

EUNEC Seminar

2026

STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE THROUGH EDUCATION

What more is needed?

Kaunas-Vilnius

20 May
21 May

PROGRAMME 20 MAY

-  **08:00** Bus to Science Island, Kaunas (pick up from the hotel)
-  **10:30 – 10:50** Opening addresses
Prof. Dr. Saulė Mačiukaitė-Žvinienė
President, Lithuanian Education Council
Mirjam van Leeuwen
President, European Network for Education Councils
-  **10:50 – 11:30** Keynote and Q&A
RETHINKING RESILIENCE: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND THE FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIETY
Prof. Dr. Jolanta Urbanovič
Mykolas Romeris University, former vice-minister and adviser to the president of Lithuania
-  **11:30 – 12:00 AM** Coffee break
-  **12:00 – 13:00** Keynote and Q&A
EDUCATING FOR DEMOCRATIC SENSEMAKING IN THE AGE OF AI
Anders Heggnes Lauvstad
PhD Candidate, Faculty of Education and International Studies, OsloMet – Oslo Metropolitan University
-  **13:00 – 14:00** Lunch Break
-  **14:00 – 15:30** Plenary sessions and discussions
WORK AND EVENTS FROM THE QUEBEC COUNCIL.
Monique Brodeur, President, Superior Council of Education, Quebec

EVERYONE ENGAGE. FROM ISOLATED EFFORTS TO JOINT RESPONSIBILITY
Aletheia De Guzman, Staff member, Flemish Education Council, Belgium

THE ROLE OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP, AN EXAMPLE
Aldina Lobo and António Almeida, Technical-scientific advisors, National Education Council, Portugal
-  **15:30– 18 PM** Visit of Science Island and the Planetarium
-  **18:30** Conference dinner
-  ... Bus to Vilnius

PROGRAMME 21 MAY

-  **09:00** Walk from hotel to the Ministry of Education and Science
-  **09:30 – 9:45** Opening remarks
Dr. Regina Valutytė
Vice-minister of Education, Science and Sports, Lithuania
-  **9:45 – 10:30** Keynote and discussions
THE EUROPEAN SPACE FOR CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION: BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH THE RENEWAL OF CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION
Villano Qiriazzi
Head of the Education Department, Council of Europe
-  **10:30 – 10:50 AM** Coffee break
-  **10.50 – 11.50** Plenary sessions and Q&A
CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION IN THE NETHERLANDS, FROM LAW TO SCHOOL
Desiree Berendsen, Advisor, Education Council of the Netherlands

STUDENT AGENCY IN AN ETHNICALLY DIVIDED POST-COMMUNIST EDUCATION SYSTEM: THE CASE OF ESTONIA.
Maria Errs, National Education Forum, Estonia
-  **11.50 – 12:10** Closing remarks
Prof. Dr. Saulė Mačiukaitė-Žviniienė
President, Lithuanian Education Council
Mirjam van Leeuwen
President, European Network for Education Councils
-  **12:10** End of the seminar and Lunch

PRACTICALITIES



HOTEL

Artis hotel

We have chosen the Artis hotel in the heart of Vilnius' old town. It is a 15 minute walk from the hotel to the Ministry of Education and Science.



HOW TO GET FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL?

Vilnius Airport is located just 6 km from Vilnius city center. The journey by car or taxi usually takes 10–15 minutes, depending on traffic.

Public Transport:

To reach the hotel using public transport, you can take bus No. 88 at the bus stop in front of the airport.

Tickets for public transport in Vilnius can be purchased on the bus at the price of 1,25 € (You can purchase a ticket on public transport by tapping your contactless payment card on the ticket validato).

Go by bus approx. 20 min. to the bus stop called "Vinco Kudirkos aikštė".

After 0,5 km walk approx. 5 min you will see the hotel on your right.

Taxi:

For those who want to take a taxi to the hotel, you will find them outside the airport. During the day, the average cost of a standard taxi ride is ~ €6–10 (approximately 6–7 km from the airport to the old town).

Bolt and Uber:

Bolt and Uber are also popular in Vilnius, but you need to have their apps. It usually costs around €5–8 from the airport to the city center/Old Town.

The short-term parking lot is only 30 meters away from the airport terminal. It is easy to find—you can see it as soon as you exit the arrivals area.



REIMBURSEMENTS

After the seminar, you will receive a reimbursement form for you travel expenses.



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