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## WECOOP study tour “Sustainable business practices: the Latvian experience”

25 September – 1 October 2022  
Riga, Latvia

### PROGRAMME

Time	Location	Description	Website / other additional information
<b>Day 0 – 25 September 2022, Sunday</b>			
From 12:55	Riga	<i>Arrival to the Riga Airport, pick up and transfers to the hotel.</i>	
From 14:00	Riga	<i>Accommodation at “Monika Centrum Hotel”.</i>	<a href="https://monika.centrumhotels.com">https://monika.centrumhotels.com</a>  Elizabetes iela 21, Rīga
<b>Day 1 – 26 September 2022, Monday</b>			
9.25-9.30	Riga	<i>Walk to the ELLE office accompanied by Karina</i>	
09.30-10.30	Riga	<b>SIA Estonian, Latvian &amp; Lithuanian Environment (ELLE)</b>  Introduction to the study tour program and Riga City.	<a href="https://environment.lv/en/">https://environment.lv/en/</a>  Vīlandes iela 3-6, Rīga
10.30-12:00	Riga	<b>Walk/Drive to the Riga Technical University (RTU) + Short tour through the Riga Center</b>	
12:00-13.30	Riga	<i>Lunch at the RTU cafeteria</i>	Āzenes iela 12 K-1, Rīga
13.30-15.30	Riga	<b>RTU Science and innovation centre and Design Factory</b>  Competencies of the team of highly qualified experts of the Science and Innovation Centre meet an excellent technical support – the best-equipped prototyping workshop in the Baltic States and supercomputing resources. The Centre develops student innovation and entrepreneurial capacity, promotes knowledge transfer processes, offers services to entrepreneurs and scientific institutions, and actively involves in local and international innovation ecosystems.  To develop innovative thinking of students, creative and entrepreneurial skills, the Design Factory – part of the Design Factory Global Network has been operating at RTU since 2016.  The meeting will be held with the team of the Innovation Ecosystem Development Unit implements local and international education, business support, research and networking programmes, including activities of the Knowledge and Innovation Communities of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology.	<a href="https://www.rtu.lv/en/research/science-and-innovation-centre">https://www.rtu.lv/en/research/science-and-innovation-centre</a>  6A Kipsalas Street Riga LV-1048 Latvia
16.00-17.00	Riga	<i>Collecting per diems by the participants</i>	Western Union office
17.00-		<i>Free time</i>	

<b>Day 2 – 27 September 2022, Tuesday</b>			
10.30-11.00	Rīga / Kekava	<i>Travel to the Kekava grill-park by bus</i>	Departure from the hotel
11.00-11.30	Kekava	<b>Kekava grill-park</b>  Kekava municipality together with the company “Putnu fabrika Ķekava” – the oldest fabrics in Latvia, which is processing birds meat and producing poultry products, has renovated an abandoned territory of this city by developing a park, where people can rest in different ways, incl. grilling the meat (the basic equipment is provided for free). As Kekava has serious challenges related to the mobility, special stands for bicycles are located in this park to promote an active lifestyle and, so called, green mobility or travelling in a nature-friendly way.	Kekava city center, along the river Ķekaviņa
11.30-12.00	Kekava / Iecava	<i>Travel to Iecava</i>	
12.00-14.15	Iecava	<b>“Balticovo”</b>  “Balticovo” has been operating since 1972 and is currently the largest producer of eggs and egg products in Northern Europe. In recent years the company has been investing in development and circular solutions – the potential waste is turned into a resource, e.g. manure has been processed into a biogas, from which electricity is produced. From cracked or non-standard size eggs, Balticovo produces pancake dough, scrambled egg mix, dry egg products, ready-to-eat boiled eggs. Eggs unfit for human consumption are used to produce animal feed. “Balticovo” has its own accredited laboratory that controls raw materials and products.	<a href="https://balticovo.lv/en/ilgtspeia">https://balticovo.lv/en/ilgtspeia</a>  Administrative building, Iecava parish, Bauska District
14.15-14.30	Iecava	Drive to the restaurant “Upene”	
14.30-16.00	Iecava	<i>Lunch at the restaurant “Upene” provided by “Balticovo”</i>	Upes iela 9, Iecava
16.00-17.00	Iecava	<i>Travel back to Rīga</i>	
17.00-	Rīga	<i>Free time</i>	
<b>Day 3 – 28 September 2022, Wednesday</b>			
8.35-9.00	Rīga	<i>Walk to the Rīga Central Buss Station accompanied by ELLE representative Meridita</i>	
09.00-11.00	Rīga / Cēsis	<i>Travel to Cēsis (departure time – 9.00)</i>	Departure from the Rīga Central Buss Station – Prāgas iela 1, Rīga  Arrival at the Cēsis Central Buss Station – Stacijas laukums 5, Cēsis
11.00-11.30	Cēsis	<i>Walk to the Cēsis Municipality + sightseeing</i>	
11.30-13.00	Cēsis	<b>Cēsis Municipality</b>  Environmental sustainability is very important for Cēsis because it is located in the center of the Gauja National Park. Cēsis was the first city in Latvia, which, in cooperation with the association “Green Freedom”, started to implement the waste-free city initiative “Clean. Good.” Cooperation projects are organized with the aim of introducing innovative	<a href="https://www.cesis.lv/lv/">https://www.cesis.lv/lv/</a>  Raunas iela 4, Cēsis

		environmentally friendly technologies in nature and the urban environment. A Climate Hackathon has also taken place in Cēsis, where several feasible solutions have been developed.	
13.00-13.15	Cēsis	<i>Walk to the restaurant "Jāņoga"</i>	
13.15-14.30	Cēsis	<i>Lunch at the restaurant "Jāņoga"</i>	<a href="http://www.janoga.lv/">http://www.janoga.lv/</a> Valmieras iela 21a, Cēsis
15.00-16.00	Cēsis	<b>Cēsis city tour</b> led by the representative of Cēsis Municipality	
16.00-18.00	Cēsis / Rīga	<i>Travel back to Rīga by train (departure time – 16.12)</i>	Departure from the Cēsis Train Station – Stacijas laukums 1, Cēsis  Arrival at the Rīga Central Train Station – Stacijas laukums 2, Rīga
18.00-	Rīga	<i>Free time</i>	
<b>Day 4 – 29 September 2022, Thursday</b>			
9.20-10.00	Rīga / Salaspils	<i>Travel to Salaspils by bus</i>	Departure from the hotel
10.00-11.30	Salaspils	<b>Salaspils Siltums</b>  Ten years ago, municipal heating company Salaspils Siltums providing the district heating in Salaspils and Saulkalne set the goal of giving up fossil fuels. Since then, the company has been purposefully moving towards the set goal. In 2017 Salaspils Siltums implemented its first solar panel project - 86 solar panels with a total capacity of 25 kW were installed on the roof of the company's building to produce green electricity. In 2019, the company implemented a large-scale project, installing a solar field with 1,720 solar collectors, an accumulation tank and a 3MW wood chip boiler house. At the end of 2021, another project was completed within the framework of which 270 solar panels with a total capacity of 100 kW were installed on the ground, which will annually produce almost 95,000 kWh of green electricity.	<a href="https://salaspilssiltums.lv/en/">https://salaspilssiltums.lv/en/</a>  Miera iela 31a, Salaspils
11.30-12.00	Salaspils / Rumbula	<i>Travel to the Getliņi EKO by bus</i>	
12.00-13.30	Rumbula	<b>Getliņi EKO</b>  SIA Getliņi EKO is a company jointly established by the Rīga and Stopiņi Municipalities, which manages Getliņi, the largest municipal solid waste landfill in the Baltic States. The landfill is one of the most modern landfills in Europe; at the moment, it is created and developed as a modern and safe waste recycling centre. Biodegradable waste has been used for production of biogas, meanwhile materials and metal products useful for processing have been delivered to companies engaged in the recovery and recycling of these materials. Unrecyclable waste is stored in secure, environmentally sealed biodegradation cells protected from exposure to air or rainwater. The landfill gas produced in the cells is transferred to the Getliņi power	<a href="https://www.getlini.lv/en">https://www.getlini.lv/en</a>  Kaudzīšu iela 57, Rumbula, Stopiņu pagasts

		<p>unit, then burned in six internal combustion engines and converted into energy – electricity and heat. The heat is used in SIA Getliņi EKO greenhouses, where Getliņi tomatoes, cucumbers and hanging flowers are grown.</p> <p>The landfill tour will include visiting the sorting plant and well-equipped modern greenhouses, finding out the principles of creation and operation of energy cells, infiltrate collection and gas production at the landfill, as well as the sustainable development policy of Getliņi EKO.</p>	
13.30-14.05	Rumbula / Turkalne	<i>Travel to the Turkalne Manor</i>	<a href="https://www.turkalnesmuiža.lv/">https://www.turkalnesmuiža.lv/</a>  Turkalnes muiža, Turkalne, Tīnūžu, nov,
14.05-15.30	Turkalne	<i>Lunch at the Turkalne Manor + sightseeing</i>	
15.30-15.40	Turkalne / Ogre	<i>Travel to the Ogre city</i>	
15.40-17.00	Ogre	<b>Ogre city tour</b>	
17.00-17.45	Ogre / Riga	<i>Travel back to Riga</i>	Arrival at the hotel
17.45-	Riga	<i>Free time</i>	
<b>Day 5 – 30 September 2022, Friday</b>			
9.30-10.30	Riga	<i>Travel to the “Vefresh” by public transport</i>	
10.30-12.00	Riga	<p><b>“Vefresh”</b></p> <p>Innovation movement VEFRESH was established once the district’s technology leaders joined forces with real estate developers and Riga municipality owned culture venue VEF Kulturas pils. The new movement aims to redevelop VEF district as an innovation sandbox where corporations, start-ups and public sector can prototype and test their latest solutions in public space. VEFRESH has also set out to transform this location as a dynamic environment with a lively culture, innovation and education event programme.</p> <p>VEFRESH works in close cooperation with City of Riga and Ministry of Economics of Latvia to meet these goals and in 2019 the parties signed a cooperation memorandum agreeing to jointly develop VEF district as Latvia’s first smart city innovation district.</p>	<a href="https://www.vefresh.com">https://www.vefresh.com</a>  Gustava Zemgala gatve 74, Rīga (2nd floor)
12.00-	Riga	<i>Free time</i>	
<b>Day 6 – 1 October 2022, Saturday</b>			
From 05:00		<i>Transfer from hotel to the Airport</i>	
From 07:50		<i>Departures</i>	