

SUMMER SCHOOL IN RIGA

A WEEK OF **IMPACT** AND **INSPIRATION**



About the Project

The #edu4sdgs project is inspired by a powerful goal: to amplify emotional intelligence and strengthen higher education's role in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Co-funded by the European Union, the project aims to foster social responsibility and equip individuals with critical skills, empowering the academic community to create meaningful change.

From May 19–23, the #edu4sdgs Summer School was held in Riga, hosted by Riga Technical University (RTU). Students from Poland, Latvia, and Spain took part in this international experience, which focused on sustainability, emotional intelligence, and social responsibility, equipping young people with the skills and mindset needed to drive meaningful change in their communities. Throughout the week, students engaged in a well-rounded programme featuring thought-provoking lectures, emotional intelligence training, networking activities, and interactions with local NGOs. Students also took part in structured debates, fostering critical thinking and collaboration on real-world challenges.

All project partners, including Lodz University of Technology (TUL), the Accreditation Council for Engaged and Entrepreneurial Universities (ACEEU), Asociación Bienestar y Desarrollo (ABD), the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), and Team Coaching Rafal Nykiel (Team Coaching), also joined the RTU team as facilitators, contributing to the delivery of an engaging and impactful programme for the students.

BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL ECOSYSTEM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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THE CITY GAME

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

As part of the Summer School, students also had the chance to engage in the #edu4sdgs City Game. Divided into seven groups and guided by project partners, they explored six different games around the campus all under the sunny Riga skies! The City Game was designed to raise awareness of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while enhancing emotional intelligence, leadership, and community-building, all essential competencies for the next generation of changemakers.



SUMMER SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

AGENTS OF CHANGE

23 students were named **Agents of Change** during the summer school. They are now #edu4sdgs ambassadors, inspiring peers to take meaningful action toward the SDGs using emotional intelligence (EQ).

DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Students participated in a Debate discussing real-world sustainability issues while applying critical thinking and teamwork skills.

RTU CAMPUS TOUR

Students also enjoyed a guided tour of the RTU campus, getting acquainted with the university's facilities and vibrant academic environment.

TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING

LOOKING AHEAD

Alongside the Summer School, the Transnational Project Meeting was also held in Riga, bringing together partners to drive the project forward. Key highlights included:



LEARNING PATHWAYS

Progress on the finalisation of our learning pathways, which will help students navigate the complexities of the SDGs and empower them to take informed, impactful action.



SDGS UNIVERSITY KNOWLEDGE HUB

A first look at the SDGs University Knowledge Hub, an online platform helping students, educators, and learners deepen their understanding of the SDGs and how EQ drives lasting change.





As the project moves into its next phase, we're excited to continue building momentum, delivering impactful learning experiences, and strengthening collaboration among all individuals involved including students, university staff, educators, decision-makers, and lifelong learners alike.

More to come! Stay connected!

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