Riga* section.

More information and the schedule for bus No 22 can be found here:

<http://saraksti.rigassatiksmeliv/index.html#bus/22/b-a/en>



Bus and taxi stops at the airport

Transportation around Riga

Riga has a frequent and extensive public transport network of buses, trams and trolleybuses which run around the Old Town and across the bridge, with a stop close to the conference venue.

Single journey tickets can be bought from the driver and cost € 2.00 (cash only).

It is also possible to buy a transport card (*e-talons*) for one or more journeys, with each journey costing € 1.15, or a ticket for 24 hours (€ 5), 3 days (€ 10) and 5 days (€ 15). You have to validate the ticket each time you board a vehicle. The tickets can be bought at *Narvesen* kiosks (mini-shops) or from vending machines at a number of public transport stops, including at the airport.

For more information about public transport in Riga, please visit:

www.rigassatiksme.lv/en/

The meeting venue is easily accessible from the centre by public transport, by taxi or on foot. Trams (e.g. No 5 and No 4) and buses (e.g. No 22 and No 3) run close to all the hotels, cross the bridge and stop near the conference venue at the *Nacionālā bibliotēka* stop.

Services and support

Wireless internet access (WiFi) is available throughout the conference venue. Staff at the venue will be available to provide technical and IT support.

Medical care

In cases of emergency, call 112 or 113.

About Latvia

Weather: Latvia's geographical location makes it possible to enjoy the differences of four pronounced seasons. The presence of the Baltic Sea means that the climate is

temperate and humid. Winter lasts from mid-December until mid-March, with an average temperature of around -6°C . January and February are usually the coldest months of the year when the temperature may drop to -25°C for days. Spring, with average temperatures of above 0°C , comes at the end of March. For the latest forecast, please visit: www.meteo.lv/en/laiks/

Language: Latvian is the official language of Latvia. English is widely spoken.

Local time: Latvia Time is GMT+2 (from late March until late October Latvia participates in the Western European summer time scheme: GMT+3)

Currency: Latvia's currency is the euro (€). Other currencies can be exchanged for euros at most banks and exchange offices located in the city centre and at the airport.

ATMs and credit cards: there are many automatic teller machines (ATMs) in the city and all major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

Useful numbers

Dial code for Latvia: +371

- Emergency: call 112, the EU-wide emergency number for the police, fire and ambulance services

Alternatively, call:

- Police: 110 or 112
- Medical service: 113
- Fire service: 112

Useful information about Latvia can be found on www.tava.gov.lv/en and www.latvia.eu.

Use an application to learn more about Latvia while using your phone: the *Latvia.Travel*. Application is available on Google Play Store and iTunes.