

FULL AGENDA

DATE: 30.05.

MEETING POINT:

Kalnciema Quarter, Kalnciema street 35

09:00 ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION



Kalnciema Quarter** is a bright and lively spot in Riga - the cluster of renovated wooden buildings. It regularly hosts events for families and children, art exhibitions, plays, open-air concerts, and educational events. **Kalnciema Quarter is particularly famous for its Saturdays food and crafts market – ever since 2008.

*The buildings of **Kalnciema Quarter**, located at the crossing of Kalnciema and Melnsila Streets are a part of Riga's wooden architecture heritage dating back to the 19th century and representing the epoch of the late Classicism in Europe. **Kalnciema Quarter** has expanded the concept and prospects of the wooden architecture heritage by infusing the buildings with contemporaneity and making them publicly accessible. **Kalnciema Street is a part of the Latvian Cultural Canon listing the treasures from various branches of Latvian culture.***

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09:30 The collaborative history of Baltic Studies Centre and Kalnciema Quarter
(Tālis Tisenkopfs, Baltic Studies Centre)

09:45 IN-HABIT in Riga: main directions of work
(Una Meiberger, Darja Trizna, Kalnciema Quarter)

10:00 The Bridge for Billions incubator in Riga
(Anete Grosberga, The Bridge for Billions incubator)

10:15 Guided tour of Kalnciema Quarter
(Una Meiberger, Darja Trizna, Kalnciema Quarter)

11:00 WALK TO ĀGENSKALNA MARKET



11:30 Guided tour of Āgenskalna Market
(Una Meiberga, Darja Trizna, Kalnciema Quarter)



*Open since 1898, **Āgenskalna Market is the largest and oldest market in the neighborhood** and has the status of a national cultural monument. From 2018 to 2022 the historical pavilion of the market had a renovation and it **reopened in May 2022.***

***Āgenskalna Market is an inclusive, versatile and environmentally friendly public space** where cultural, educational and various other events take place in collaboration with neighborhood citizens and organizations. Educational events about healthy lifestyle and environmental awareness, art festivals, concerts and theatrical performances are held there.*

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12:30 **LUNCH IN COMMUNITY KITCHEN & FREE TIME AT THE MARKET**

14:00 **WALK TO ACADEMIC CENTRE OF UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA**

15:00 Tour and story of the Academic centre of the University of Latvia
(**Jānis Ploks, Līva Rutkovska, Academic centre of University of Latvia**)



***The Academic Centre** is a road to future that is being developed by the university. That already is and will be an environment for growth of talent, enterprise and collaboration.*

***The University of Latvia continues active work on the creation of the Academic Centre.** The House of Nature opened its doors in 2015, the House of Science in 2019, while the construction of the House of Letters is currently underway. Preparations are currently underway for the next stage of development - the House of Sports is planned to open in 2026, the House of Health and House of Students and Guests in 2027, and the House of Technologies in 2029.*

17:00 **END OF FIRST DAY**

19:00 **SOCIAL DINNER AT KALNCIEMA QUARTER**



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DATE: 31.05.

MEETING POINT:

Riga Central Railway Station (outside main entrance)

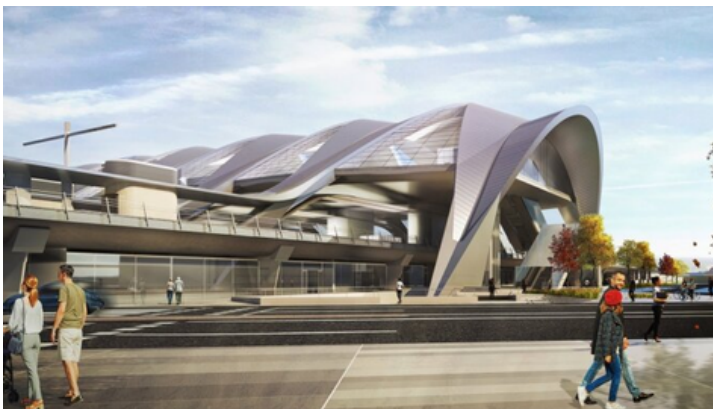
09:00 MEETING OF PARTICIPANTS AND WALK TO RAIL BALTICA OFFICE



Riga Central Station is the main railway station in Riga, Latvia. It is known as the main point of Riga due to its central location, and most forms of public transport stop in this area. Part of the building is a shopping centre.

*The Central Station will get a new look and become larger during the **Rail Baltica**, however, several historic features of the existing building will be preserved, including the letters spelling out the word Riga, several wooden doors, as well as marble stairs in the waiting room and marble gallery on the second floor.*

09:30 Rail Baltica project: mobility and inclusion ("Rail Baltica" and "Eiropas Dzelzceļa līnijas")



*Rail Baltica is a greenfield rail transport infrastructure project with a goal to integrate the Baltic States in the European rail network. The project **includes five European Union countries – Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and indirectly also Finland**. It will connect Helsinki, Tallinn, Pärnu, Riga, Panevežys, Kaunas, Vilnius, Warsaw. The Baltic part of the Rail Baltica project is referred to as the Rail Baltica Global Project.*



11:00

Guided tour of Riga Central Market
(Mārtiņš Eņģelis - Urban and tourism researcher)

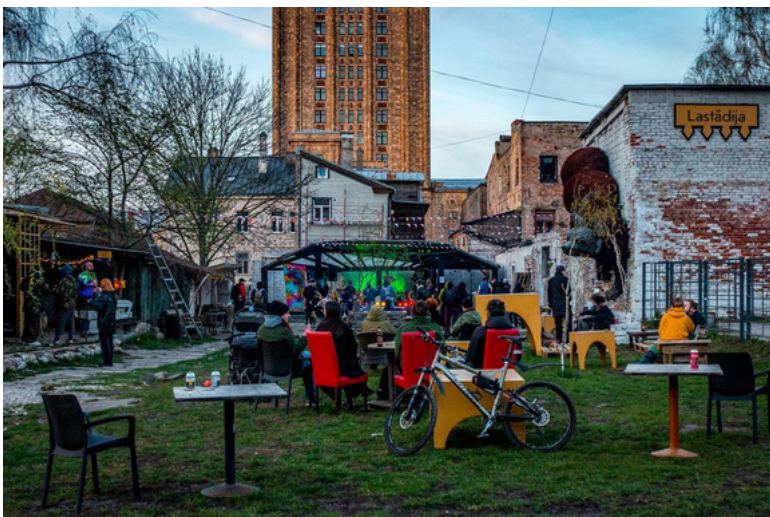


Today, the buildings serve as market pavilions and have become an integral feature of Riga. They were initially built in Kurzeme, Vainode, as a hangar for German army aircraft - zeppelins. **When the Riga Central Market was opened in 1930, it was recognized as the largest, best, and most modern in Europe.** At different times throughout different periods of history, it was invariably in the heart of Riga, often called the belly of the city.

The Central Market has a kind of charm - a peculiar mix of modernity and Soviet heritage, it is also the social portrait of Riga. In any case, **here you can find the most expansive and freshest selection of fish in Riga, and a variety of other foods and goods.**

12:00

Lastādija: social use of vacant property
(Community "Free Riga")



The cultural quarter of **Lastādija** has existed since **2015**. It is a platform for people with public and creative urban cultural initiatives, where it is possible to get premises for their activities, resources, volunteers and cooperation for the successful growth of initiatives. Guests and members of Lastadia together create an environment for self-realization for themselves and others.

13:00

LUNCH

14:00

WALK TO RIGA CITY HALL





RIGA CITY VISIT

30.05. - 31.05.

14:30

URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN RIGA **(Ilze Mileiko, Baltic Studies Centre)**

Alija Turlaja, Deputee of Riga City Council, Member of IN-HABIT User Advisory Board, Neighbourhood activist;

Guntars Ruskuls, Riga City Council Development Department, Head of Strategic Management Board;

Madara Gibze, Architect with a knowledge in the Northern Europe architecture & planning industry, Member of IN-HABIT User Advisory Board.

PANEL DISCUSSION with Riga INHABIT team representatives

Una Meiberga, Kalnciema Quarter

Tālis Tisenkopfs, Baltic Studies Centre

Rūdolfs Cimdiņš, Riga Planning region

16:00

FINAL REMARKS & CLOSE OF MEETING



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