

Nordic Newsletter

Nordic events and activities in Latvia

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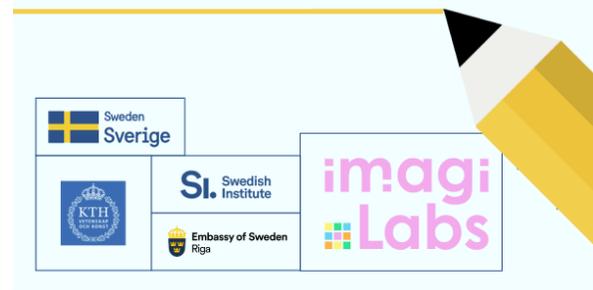
Recent events

Riga TechGirls

On May **7, 14, 21** Riga TechGirls and the Embassy of Sweden are organising free virtual programming workshops for girls

This workshop cycle is organized in collaboration with the Swedish start-up ImagiLabs founders and representatives and is the second part of the collaboration program “TEKLA workshop and dialogue 2021”, that is organised by Riga TechGirls, Embassy of Sweden in Riga, Swedish Institute and the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm.

In this workshop series provided free of charge in Riga TechGirls Facebook [account](#), girls will use their creativity to customize design and animation and gain coding superpowers. Using the visual app girls will be able to continue learning to create, get inspired and collaborate. No previous coding experience needed! imagiCharm uses one of the most popular coding languages, Python, that can later be used in numerous other platforms and applications.



Future creative Cities

On May 11 a webinar “Methods of urban planning: towards a smarter and more sustainable society”. We often discuss, what is needed for the future of cities and experts know a broad range of what to do, but often the question of how to develop this city is not dealt with. The presentation “Agenda 2030 – Action now with United Future Lab Norway” will be given by Marielle Furnes Mannseth, CEO of United Future Lab Norway and Anne Lise Sagen Major, a strategic futurist at Ålesund municipality and a member of the team at the United Future Lab Norway. The webinar was organized by the Goethe Institute in Latvia in cooperation with NCM LV. The webinar series are organized by MEP Dace Melbārde in partnership with NGO "Art Cēsis" and NGO "Culturelab" and EUNIC-cultural Institutes in Latvia.

Norway's National Day!

On the 17 May, Norway is celebrated its National Day – the Constitution Day. On this occasion, the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce in Latvia, in cooperation with the Norwegian Embassy, organised an online 17 May celebration with an interactive Norwegian language workshop.



Coming events

Riga TechChill, Climate change sustainability

On May 20, two norwegian speakers - Konrad Konieczny from Innovation Norway and Birgit Liodden from The Ocean Opportunity Lab - will participate in Riga TechChill roundtables discussing sustainability actions towards climate change and the evolution and trends of Greentech and Cleantech. The Norwegian Embassy supports Riga TechChill 2021.

In Between Event

On May 20 the " **In Between Event**", a digital space for 15 European designers will be held. They work on making some prototypes at a high pace, and then a space is created for them where they can have a conversation with each other about challenges, tensions and inspirations - called In Between. It will take place as a two-part event: for the first hour, the designers and anyone interested, will be able to participate in a city walk, where VeFresh will present designed solutions. In the second half, the designers spar directly with each other, and this part is private. The In Between event is a warm-up to the Sustainable Design Lab event which Riga will be hosting in June.

Climate Neutrality

On May 26 a virtual session of two Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects: Discovering good practice examples of industrial symbiosis and bio-based business models, with a broad representation of Nordic and Baltic speakers. Striving to become the first climate-neutral continent, the EU adopted the European Green Deal, a new growth strategy that aims to transform Europe into a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy, where there are no net emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050, economic growth is decoupled from resource use, and no person and no place is left behind. NCM Baltic offices are engaged in attracting relevant target audience.

Pippi Longstocking

The exhibition “Celebrate Pippi!” going on at the Latgales central Library in Daugavpils.

Pippi Longstocking has encouraged countless girls to believe in themselves and has become something of a role model in gender equality. Pippi is confident and does not conform to what society expects from girls. She is strong, dares to speak her opinion in front of adults, and delivers her ideas to other children.



Norwegian Art

As soon as museums in Latvia can resume their work, the Liepaja Museum will host art exhibition “Listen to Silence” by Norwegian artist Beate Gjersvold from Trondheim.

Norwegian artist Anja Carr will participate in the Riga Photography Biennial – NEXT 2021 with solo exhibition “Feedings” at “Riga Art Space”.

Update on our Daugavpils Office

Nordic Council of Ministers' Office in Latvia, on behalf of the Nordic embassies in Riga, is managing a new project that aims at strengthening the Nordic presence in Latgale region and promoting Nordic contacts with the region. This supports the goals of the Nordic Vision 2030 to make the Nordic region the most sustainable and integrated region in the world, by making it green, competitive and socially sustainable. Within the framework of the project, from May 1, 2021, the Nordic Council of Ministers' Office in Latvia has a Nordic pop-up office in Daugavpils, at Saules iela 15, in the premises of the “Latgale Region Development Agency” where Nordic interests will be represented by the project officer Vadims Murasovs. He can be contacted at vadims@norden.lv or called to +371 26 078 107.



Nordic Council of Ministers' Office Annual Report

“Nordic-Latvian Cooperation 2020”, has been published on the [NCM LV website](#), listing the most important milestones of the Office’s activities in 2020.





Enjoy our video about the Nordics during the Hockey season. Thank you to the Nordic Embassies!

[Here you can find the link](#)

