



Draft PROGRAMME

**Integrated Sustainable Urban Development
in the Baltic States**

Liepāja/Latvia

28-29 June 2018

Moderated by Eddy Adams, expert on social inclusion and human capital in cities across Europe

28 June 2018	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 – 9:45	Opening by Uldis SESKS, Mayor of Liepāja Opening by representatives of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania Opening by a representative of Directorate-General for Regional and Urban policy (DG REGIO)
9:45 – 10:15	Presentation on 'European urban initiatives and tools' Wallis GOELEN VANDEBROCK, Head of Unit 'Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development' in DG REGIO
10:15 – 10:45	Presentation on 'The role of the cities and citizens in regional development-advantages of participative approach' Sally KNEESHAW and Eddy ADAMS, experts on innovation, inclusion and sustainability in urban development

10:45-11:15	Coffee break
11:15– 12:00	<p>Presentation on 'The common challenges of the major cities in the Baltic States with respect to integrated sustainable urban development'</p> <p>Martijn DE BRUIJN, expert on the urban and territorial approaches in digital transition, social inclusion and environmental policies</p> <p>Main messages by representatives of Tartu, Liepāja and Kaunas with respect to the common challenges of the major cities in the Baltic States</p>
12:00 – 12:15	Questions and Answers
12:15 – 14:00	Networking lunch
14:00 – 17:30	<p>Exchange on the three common challenges with respect to integrated sustainable urban development identified via an EU Survey in the 19 major cities of the Baltic States and an in-depth analysis of the selected cities (Tartu, Liepāja and Kaunas) as well as a view of three cities outside the Baltics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thematic session on 'tbd' moderated by Eddy ADAMS 2. Thematic session on 'tbd' moderated by Sally KNEESHAW 3. Thematic session on 'tbd' moderated by Martijn DE BRUIJN <p>Coffee and tea available</p>
18:30 – 20:00	Visit to projects co-financed by the ESI Funds organised by the municipality of Liepāja (The Great Amber concert hall; Liepāja tram line construction; the Museum of Liepāja; Urban design elements; Liepāja State Gymnasium; Holy Trinity Cathedral)
20:00 – 23.00	Dinner

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09:00 – 09:30	Welcome coffee
09:30 – 10:15	<p>Presentation on 'Urban Innovative Actions'</p> <p>Representatives of the Unit 'Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development' in DG REGIO</p>
10:15 – 11:50	<p>Presentation on 'Common approaches to tackle challenges of the cities in the Baltic States with respect to integrated sustainable urban development' based on the outcomes of the thematic sessions</p> <p>Panel discussion with the participation of the urban experts, representatives of Tartu, Liepāja and Kaunas, representatives of cities outside the Baltic States</p> <p>Q&A session</p>
11:50 – 12:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Representative of the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban policy (DG REGIO)</p>
12:00 – ...	One to one discussion on the cities' project proposals with experts from the secretariat for Urban Innovative Actions