

# OECD PIAAC Thematic Report Launch Event

## *Navigating Life with Low Literacy and Numeracy: New Results from the 2023 Survey of Adult Skills*

Live streaming - OECD Zoom Webinar and the Facebook page of Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia  
(Izglītības un zinātnes ministrija)

In person venue - "Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel" 11. novembra krastmala 33, Rīga

CEST

**01.07.2026**

10.00 - 10.05

### **Opening remarks**

**Ilze Indriksone**

Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia

10.05 - 10.20

### **OECD presentation "Low skills, high stakes: New insights from the 2023 Survey of Adult Skills"**

**Andreas Schleicher**

Director for Education and Skills, OECD

10.20 - 11.00

### **High-level panel discussion**

**Ilze Indriksone**

Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia

**Andreas Schleicher**

Director for Education and Skills, OECD

**Alex Stevenson**

Deputy Director at Learning and Work Institute and Member of  
the Executive Committee of the European Basic Skills Network

**Jurgis Skilters**

Head of the Perception and Cognitive Systems Laboratory,  
University of Latvia

11.00 - 11.30

### **Break**

11.30 - 11.45

### **OECD presentation "Understanding Adults with Low Foundational Skills in Latvia: Profile and Potential"**

**Anja Meierkord**

PIAAC Analyst, OECD

11.45 - 12.55

### **High-level panel discussion "Low-Skills Trap in Latvia: Causes, Consequences and Solutions"**

**Arnis Kaktins**

Sociologist, Director of SKDS Market and Public Opinion Research Centre

**Olegs Krasnopjorovs**

Chief Economist of the Monetary Policy Department at the Bank of Latvia,  
Associate Professor at the University of Latvia

**Guntis Gutmanis**

Chair of the Council for Cooperation of Agricultural Organizations

**Evita Simsons**

Director of the State Employment Agency of the Republic of Latvia

**Rolands Ozols**

Deputy State Secretary for Education Policy of the Ministry of Education and  
Science of the Republic of Latvia

**Inara Ostrovskā**

Board member of the Association of Vocational Education Institutions,  
Principal of the Latgale Industrial Technical School

12.55 - 13.00

### **Closing of the event**

