

## Latgalian Congress Timetable

April 27<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Rezekne, Latvia

Date / Time	Latgalian Congress “Code of the Latgalian Identity in Europe: From Language to Economy”	Place
<b>April 27</b>		
<b>12.00–14.00</b>	<b>Catholic Mass</b>	Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Latgales iela 88
<b>14.00–15.30</b>	<b>Congress Procession and Memorial moment</b>	From Cathedral to the Latgale Congress monument, Atbrivosanas aleja 61
<b>15.30–16.00</b>	<b>Laying of flowers</b>	Monuments: F.Trasuns, N.Rancāns, F.Kemps, poet O.Kūkojs, publisher V.Locis, “Vienoti Latvijai”, M. Bukšs, F. Kemps, V. Seile
<b>16.00–18.00</b>	<b>Registration of Congress delegates, participants and guests</b>	The Embassy of Latgale GORS, Pils iela 4, Lobby
<b>17.00–17.30</b>	<b>The opening of an exhibition “Lobs ar lobu sasatyka” (Latgalian Ethnographic Embassy)</b>	GORS, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
<b>18.00–19.30</b>	<b>The opening of the Congress. Moderator: Viesturs Kairišs, Ilga Šuplinska</b>	GORS, Large Hall; Re:TV
<b>19.30–20.45</b>	<b>Buffet “Taste of Latgale”</b>	GORS, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
<b>21.00–22.30</b>	<b>Concert</b>	GORS, Large Hall; Re:TV
<b>April 28*</b>	<b>Discussions*: latgalistics: education, language, regional politics and municipalities, entrepreneurship, law and security</b>	Rezekne Academy of Technologies, Atbrīvošanas aleja 115; online RTA YouTube, LSM.lv
09.00–10.00	Discussions*	
10.00–11.00		
11.00–11.30	Coffee	
11.30–12.30	Discussions*	
12.30–13.30		
13.30–14.30	Lunch	
14.30–15.30	Discussions*	
<b>15.30–17.30</b>	<b>Networking // Presentations*</b>	

<b>17.30–18.30</b>	<b>Meeting the Rector of the RTA (by invitations)</b>	
<b>19.00–20.45</b>	<b>Theatre play “Muols”</b>	Theatre “Joriks”, Atbrivosanas aleja 97
*Content more widely added separately, see below		
<b>April 29</b>		
<b>10.00–11.00</b>	<b>Formal meeting of the Latgale Region Subcommittee of the Saeima Human Rights and Public Affairs Committee, dedicated to Latgale Congress Day.</b> Moderator: Edmunds Teirumnīks, Janīna Kursīte	GORS, Large Hall, online Saeima FB
11.00–11.30	Break	
<b>11.30–13.30</b>	<b>Political barometer of Latgale: politics before and after the Russia's invasion of Ukraine.</b> Moderator: Jānis Domburs	GORS, Large Hall; online RTA YouTube, LSM.lv, Delfi
13.30–14.30	Lunch break	
<b>14.30–17.00</b>	<b>Closing Plenary Session – Resolution.</b> Moderator: Agris Bitāns	GORS, Large Hall, online RTA YouTube, LSM.lv
17.00–18.00	Free time	
<b>18.00–19.30</b>	<b>Concert. Ethno music group “Tautumeitas” and poets</b>	GORS, Large Hall

<b>*April 28</b>	<b>*Discussions</b>	Latgalian Congress, Rezekne Academy of Technologies, Atbrīvošanas aleja 115		
	Latgalistics: education (room 124)	Latgalistics: language (room 215)	Law, history, security (room 308, Faculty of Engineering)	Economics (room 105, Faculty of Engineering)
09.00–10.00	<p><b>Media channels, main accents of the message.</b> How to reach minorities in Latgale. Moderator: <b>Gatis Krūmiņš</b> (ViA)</p> <p>Experts:  <b>Olexandr Mischenko</b>, (Ukrainian Ambassador),  <b>Ieva Bērziņa</b> (ViA, LNAA),  <b>Filips Rajevskis</b> („Mediju tilts”),  <b>Inna Plavoka</b> („Chaika”),  <b>Sigita Struberga</b> (LATO).</p>	<p><b>Language politics and emphasis on Latgalian in Latvia as well as discussions of policies in Norway, Finland (Saami) and Poland.</b> How to facilitate the protection and development of the Latgalian language in the language politics. Moderator: <b>Sanita Martena</b> (RTA)</p> <p>Experts:  <b>Snorre Karkkonen-Svensson</b> („Valodu māja”),  <b>Kazimierz Kleina</b> (Senator of Poland),  <b>Cor van der Meer</b> (Fryske Academy, Netherlands).</p>	<p><b>Latgalian and municipalities:</b> specialised curriculum “municipality studies” and teacher support, a specialist of Latgalian language in the local municipality, municipality newspaper, usage of Latgalian in public and work events, road signs and street names in Latgalian. Moderator: <b>Agris Bitāns</b> (SaRIK)</p> <p>Experts:  <b>Imants Slišāns</b> (SaRIK),  <b>Ināra Dundure</b> (LPS),  <b>Arvids Dravnīks</b> (PTI),  <b>Armands Kociņš-Kūceņš</b> (TM VVC).</p>	<p><b>Education and entrepreneurship for the development of Latgale:</b> transversal skills in professional and higher education: digitalisation, creativity and entrepreneurial skills, critical thinking and problem solving, cooperation skills. Technological development impact on professions, roles and education system. Moderator: <b>Ilga Šuplinska</b> (SaRIK, Saeima)</p> <p>Experts:  <b>Claudio Rivera</b> (FICIL, RBS),  <b>Tharald Lundvall</b> (Norway),  <b>Inga Zemdega-Grāpe</b> („NEMO”),  <b>Andrejs Vītoliņš</b> (NEP),  <b>Ināra Ostrovska</b> (DBT),  <b>Iveta Mietule</b> (RTA),  <b>Jānis Teivāns-Treinovskis</b> (DU).</p>

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10.00–11.00	<p><b>Latgalian language and regional studies at school:</b> experience and perspective. How to provide systematic teaching of the language or “municipality studies”.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Sanita Martena</b></p> <p>Experts:  <b>Veronika Dundure</b> (LVLKSA),  <b>Aņss Ataols Bierzeņš</b> (Kolups),  Ilze Saliniece (IZM),  <b>Aelita Andrejeva</b> (Rēzeknis 5.vsk.),  <b>Ilga Šuplinska</b> (RTA, Saeima).</p>	<p><b>Official Language Law.</b> Latgalian language or “Latgalian written language”, ISO standard, language skills statistics, including for the Latgalian language.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Agris Bitāns</b></p> <p>Experts:  <b>Jānis Pleps</b> (Institution of presidency),  <b>Laila Susanne Vars</b> (Sámi University of Applied Sciences),  <b>Arvids Dravniķis</b> (PTI),  <b>Armands Kociņš-Kūceņš</b> (TM VVC).</p>	<p><b>Democracy, freedom, identity = security.</b> Which values of democratic society need to be strengthened to increase societal understanding of the situation in Ukraine. The affiliation with the information and economic space as well as values of Latvia and the European Union in the border area municipalities and ethnically diverse cities.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Edgars Rinkevičs</b> (Minister of Foreign Affairs)</p> <p>Experts:  <b>Olexandr Mischenko</b> (Ukrainian Ambassador),  <b>Monika Michaliszyn</b> (Polish Ambassador),  <b>Marija Golubeva</b> (Minister for the Interior),  <b>Baiba Bļodniece</b> (AM).</p>	<p><b>Development of rural territories in Latgale:</b> initiatives for rural area development, the role of tourism and manor heritage in the resurrection of rural space of Latgale, farming in the border area of the European Union, etc.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Elita Jermolajeva</b> (LLU)</p> <p>Experts:  <b>Aivars Bernāns</b> (LRLA),  <b>Elita Jermolajeva</b>,  <b>Marika Rudzīte-Griķe</b> („Handmade Latgola”),  <b>Iveta Balčūne</b> (Luznava Manor).</p>
11.00–11.30	<i>Coffee (Terrace in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)</i>			

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11.30–12.30	<p><b>Perspectives of digitalisation:</b> data bases, digitalisation skills, support for employees. What has been achieved so far and what is possible, implementing digitalisation support using state support available for digitalisation. Moderator: <b>Ilga Šuplinska</b></p> <p>Experts: <b>Sanita Martena</b> (RTA), <b>Henrihs Soms</b> (DU), <b>Santa Šmīdlere</b> (IZM), <b>Ruta Cibule</b> (Balvi Central Library).</p>	<p><b>Practical Latgalian language.</b> How Latgalian-friendly is the environment. Historical perspective and challenges of today. Moderator: <b>Lideja Leikuma</b> (LU, SaRIK)</p> <p>Experts: <b>Edeite Husare, Amanda Anusāne</b> (LgSC), <b>Lilija Limane, Lideja Leikuma, Guntars Skutels</b> (Catholic congregation of Vilaka, Liepna, Kuprava), <b>Pēteris Poļaks</b> (LĢB).</p>	<p><b>History milestones in Latgale:</b> 460 years since the increase of Polish influence in the territory that is nowadays Latvia (1562), Kārsava Seminary establishment (1757), Polish-Lithuanian Constitution (1791), Congress of 1917, similarities with Slovakia and Czech Republic. Moderator: <b>Monika Michaliszyn</b> (Polish Ambassador)</p> <p>Experts: <b>Henrihs Soms</b> (DU), <b>Arņs Slobožanins</b> (DU), <b>Monika Michaliszyn.</b></p>	<p><b>Knowledge economics and export capacity of Latgale region:</b> Added value and export capacity of the Latgalian economic space, knowledge economics, innovations, high-tech companies, start-ups. Moderator: <b>Baiba Rivža</b> (LLU)</p> <p>Experts: <b>Baiba Rivža, Elita Jermolajeva</b> (LLU), <b>Laura Očagova</b> (LIAA), <b>Jānis Staris</b> („Latvijas finieris”), <b>Anda Zvaigzne</b> (RTA).</p>

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12.30–13.30	<p><b>Modern education materials, appropriate environment and a prepared teacher.</b> Interactive material that takes into account transversal skills and experience of the learner in the digital and in person environment. Moderator: <b>Veronika Dundure</b> (LVLKSA)</p> <p>Experts: <b>Ilga Šuplinska</b> (SaRIK), <b>Liene Voronenko</b> (IZM VISC), <b>Evika Muizniece</b> (Rezekne National Gymnasium), <b>Andris Slišāns</b> („Upīte”), <b>Edeite Husare</b> (LgSC).</p>	<p><b>Traditional culture and living heritage</b> – its value in identity strengthening and in the development of new ideas. Moderator: <b>Henrihs Soms</b> (DU)</p> <p>Experts: <b>Valda Čakša</b> (RTA), <b>Ēvalds Daugulis</b> (DU), <b>Diāna Apele</b> (RTA).</p>	<p><b>Latgalian in the public space:</b> to promote the societal education and understanding as well as to facilitate security at the Eastern border of Latvia. The use of the language in the governmental, municipal and private media in everyday life, in the culture and other events as well as for history teaching. Moderator: <b>Jurs Saukāns</b> (radio station „Latvijas radio Latgales studija”)</p> <p>Experts: <b>Jānis Siksnis</b> (SEPLP), <b>Ausma Sprukte</b> (LRT), <b>Tenis Bikovskis</b> (Divu krastu radio), <b>Renāte Lazdiņa</b> (Latvijas radio Latgales studija) <b>Jevģēnijs Carevs</b> (Alise Plus).</p>	<p><b>Strategically important priorities for business development</b> (municipality, entrepreneurs and support institutions). Moderator: <b>Sandra Ežmale</b> (LLU Malnava College, SaRIK)</p> <p>Experts: <b>Juris Pūce</b> (Saeima), <b>Lars Holmer Hoven</b> (Agder County, Norway), <b>Sergejs Maksimovs</b> (LPR, SaRIK), <b>Aleksandrs Bartaševičs</b> (Rezekne City council), <b>Iveta Maļina-Tabūne</b> (Latgales SEZ), <b>Ērika Teirumnīka</b> (Rēzekne county municipality, Rēzeknes SEZ), <b>Juris Guntis Vjakse</b> (LDDK).</p>

<b>13.30–14.30</b>	<i>Lunch (room 223)</i>			
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<b>14.30–15.30</b>	<p><b>Civic participation, youngsters:</b> which of the current Latgalian channels reaches youth target group. What can be seen from the feedback analyses. Do values and priorities of next generation differ. The most effective way to pass on the identity and culture code. Moderator: <b>Guntis Rasims</b> (Rezekne county Municipality)</p> <p>Experts: <b>Amanda Anusāne</b> (LgSC), <b>Jānis Garisons</b> (AM), <b>Sandis Mesters</b>, <b>Lauris Zalāns</b>, <b>Daiga Laizāne</b>.</p>	<p><b>Civic organisations as amplifiers</b> of the community ideas, as well as developing agents, and a middle man between the government, local municipality and society. How to achieve more respect of the NGO initiatives and action models. Moderator: <b>Jurs Viļums</b> (LKB, SaRIK)</p> <p>Experts: <b>Ieva Morica</b> („DOTS”), <b>Edīte Husare</b> (LgSC), <b>Marika Rudzīte-Griķe</b> („Handmade Latgola”), <b>Jorens Dobkevičs</b> („NEW EAST”)</p>	<p><b>Local municipality, administrative-territorial reform and Latgale as a territorial unit in Latvia.</b> Moderator: <b>Aldis Bukšs</b> (TM)</p> <p>Experts: <b>Juris Pūce</b> (Saeima), <b>Ināra Dundure</b> (LPS), <b>Andrejs Ančupāns</b> (Rēzekne technical school), <b>Agris Bitāns</b> (Eversheds Sutherlands Bitāns), <b>Edgars Mekšs</b> (Ludza municipality), <b>Andris Vaivods</b> (Livani municipality).</p>	

**16.00–17.30 Networking** (214., 215. kab.)

**15.30–17.30 Presentations** (124. kab.)

15.30–16.00 Jurs Urtāns „Jaunatklātie pilskalni Latvijā. 1998.–2021.” (Newly discovered castlemounds in Latvia)

16.00–16.30 Aina Strode, Ieva Širiņa „Burtu vuocelēte”

- 16.30–17.00 Iveta Balčūne. Lūznovys i Lebornis muižys (Lūznava and Lielborne manors)
- 17.00–17.30 Diāna Apele, Valentina Siņakova, Maruta Latkovska. Antoninys Masiļūnis „Povuoru gruomota”