



3rd Teachers' Forum of the European Schools

"FROM WELLBEING TO HIGH-QUALITY LEARNING"

Growing Together in Education!

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**13-14 APRIL
2026**

House of Nature,
University of Latvia
Jelgavas str. 1, Riga, Latvia

MONDAY, 13 APRIL

8:45 – 9:30

Registration and Coffee/Tea

Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:30 – 10:00

Gundars Bērziņš, Rector of the University of Latvia
Dace Melbārde, Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia
Andreas Beckmann, Secretary-General of the European Schools

Plenary Session I

"Teachers' and Pupils' Wellbeing for Building Quality Education"

10:00 – 10:20

"A Whole-School Approach to Promoting Wellbeing for Success"
Baiba Martinsone, Professor at the University of Latvia

10:20 – 10:35

"Building a Positive and Inclusive School Community"
Kamila Malik, Director of European School Brussels II

10:35 – 10:50

"Personal Growth – Collective Success: A Whole-School Approach to Wellbeing"
Linda Blomdahl, Inspector for the Nursery and Primary Cycle of the European Schools, Coach & Author, Sweden

10:50 – 11:00

Family Photo

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

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Workshop Session I

“Teachers' and Pupils' Wellbeing for Building Quality Education”

11:30 – 12:45	1. Leading from Within: How "Leader in Me" Supports Teacher Wellbeing and School Culture Alla Žurko, Rasma Viherte, Mārupe State Gymnasium
	2. Trust Networks and Student Wellbeing Fabiana Lubelli, Scuola europea di Brindisi, Accredited European School, Brindisi
	3. A hybrid Support model for Enhancing Autistic Pupil Wellbeing through Traditional Methods and AI Innovation Florence Delenclos, Liesbet Booghmans, European School, Luxembourg I
	4. An Empathetic School and Empathetic Pupils with the "Jeu des 3 Figures" Yannick Muller, Valérie Kretchkoff, Melissa Cakici, Ecole europeenne de Strasbourg, Accredited European School, Strasbourg
	5. Emerging Talents: A School-Embedded Gifted Programme Cathlene Taal, Europese School Den Haag Rijnlands Lyceum, Accredited European School, The Hague

12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch

Plenary Session II

“Data in Education: Between Theory, Policy, and Classroom Practice”

Keynote speech

13:45 – 14:00	Using Education Data to Improve Teaching and Learning Rouchen Li , OECD Directorate for Education and Skills, Senior Project Manager
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Panel Discussion

14:00 – 14:40	Measuring Wellbeing through Education Data – From Policy to Practice Focus
	Panelists: • Ian Karell, Director of the Tallinn Accredited European School • Rouchen Li, Senior Project Manager, OECD Directorate for Education and Skills • Linda Mihno, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Education, Psychology and Art, University of Latvia • Dana Narvaiša, Director of Department of Professional Support of Teachers, State Education Development Agency • Ernests Jenavs, Edurio Moderator: Anabela Gracio , Central Coordinator for Educational Support and Inclusive Education in the European Schools

Workshop Session II

15:20 – 16:35

1. Designing Learning Assistants with Generative AI

Elīna Juska-Mirbaha, University of Latvia

2. Differentiated Learning at Scale

Martel Guillaume, European School, Mol

3. From Ink to Insight

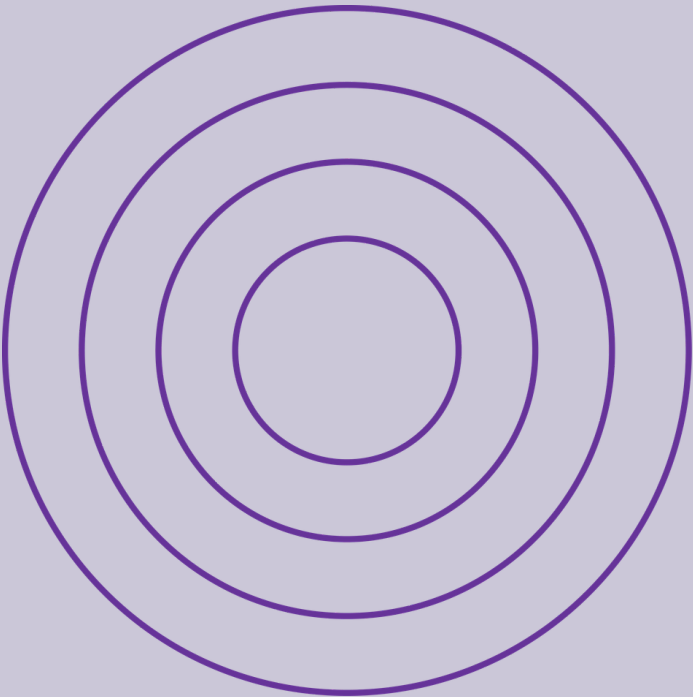
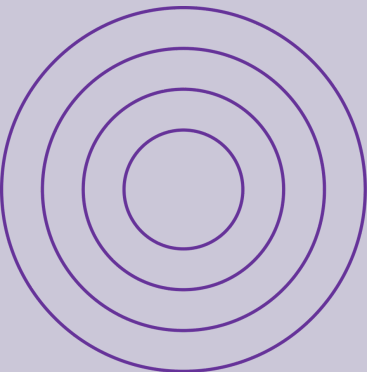
Tapani Saarinen, European School, Brussels II

4. The Agile Educator

Christina Michailidou, Dimitris Karaoglanidis, Aino Pesonen, European School, Luxembourg I

5. Two Disciplines, One Purpose

Michael Purcell, Simen Heum Listerud, Marc Popenco, European School, Alicante





Plenary Session III

“European Values in School Culture: from Belonging and Inclusion to Community Engagement”

Keynote speech

9:00 – 9:15

“European Values in School Culture: How Belonging and Engagement Shapes Wellbeing and Resilience”

Inese Vaivare, Director of Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS)

Panel Discussion

“Building Inclusive and Engaged School Communities”

9:15 – 10:00

Panelists:

• Marja Korpimäki, Teacher of the European School of Helsinki

• Ulrike Storost, Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Education and Culture, European Commission

• Laura Joma, Senior Expert of Department of Professional Support of Teachers, State Education Development Agency

• Caitríona Ní Bhriain, Inspector for the Nursery and Primary Cycle of the European Schools, Ireland

Moderator: Manuel Bordoy, Deputy Secretary-General of the European Schools

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee break

Workshop Session III

10:30 – 11:45

1. When School Values Need to Change: Aligning Education with European Values,

Anna Zaula, Riga Jaunciems Primary School

2. From Principles to Competences

Uta Schaerf, European School, Mol

3. From Children’s Rights to Classroom Practice

Magdalena Rodzinka, Kestutis Kriaucionis, Sebastian Orlowski, European School, Luxembourg I

4. European Values in School Culture

Anabela Ramos, Anabela Herculano, Dimitra Papagianni European School, Luxembourg I

5. EUphoria

Diana Larsson, European School, Bergen N.H.



Guided Tour		
11:45– 12:45	House of Nature of the University of Latvia	House of Science of the University of Latvia

Poster Exhibition “Shared Joy of Success”		
12:00 – 12:45	1. Physical Education as a supportive space for student wellbeing, emotional regulation, resilience and learning readiness	Darina Ivanova, European School, Frankfurt
	2. The Mindful Start: Cultivating Wisdom through Stillness	Maria Victoria de Nova Rodriguez, European School, Karlsruhe
	3. Teaching Together for Well-Being: A Collaborative European Early Education Team	Marta Garcia-Marin, Caroline Maryssael, European School, Brussels III
	4. Wellbeing in Action: Building Soft Skills for Teachers and Students	Stella Theologou, Bessi Spyridoula, European School, Brussels I
	5. „Class+”– Because Students’ Well-Being Comes First	Lynn Verdier, Tessy Gollère, Lënster Lycée International School, Accredited European School, Junglinster
	6. Pupil Survey – How the student voice at the European School Rhein Main develops our school	Helena Riffer, Marcus Adams, Europaeische Schule Rhein Main, Accredited European School, Bad Vilbel
	7. Timeline – United in Diversity	Eva Onn, Maria Gloria Gross Díaz European School, Frankfurt
	8. Yoga for focus, concentration and mindfulness in primary school using the example of a P1/2 project class	Jana Kukwa, Felix Mause, European School, Frankfurt
	9. Calm By Design – Creating Calm Learning Environments Through Intentional Visual Simplicity	Irene Koch, European School, Alicante
	10. How creative communication builds wellbeing in our school	Vanessa Weißbecher-Van Aelst, Eoin Smithers, European School, Karlsruhe
	11. Stories Without Borders: A Multilingual European Book Club	Belén Álvarez García, Elise Chapoy, European School, Munich
	12. Secondary: The Class Teacher Reimagined	Alexandra Bebb, Dagmar Rodriguez, Europaeische Schule Rhein Main, Accredited European School, Bad Vilbel

12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
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World Café Sessions “United in Diversity”

13:45 – 15:15	1. Beyond the Paper Trail Martel Guillaume, European School, Mol
	2. Talk For Write Natasha Mackenzie Ford, Marcus Adams, Europaeische Schule Rhein Main, Accredited European School, Bad Vilbel
	3. Including and promoting the well-being of dependent pupils and their care-takers Marjolaine Fuminier , Maxime Jonckheere , European School, Brussels IV
	4. Feel, Think, Learn Rocío Lendínez Pegalajar, Sara García, Martínez Noemí Álvarez Villar, European School, Alicante
	5. A Whole-School Wellbeing Ecosystem Luís Silva, Sónia Raposo, European School, Luxembourg I
	6. A Mug of Mindfulness Catharina Wilke, European School, Brussels II
	7. Building Belonging Through Action Cihad Mola, Cécilia Laebens, European School, Brussels II
	8. From Transition to Wellbeing Patricia McAteer, Europese School Den Haag Rijnlands Lyceum, Accredited European School, The Hague
	9. Fit Teachers – Fit Kids – Fit Community Jana Hesse, Isabelle Sievers, European School, Munich
	10. Inclusive Preschool in Action Zsuzsanna Timár, Gábor Szabó, Júlia Farkas, European School, Brussels I

15:15 – 15:45 | Coffee Break

Closing Session

15:45 – 16:30	Highlights from the Forum Participant Reflections
	Closing Remarks: • Linda Daniela, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Psychology and Art, University of Latvia • Andreas Beckmann, Secretary-General of the European Schools • Laura Treimane, Chair of the Board of Governors of the European Schools, Latvian Presidency • Rūta Stanaitienė, Head of the Lithuanian Delegation of the European Schools

17:00 – 19:00 | Musical Performance and Reception