

## Urban (late) Summer Days, Riga

Saturday and Sunday, October 15./16. 2012

46 participants from various countries are attending this years "Urban Summer Days" in Riga

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### General information - Public Transport and Accommodation

Public Transport:

<http://rigassatiksme.lv>

Accommodation:

Dodo Hotel

Jersikas iela 1, LV-1003 Riga, Latvia

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<http://dodohotel.com/en/location.html>

For those who are arriving earlier on Saturday: Please take care that you're checking in the hotel as soon as you arrive in Riga; we've arranged an early 'check in' for 11.00.

For those who are directly coming to the meeting venue - after our sessions at the Goethe-Institute have been finished, you've two hours time to arrange your accommodation and come back to the city.

For those of you, who are coming an evening earlier or staying a day longer - please arrange your further payments according to our prior arrangements.

### Program and Locations

#### Saturday brunch and afternoon, 12.00 - 18.00

Due to some surprise evening action, we kindly ask you to choose warm, rain-protecting clothes and comfortable shoes!

On Saturday we're meeting at the Goethe-Institute in Riga. Our first session starts at 12.00 and is not public. We're preparing to join around a later brunch table with all of us. A first informal 'get to know' each other before we're starting at 15.00 our second and more public session. Until 18.00 we'll listen to our 3 minutes short, intense, urbanic presentations and will discuss the issues at place. The session is meant to be finalized at around 17.45. After finishing our two sessions at the Goethe-Institute we'll take some two hours free, before we're meeting for our Urbanic Party at 20.00. Please have in mind to choose warm, rain-protecting clothes and comfortable shoes!

Venue:

Goethe-Institute Riga

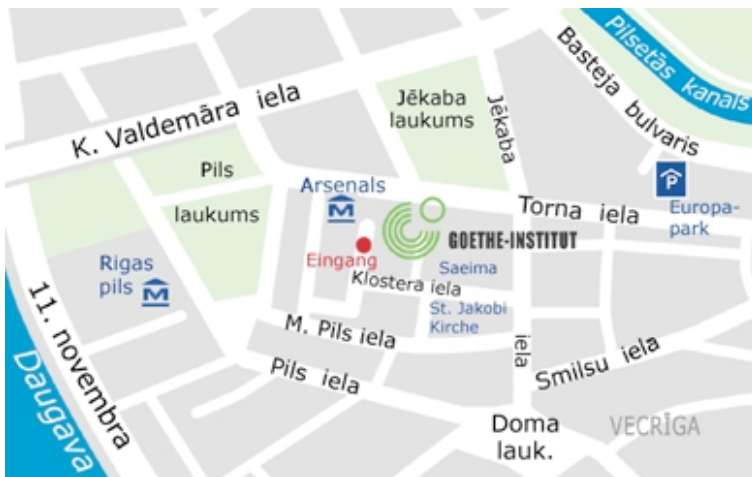
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[www.goethe.de/riga](http://www.goethe.de/riga)

How to get there (Tram/Bus):

The Goethe-Institute is situated right in the Center of the Old Town of Riga, directly behind the Latvian Parliament, the "Saeima" on Jekaba iela, approx. three minutes by feet from "Doma laukums" (Dome Square) and approx. 15 minutes walking distance from the Central Coach Station ("Autoosta"). Many local busses and trams are directly running nearby. For those accommodated in the Hotel "Dodo", please take the tram No. 7, straight from the hostel to the city and step out at the National Theatre, North of the Goethe-Institute (see description below).



On the map you'll find a red dot and written next to it "Eingang" - "ENTRANCE". Follow the direction from the Latvian Parliament; its a tiny small (and dead-end) way to the right. The entrance is located in an old tower; please go to the second floor and you'll find us...

Below you'll find an option with the public transport on Saturday morning (the tram runs quite frequently) from the Hotels nearest stop "Daugavpils iela", directly around the corner on "Mas-kavas iela": step out at the National Theatre and turn south. The Goethe-Institute is within a walking distance of three minutes.

Tram 7, direction "Tirdzniecības centrs "Dole"" - "Ausekļa iela", step in at "Daugavpils iela" within a 15 minutes ride you'll be at the "National Theatre". Another map: <http://goo.gl/maps/eeQzf> marks the National Theatre with "A" and the "Saeima" violet; you'll find your way from there.

With the car:

In the map shown you'll find a parking lot called "Euro-Park" - thats an option, but a very, very expensive one! We suggest to stay out of the City Centre or at least to park the car as far away as possible ;)

## The program for Saturday en detail:

*Starting* with **11.00** early 'check in' at the hotel.

*Starting* with **12.00** arriving of participants at the venue at the Goethe-Institute Riga. Brunch, get to know each other, informal talks...

From **15.00-18.00** our public event at the Goethe-Institute Riga:

### **One year Urban Institute - "one year after Kabli"**

Welcome words by the Urban Institute, Riga & Linnalabor, Estonian Urban Lab.

Introduction and technical remarks.

### **3 minutes presentations:**

Already more than 20 persons have signed in for a presentation; however - if you still wish to present your topic, please announce it at the registration desk on our Saturdays brunch.

- ★ Jonas Büchel - one year of urbanic action
- ★ Kristaps Kaugurs - Urban Summer Days
- ★ Margarita Miklasha - The Urban Shift
- ★ Helena Gutmane & Marc Geldof - Parallel Workshops
- ★ Peteris Skinkis - Urbanity goes Rural
- ★ Gunta Lukstina - Urban Studies
- ★ Alija Turlaja & Ilze Ruksane - Consequences of long term coincidences, the Sarkandau-gava case
- ★ Linnalabor - Achievements of Linnalabor since 2006
- ★ Linnalabor - Social innovations, urban policies and participatory planning - new strategic goals for Linnalabor
- ★ Teele Pehk - The "Post-socialist-city" - Tallinn Architecture Biennale 2013
- ★ Vaiva Deveikiene, V. Msiius, Jonas Jakaitis & Gintaras Stauskis, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University
- ★ Jekaterina Lavrinec - Street Komoda: Lost, found and shared items
- ★ Anna Sausverde - Towards an integrated, coordinated and participative development of urban space
- ★ Vytautas Buinevicius - Discovering Urban Activism
- ★ Ieva Niedre - Public games in urban space
- ★ Egons Berzins - "Waterborn communities...", 3 minutes video, 5 slides and 15 words
- ★ Toms Kokins: Summer School Cesis 2012
- ★ Indra Kempe & Nora Saulespurena - Children's choice
- ★ Laura Cimza - OMA + Bike
- ★ Yuri Kondratenko
- ★ Gunita Kulikovsky

**18.00 Free time till 20.00**

At **20.00** we'll start our Urbanic Party and Dinner at the Totaldobže Art center, Unijas street 8 k2, Riga, LV-1084

*The urbanic party offers us food, talks, dancing (?) and certainly also some extras'*

How to get there:

You can come with taxi (from city center it will be around 4 lats), tell the driver exact address: Unijas street 8 k2 or with tram No 6 (it goes each 5 min until midnight, don't forget to buy a ticket inside the tram – 0.70 lats or in kiosk Narvesen – 0.50 lats) get out from tram at stop "Fabrika VEF" (the first stop after the bridge) and follow the printed [map of territory](#) (see link below) or go back from tram stop until you reach the first street after the bridge, turn left and then turn left again on the next street, go straight and you will see a sign TOTALDOBZE!

There is also a night bus No 1 (it goes once in an hour by Brivibas street) you need Jugla direction (opposite from center) get out from tram at stop "Fabrika VEF" (the first stop after the bridge) and follow the printed [map of territory](#) (see link below) or go back from tram stop until you reach the first street after the bridge, turn left and then turn left again on the next street, go straight and you will see a sign TOTALDOBZE!

location: <http://www.totaldobze.com/ArtCenter/location>

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### **Sunday morning and brunch, 10.00 - 15.00**

We're meeting at the University of Latvia, Faculty of Earth Sciences and Geography, within the City Centre, located in one of the famous Art Nouveau streets in Riga.

In our two Sunday sessions we'll like to evaluate the past 12 months and our work since the last Urban Summer Day meeting in Kabli, Estonia and hope to elaborate the future of the Baltic Urbanists Network. Are there common challenges and interests among the Baltic states, cities and communities? How could we possibly design and implement trans-border projects and are there needs and options for mutual support?

We'll start with a breakfast **10.00** and continue with our first evaluation workshop at **11.00**, room 401, 4th floor; after a short break we'll continue with a workshop targeting the future of our collaboration and a possible Baltic Urbanists Network. We aim to finish the Sunday sessions latest at **15.00** and will finish the Urban Summer Days 2012 with a '**farewell soup**'.

Venue:

University of Latvia, Geography

Alberta iela 10, Riga, LV-1010

Room 401, 4th floor

How to get there:

From the hotel, please choose the same connection with Tram No. 7 and from the National Theatre turn to the Northeast and walk through the park, its within 10 minutes walking distance.

Here a map: <http://goo.gl/maps/MCZPp>

### **Further information**

For further info or any other case please feel free to mail or call us

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