

## International workshop on doctoral education development in Latvia

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024, 09:45am -12:45pm**

“Sapere aude” hall, the Doctoral School of the University of Latvia (former Innovation center LUMIC), Kalpaka bulvāris 4, 2nd floor, Rīga and online ([click here to register](#))

### About this event

This workshop is organised by the OECD Higher Education Policy Team, in collaboration with the European Commission and the Latvian Ministry of Science and Education. Together, we will discuss the reforms to doctoral education in Latvia and exchange views with international experts on the challenges facing doctoral education in Latvia and across European and OECD countries.

The workshop is organised in the context of the OECD's ongoing support for institutionalising academic career reforms in Latvia, which is funded by the European Commission under the Technical Support Instrument (TSI). For more information on this project (in Latvian) please visit the Ministry of Education and Science website: <https://www.izm.gov.lv/lv/atbalsts-jauna-akademiskas-karjeras-ietvara-ieviesanai>.

The workshop will primarily be held in English. However, feel free to share your comments and questions in your preferred language (Latvian or English).

### Draft programme

#### *Welcome with coffee*

09.45 – 10:00 **Opening remarks and expert introductions**

**Welcome by Dr. Guntars Kitenbergs**, Vice-Rector for Science at the University of Latvia

- **Ms Ágota Kovács**, Policy Officer, European Commission's Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support.
- **Mr Jānis Paiders**, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Science and Education of Latvia
- **Dr Gillian Golden**, Project Lead, Higher Education Policy, OECD Directorate for Education and Skills
- **Dr Claudia Sarrico**, Project Lead, Research and Innovation Careers Observatory (ReICO), OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation
- **Dr Alexander Hasgall**, former head of the European University Association Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE)

#### *Main session: Transforming doctoral education - insights from Latvia and emerging international practices*

10:00 – 10:30 **Expert keynote: Current trends and future directions for doctoral education in Europe**

- **Dr Alexander Hasgall**

*Discussion, audience Q&A*

Moderation: Dr Gillian Golden

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10:30 – 11:00 **Expert keynote: *What does the future hold for doctoral graduates in Europe and beyond?***

- **Dr Claudia Sarrico**

*Discussion, audience Q&A*

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11:00 – 11:20 ***Are doctoral candidates and academic staff in Latvia ready for reform?***

Presentation of readiness survey results by the OECD Higher Education Policy Team

- **Dr Gillian Golden**
- **Ms Kristiana Egle**, Analyst (OECD)

*Discussion, audience Q&A*

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***Short comfort break (11.20-11.30)***

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11:30 – 12:30 **Emerging practices in doctoral education across Europe**

- **Within-country collaboration on doctoral programmes – the case of the Estonian Doctoral School**

Ms. Monika Tasa, development adviser, Office of Academic Affairs, University of Tartu; general coordinator of the Estonian Doctoral School

- **Cross-country cooperation on doctoral education – experience of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) with *cotutelle* supervision**

Ms. Gro Lurås, Senior Adviser in the Research, Innovation and External Relations Division, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).

- **Innovating practices in doctoral programmes – pilots at Aalto University in Finland**

Dr Minna Soderqvist, head of doctoral education services, Aalto University

Dr Katri Eeva, planning officer, Aalto University

**Moderation:** Ms Elina Petrovska, Latvian national expert (OECD)

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12:30 *Closing remarks and light lunch*

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