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3<sup>rd</sup> Teachers' Forum of the European Schools

**13-14 APRIL  
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# "FROM WELLBEING TO HIGH-QUALITY LEARNING"

Growing Together in Education!

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

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## 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. To be announced soon [Latvia]

**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

#### 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

14:50 – 15:20

Coffee Break

## Workshop Session II

15:20 – 16:35

**1. Designing Learning Assistants with Generative AI,**

Eļīna 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**

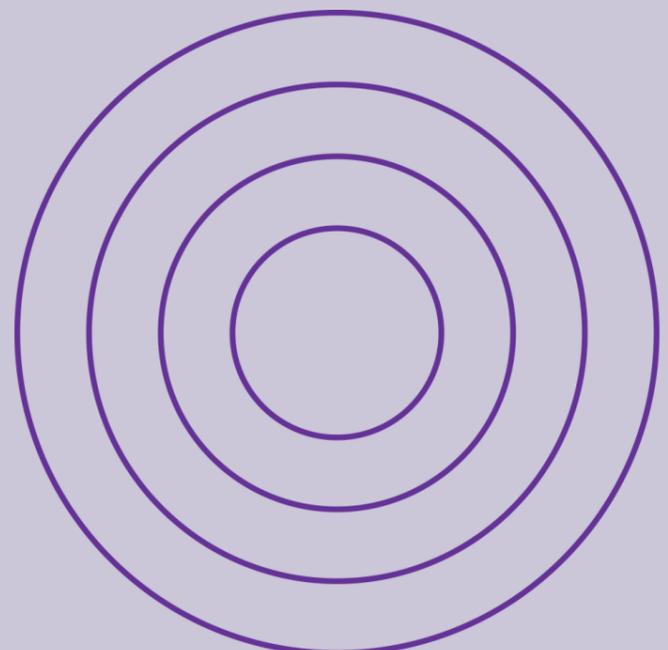
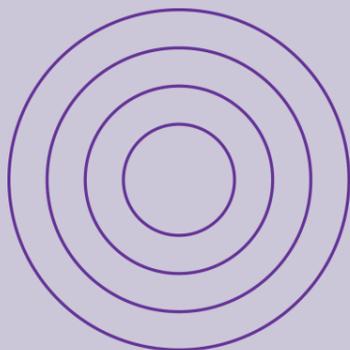
Christina Michailidou, Dimitris Karaoglanidis, Aino Pesonen, European School, Luxembourg I

**5. Two Disciplines, One Purpose**

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

17:30 – 18:30

Guided City Tour





## 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 Orłowski, 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.



11:45– 12:45

## Guided Tour

**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**

## 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