

3rd Teachers' Forum of the European Schools

**13-14 APRIL
2026**

"FROM WELLBEING TO HIGH-QUALITY LEARNING"

Growing Together in Education!

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

MONDAY, 13 APRIL

8:45 – 9:30

Registration and Coffee

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”

Participants are kindly requested to bring their laptops

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

Ruochen Li, OECD Directorate for Education and Skills, Senior Project Manager

Panel Discussion

“Measuring Wellbeing through Education Data – From Policy to Practice Focus”

14:00 – 14:50

Panelists:

- **Ian Karell**, Director of the Tallinn Accredited European School
- **Ruochen Li**, Senior Project Manager, OECD Directorate for Education and Skills
- **Linda Mihno**, Vice Dean of a Faculty of Education Sciences and Psychology
- **Dana Narvaiša**, Director of Department of Professional Support of Teachers, State Education Development Agency
- **Ernests Jenavs**, CEO, 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

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

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15:20 – 16:35

1. Designing Learning Assistants with Generative AI,

Eļina Juska-Mirbaha, University of Latvia

2. Differentiated Learning at Scale

Guillaume Martel, European School, Mol

3. From Ink to Insight

Tapani Saarinen, European School, Brussels II

4. The Agile Educator

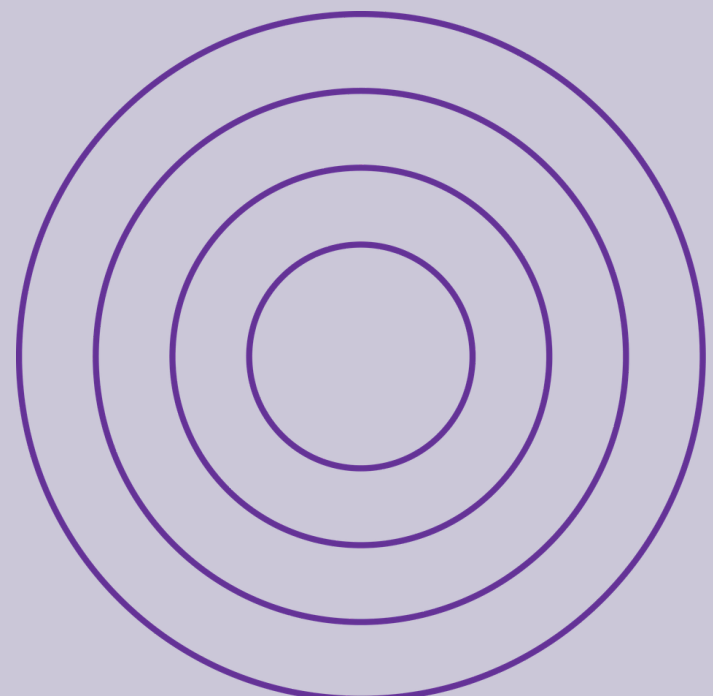
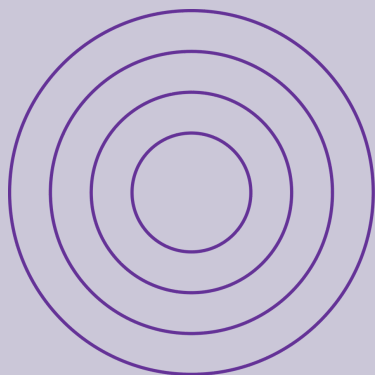
Christina Michailidou, Dimitris Karaoglanidis, Aino Pesonen, European School, Luxembourg I

5. Two Disciplines, One Purpose

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

17:30 – 18:30

Guided City Tour



TUESDAY, 14 APRIL



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

Participants are kindly requested to bring their laptops

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 Raposo, 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

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 Meniere, European School, Munich

12. Secondary: The Class Teacher Reimagined

Alexandra Bebb, Dagmar Rodriguez Messmer, 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

Guillaume Martel, 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 Wellbeing 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 Pinho da 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, 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, Nadine 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 Sciences and Psychology, 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