



## **Continuous Professional Development:**

A Tool for Strengthening the Public Roles of Landscape Architects in the Baltic Sea Region

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# The First Constitution of Lithuanian Polish Commonwealth May 3, 1791

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*Dnia 3 Maja, Roku 1791.*



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# Recent societal changes LV LT



## **Rising public roles of landscape architects:**

- Tensions in society remaining from previous geopolitical breaks of the 20<sup>th</sup> c.
- Contradictions between public opinions and that of architects and landscape architects - e.g. public comments on competitions and some projects
- Lack of public debate on strategic issues of urban development (inefficient methods and tools)
- Public involvement is still passive and skeptical

**Q:** What is response of professionals to the processes that are happening in civil society development?

## Recent professional challenges LV LT

- Sustainable urban development
- Refurbishment and management of green public spaces
- Education – collaboration with schools (EBSLA project – comparative analysis of study programmes in the BSR)
- Integrating the results of research and innovation
- Infrastructure: sustainable mobility issues
- The need for professional development framework



# Recent professional challenges DE



- New upcoming issues and regulations
- Societal changes in Europe, regionally and nationally
- New team skills needed for professionals
- Networking and learning from case studies
- Need for standardisation, certification, quality management

# Green public space – universal problem



- Attractiveness of public areas for people
- Promoting application of local plants
- Curbing inflow of invasive plants
- Applying sustainable water drainage system
- Reducing areas of impermeable pavements

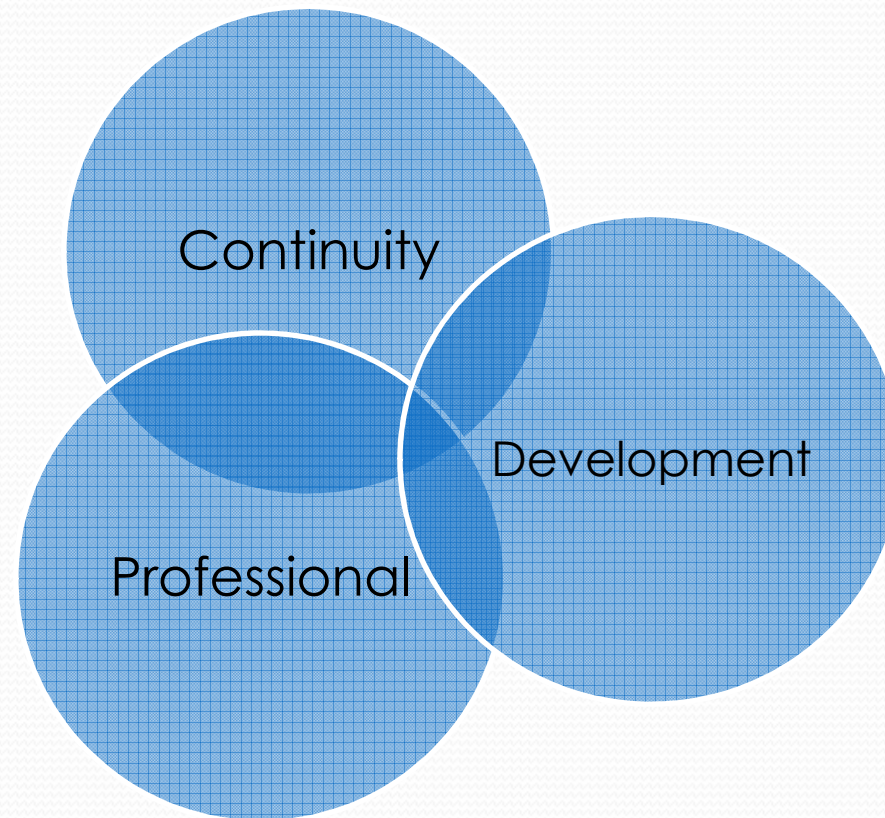
# Professional LA events in the Baltics



# The Initial Aim of LA Associations

**The aim:** to develop a coherent up-to-date and flexible platform for exchange and transfer of experience in developing skills, methods and instruments in landscape architecture planning, protection and development.

# CPD-LA concept



# Training Need Analysis LV & LT



- Experience: 6 – 15 years
- Occupation: 92% design practice
- Preference for CPD: 98%

Competence field	LT	LV
<b>Legal aspects 20%</b>	1.5 Contract law	1.6 Regulation for LA
<b>Professional aspects 60%</b>	2.1 Planning LA	2.4 Technology
	2.3 Artistic concepts	2.5 Heritage
	2.6 Public space	2.7 Recreation
<b>Social aspects 20%</b>	3.5 ICT BIM	3.4 Research

# Challenges of LLL training LV & LT

Number of  
people

Languages  
for training

Coordinators,  
partners

Infrastructure  
and support

New training  
methods

# Training subjects and themes



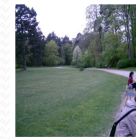
Germany

- Sustainability
- Climate
- Energy
- Water
- Economy
- Society
- Demographic
- Infrastructure
- Participation
- Diversity



Latvia

- Cultural landscapes
- Relief management
- Residential courtyards
- Roof gardens
- Project development



Lithuania

- LA planning methods
- Artistic concepts
- Public space
- ICT tools
- Legal aspects

## Training Subjects LT

- ❑ **LA planning and design:** method of patterns: ecology, legacy, artistic, urban layers and patterns
- ❑ **Artistic concepts in LA:** reading the Genius Loci of the place, translating it to LA design concepts



Europe Park Vilnius LT  
Competition for the park in Utena LT  
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# Training Subjects **LT**



- ❑ **LA for public space:** park in the city, new and existing park development / upgrade
- ❑ **ICT:** analysis, integrated parametric design, public participation tools for LA design
- ❑ **Legal aspects in LA:** project documents, contract, time and fines, copyright and supervision



## Training Subjects LV



- ❑ **Relief, coast, slope in LA:** artistic concepts, methods and techniques for construction and maintenance
  - ❑ **Cultural and historical landscapes:** inventory methods and processes, preservation, management
- J.Čakste boulevard Jelgava LV  
Riga City park LV  
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## Training Subjects LV



Livu Square design Riga old town LV  
Residential block Riga LV



- ❑ **Courtyards of residential buildings:** development, aesthetics for residential outdoor space
- ❑ **Roof gardens:** concepts, trends of design, environmental and technical solutions incl. materials
- ❑ **Green space project development:** design stages and fine-tuning the solutions with participatory planning



# CPD in LA Training Framework

General decisions (content-related)	Issue	hot topic		new, temporary issue		permanent issue		new law/act		latest developments		
	Objective of event	raise awareness			teach methods		display examples			communication / network building		
	Audience	landscape architects	students		LA + related professions		local community		Baltic community	anyone interested	combined (e.g. Baltic community of people dealing with historical gardens)	
	Scale	regional			national		international			combined		
General decisions (procedural )	Format	professional talk	seminar (1 day)	seminar (+1 evening)	excursion	conference	discussion commodity team	case study	workshop	combined (e.g. seminar + excursion)		
	Costs	none			+/- 0 (cost-covering)			for-profit				
	Material	presentations	slides		video		radio feature	e-learning material		articles	lecture notes	
	Online/ offline	yes			no		blended learning			combined (e. g. offline course + online material)		
	Invitation	via newsletter		university (in lectures / poster)		in personal meetings		via experts		combined		
More downstream decisions	Speakers	members with experience		international expert(s)		representative of administration		representative of NGO		professor		combined (e. g. professor + practical LA)
	Target group (more focussed)	every level of knowledge		experienced persons		young professionals		manufacturers (e.g. of benches, tiles, pavement, etc.)		women	clients	gardeners, etc.
	Certificate	yes				no				combined (e.g. certificate after taking part in 5 courses)		

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# Training methods

Case study analysis

Study trip

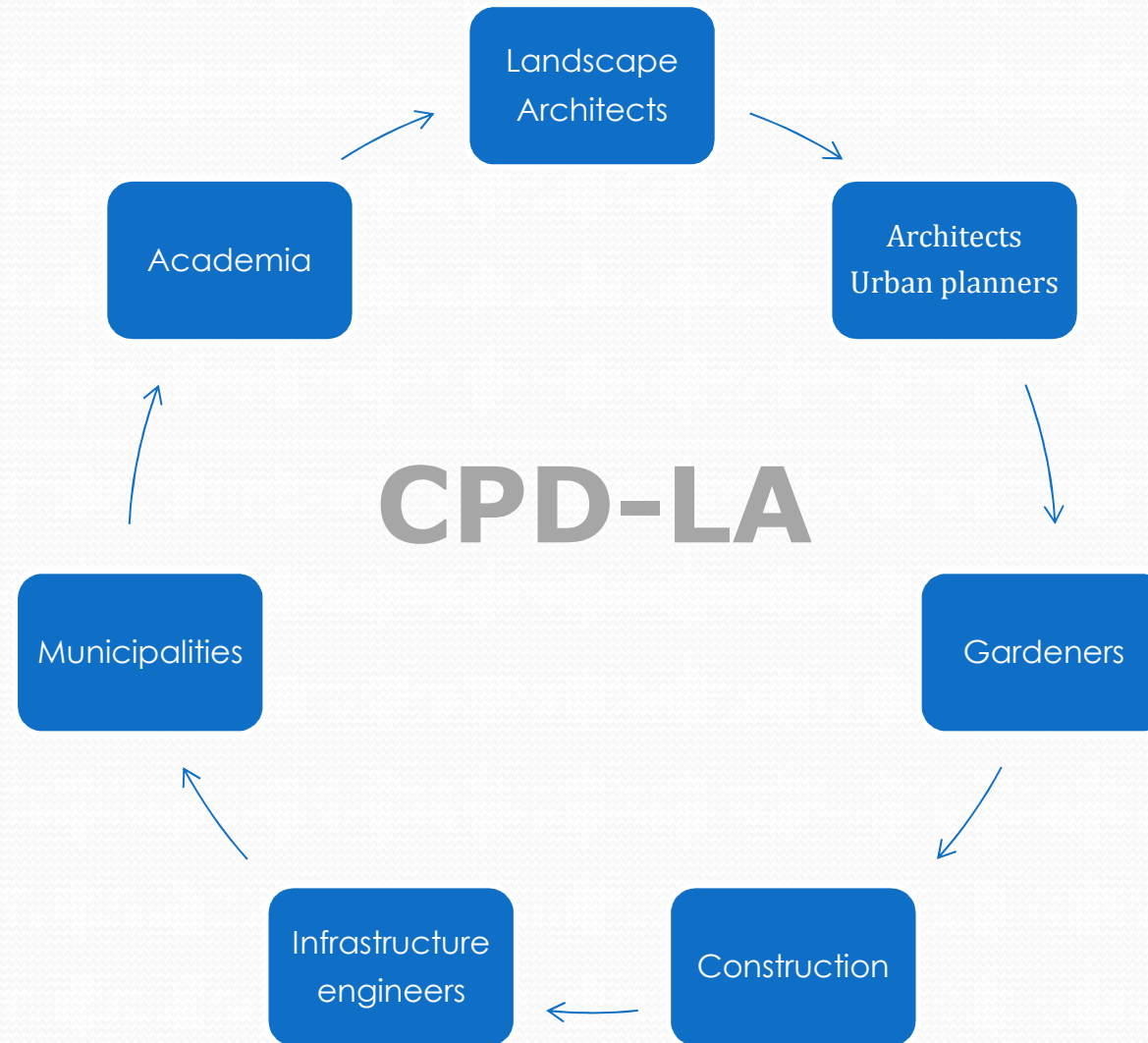
Workshop

Seminar

Lecture

Quiz

# Interdisciplinary approach



# Collaboration & cooperation

## Public partners

- Universities and colleges
- Gardening enterprises associations
- Architect's associations
- Geographer's associations

## Governmental partners

- Association of municipalities
- Environmental agencies
- Standardisation committee
- Ministry of Environment

# Outcomes



- CPD framework and network
- Coordinators and lecturers
- E-learning platform
- Open source resource database



# Impact



- More sustainable urban development and natural environment
- More competitive LA professionals on the market
- Better public positioning of LA profession;
- Facilitated public participation in LA planning, design and management;
- Intensified regional and int'nal cooperation of LA

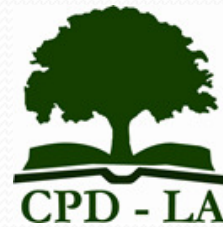
# Sustainability



- Motivated involvement of LA association members
- Involving industry partners
- Attracting sponsors and supporters
- Engaging into EU, regional and national projects
- Rising client's interest in LA services
- New countries involved

## CPD-LA Conclusions

- Opportunity to develop the framework of continuous professional development for Landscape Architects
- Activate knowledge and experience exchange
- Engages LA professionals into regional cooperation
- Impact on national education framework to focus on important topics incl. continuous learning methods
- Pro-active approach for national LA associations in dealing with member's needs.



Thank You for Your Attention!

**Takk for oppmerksomheten!**

