



make cities and communities inclusive,  
safe, resilient and sustainable



**Seminar “Sustainable municipalities – inclusive, safe, resilient”  
25 September 2019**

**Venue**  
**Jaunā Teika, room Minox (14<sup>th</sup> floor), house TEODORS  
Gustava Zemgala gatve 74, Riga**

**Working languages: English and Latvian**

Seminar is moderated by Mrs Gunta Lukstiņa, Adviser on Development and Planning, LALRG

**Agenda**

9:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:05 Opening remarks

**Mr Gints Kaminskis**, *Chairman, the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments*

10:05-10:25 [“The Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities”](#): helping municipalities to develop local integrated strategies and localise SDGs.

**Mr Pedro Bizarro**, *Urban Planner, Project Officer – Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities, Council of European Municipalities and Regions*

10:25 – 10:45 The role of cities and territorial communities in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals

**Mr Andis Kublačovs**, *Chairman of the Board of the Latvian Association of Spatial Planners*

10:45 – 11:05 Riga City experience in sustainable development planning - implementation of the neighbourhood platform

**Mr Guntars Ruskuls**, *Development department, Strategic Management Department, Riga city council*

11:05 – 11:25 Integrated solutions for sustainable development in Jelgava City environment

**Mr Gints Reinsons**, *Head of the Municipal Operational Information Centre, Jelgava City Council*

11:25 – 11:45 Sustainable municipalities: the activities in Flemish municipalities on the sustainable future and localisation of SDGs

**Mrs Karlien Gorissen**, *Representative of the Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities, Belgium*

11:45 – 12:05 Break

12:05 – 12:25 Enhancing inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management

**Mr Tomas Martinaitis**, *Vice Mayor of Akmene municipality, Lithuania*

- 12:25 – 12:45 Jurmala City experience - inclusive and active urban environment for people with disabilities, families with children  
**Ms Laima Grobiņa**, the Head of the Welfare Department, Jūrmala City Council
- 12:45 – 13:05 Towards circular economy: challenges and opportunities for sustainable development in municipalities  
**Ms Rudīte Vesere**, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia
- 13:05 – 13:25 Activities of local communities – VEFRESH, innovation block, movement  
**Mr Viesturs Celmiņš**, Anthropologist, Association “VEFRESH”
- 13:25 – 14:10 Lunch (restaurant Mākonis, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, house AUSMA)
- 14:15 – 15:00 Study visit. Solutions of smart city and human city environment. The examples of Jaunā Teika block and VEFRESH neighbourhood  
**Mr Viesturs Celmiņš**, Anthropologist, Association “VEFRESH”
- Jaunā Teika: a new district in Riga including multi-apartment buildings, office buildings. During the construction process special attention is paid to modern technologies and the use of engineering solutions to maintain an economic use of energy resources.
- VEFRESH: an open innovation movement launched in 2019, when VEF district technology companies joined forces with real estate developers and Riga municipality owned culture venue “VEF Kultūras pils”. The movement aims to redevelop VEF district as a pilot territory for smart city solutions, where corporations, start-ups and public sector create prototypes and test their latest solutions in public space.

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