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Shared leadership in education

Two afternoons:

12-13 May, 2026

14.00-16.30 (EEST)



Online conference

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PROGRAMME

EEST (Eastern European Summer Time) / UTC+3

Tuesday, May 12th

14.00-14.15	Greeting remarks: Raminta Popovienė, Minister of Education, Science and Sport Dr Agnė Jasinavičiūtė-Trakimienė, Chair of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO Short intro to the event's programme and objectives: Dalia Stabrauskaitė, Head of Education Programme at the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO (event moderator)
14.15-14.40	Presentation of UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report “Leadership in Education” (in English, with Lithuanian interpretation) + short video Dr Anna Cristina d’Addio, Chief Education Policy, GEM report
14.40-15.05	“Leadership in conditions of uncertainty in Lithuanian schools: from reaction to building organisational resilience” Dr Rasa Nedzinskaitė-Mačiūnienė, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Educational Research of the Vytautas Magnus University Academy of Education, Associate Professor at the Department of Education Management and Policy, member of the Young Academy of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences
15.05-15.55	Discussion on the situation of school leaders in Lithuania <i>Similarities and differences between the international and national contexts, the challenges faced by school leaders, existing mentoring and networking systems, emerging trends and future perspectives.</i> Laura Masiliauskaitė, Head of the organisation “Education #1” Rūta Petrylaitė, Leadership-in-Action Expert for the “Millennium Schools” programme dr. Simonas Šabanovas, director of the National Agency for Education Dr Anna Cristina d’Addio, Chief Education Policy, GEM report Dr Rasa Nedzinskaitė-Mačiūnienė, VMU Academy of Education

15.55-16.25	Discussion on the impact of master's programmes designed for school leaders. Insights from graduates and current students from different universities. Lina Mickevičienė, Deputy Director for Education at Telšiai Vincentas Borisevičius Gymnasium (currently completing Vilnius University programme <i>Education Policy and Leadership for School Leaders</i>) Andrius Kniška, Director of Vilnius Gabija Progymnasium (alumnus of Vytautas Magnus University programme <i>Education Management</i>) Lina Adomaitienė, Director of Kėdainiai Aušra Progymnasium of Lithuanian Sports University (alumna of ISM programme <i>Educational Leadership</i>)
16.25-16.30	Summary of the day

Wednesday, May 13th

14.00-14.05	Introduction (presentation of the second day's programme and objectives)
14.05-14.30	Presentation of UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report “Lead with Youth” (in English, with Lithuanian interpretation) Dr. Priya Joshi, UNESCO Senior Research and Policy Analyst
14.30-14.50	“Freedom to trust: how to create a decision-making system in which everyone participates” Nerijus Buivydas, Co-founder and Head of Democratic school
14.50-15.35	Discussion on shared leadership <i>The essence and significance of shared leadership (and whether we understand it in the same way), youth participation in decision-making in schools and in education policy, and other related questions.</i> Moderator – Unė Kaunaitė, Director of “EDU Vilnius” dr. Dainius Žvirdauskas, Director of the Kaunas University of Technology Engineering Lyceum, President of the Lithuanian Association of School Principals Augustė Dudutytė, Advisor on youth policy at the Ministry of Social Security and Labour Martynas Dikšaitis, President of the Lithuanian School Students' Union dr. Priya Joshi, UNESCO Nerijus Buivydas, Democratic School
15.35-15.55	“Leadership without ranks: who truly leads an organisation?” Sonata Litvinienė, Director of Darbėnai Gymnasium in Kretinga District
15.55-16.00	Summary of the day and closing remarks

Note. Organisers reserve the right to make necessary changes to the programme.