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**Project: *Advancement of UNESCO World Heritage sites’ maintenance***

***in Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn***

Kick-off meeting in Riga 09.-10.07.2020

**PROGRAM**

GUEST PARTICIPANTS AND 1-2 HOSTS’ REPRESENTATIVES

**WEDNESDAY 8th of July**

**Arrival** of guest participants and check-in (hotel Konventa sēta, Old Town)

* 16.15 Arrival of Vilnius team. International Bus Station (exhibition boards will be delivered to Townhall by small bus)
* Xx.yy Arrival of Tallinn team by car

~19.00 **Walking tour in the Old Town** to see what is new (restoration projects and new architecture)

20.00 - 21:30 **Informal get together dinner** (6-7 persons - guests and 1-2 representatives of hosts, location to be agreed on place)

ALL PARTICIPANTS

**THURSDAY 9th of July**

8.30-9.00 ***Registration & early coffee***

9.00-9.20 **Welcome of project partners:**

- Hosts‘ official representative (welcome and few words about general state of the UNESCO WH site management affaires and preparation to the 25th anniversary celebration in 2022)

- Vilnius‘ representative (Program Manager) **intro to the Program: common goals, performance and expected multipurpose outcomes**

- Project partner greeting from Tallinn, preparation to the 25th anniversary celebration.

Overview presentations

9.20 - 10.00 **Riga: maintenance, restoration and upgrade of the historic city centre in 1996-2020**

10.00 - 10.40 **Vilnius: maintenance, restoration and upgrade of the historic city centre in 1996-2020**

10.40 - 11.00 ***Coffee break***

11.00 - 11.40 **Tallinn: maintenance, restoration and upgrade of the historic city centre in 1996-2020**

11:40 – 12.00 **Latvian National Cultural Heritage Board.** Presentation on actual approach of cultural heritage protection, preservation, maintenance and development.

12.00 - 13.00 Comments from participants & first discussion

13.00 - 14.15 ***Lunch*** Restaurant Gutenbergs/Pētergailis/Ogle TBC

14.30 - 15.00 **Opening of the exhibition „Preservation and maintenance of Vilnius Old Town 1994 – 2019“**. Q&A to the media

15.00 - 15.30 Presentation: **~New architecture in Historic Centre of Riga** *(Artis Zvirgzdiņš, editor in chief, architecture platform A4D)*

15.30 - 16.00 Presentations of relevant thematic brief case studies from Tallinn and Vilnius

16.00 - 16.10 ***Short coffee break***

16.10 – 16.40 Presentation: **~Research and designing process of Medieval Riga Castle** *(research, functions, accessibility, informativity and attractivity, public avareness.* **Renovation of old railway storage building and creating of culture and events’ space Hanzas perons** *(Reinis Liepiņš, architect, Sudraba arhitektūra Ltd)*

16.40 - 17.30 Thematic discussion

**Walking tour in Historic Centre of Riga** to see what is new (restoration projects and new architecture)

**20.00-21.30 *Official dinner*** *(project partners and invited persons)*

Venue: *restaurant TBC*

**FRIDAY 10th of July**

8.30-9.00 Early coffee

Local presentations on advanced projects, programs or activities:

9.00-9.30 Presentation: **~Quality restoration’s impact on urban environment. Masonry of St. Jacobs church and facades of some historic buildings** *(presentation by Arturs Lapiņš, architect AIG Ltd)*

9.30 - 10.00 Presentation: **Restoration Subsidies Program in Tallinn**

10.00 – 10.30 Q&A and discussion

10.30 – 11.00 Presentation: **Co-financing for the preservation of cultural monuments in Riga** *(presentation by Irina Miķelsone, Deputy head of Property Departament, Division for Arrangement of Buildings)*

11.00 – 11.30 **Special Riga case:** ~City management and Citizens’ interests’ representation, rights and activities. Collaboration/engagement vs counteraction *(A set of 1-2-3 short presentations from representatives of citizens’ and informal associations: Pilsēta cilvēkiem (City for people), Rīgas centra attīstības biedrība (Riga centre development society), Urban Institute, Free Riga …)*

11.30 - 12.00: Discussion

12.00 - 12.20: ***Coffee break*** *extended with snacks*

12.20 - 13.00 **Closing discussion** on the Project meeting in Riga and preparations to the next meetings in Tallinn or Vilnius: goals, themes, outcomes. (*Project teams’ participants only*)

**Noon:** **Departure of guest participants**

15.00 Lithuanian participants leaving Riga by bus from International Bus Station.

**Optional: Complementary program** *(all interested participants)*

13:00: **Visiting museum “Rīgas jūgendstila centrs”** *to get acquainted with maintenance and preservation and popularization of Art Nouveau heritage by looking at the interior of an Art Nouveau apartment, as well as a modern and interactive digital exposition. Guidance in ENG/LV http://www.jugendstils.riga.lv/eng/*

(meeting at 12:55, entrance Alberta street 12)