

ONLINE CONFERENCE

Citizen engagement in municipal planning: Latvia's example and global trends

Friday 27 November, 2020 - Online ("ZOOM" platform)

9:30 - 10:00	Registration (<i>Zoom details are sent to registered participants individually</i>)	
10:00 - 10:30	Opening ceremony	Christian Heldt , Ambassador of Germany in Latvia Artūrs Toms Plešs , Parliamentary Secretary of Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development Republic of Latvia Iveta Kažoka , PROVIDUS Director and Senior researcher
10:30 - 11:00	Presentation of research "Civic involvement in development of municipality planning documents: evaluation of Latvia's example"	Līga Stafecka , PROVIDUS Senior researcher Authors of the research (PROVIDUS researchers): Līga Stafecka, Agnese Frīdenberga, Sintija Tarasova
11:00 - 12:30	Panel discussion "What can be learnt from Latvia's local governments? Learning from experience."	Iveta Dobeļe , Līvanu municipality, Deputy Head of Planning and Development division Kaspars Rasa , Kuldīga municipality, Deputy Head of "Kuldīga Development Agency" Guntars Ruskuls , Rīga City Council, City Development Department, Head of the Board of Strategic Management Sindija Brikmane , Sigulda municipality, Head of Public relations administration Ilze Oša , Deputy State secretary in regional development issues, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development Moderator: Agnese Frīdenberga , PROVIDUS Senior Researcher
12:30 - 13:30	Break	
13:30 - 15:00	Panel discussion "Global trends of citizen engagement in municipal planning: What can we learn from other countries?"	Ivari Rannama , Tallinn municipality, Director of Geomatics Service Harm van Dijk , the Netherlands, initiator of the G1000 democratic movement Marketta Kyttä , Aalto university, Professor of Land Use Planning, Use of Public Participation Geographic Information system methodology on international level Pia Tingvall , Rural developer and business developer at Coompanion Östergötland Julian Petrin , Founding Director of Urbanista, Stuttgart University of Applied Sciences' Professor at "Smart City Solutions" Master Programme Moderator: Sintija Tarasova , PROVIDUS Researcher
15:00 - 16:30	Panel discussion "Civil society & citizens as a moving force for change: How can citizens cooperate with municipality, to promote change?"	Jevgēnija Butņicka , Head of Regional development planning division, ministry of Environmental protection and regional development of Latvia Āris Ādleris , civic participation expert, Chair of the board of Association "Jūras zeme" Patricija Siliņa , Head of Valmiera Region Community Foundation Jānis Āboliņš , Chair of the board of Association "Jelgavas attīstībai" Moderator: Līga Stafecka , PROVIDUS Senior Researcher
16:30 - 16:45	Closing	

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