



## 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

## USTAWA RZĄDOWA.

PRAWO UCHWALONE.

*Dnia 3 Maja, Roku 1791.*



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w WARSZAWIE,  
*u P. DEFOUR Księży: Nadw: J. K. Mce  
i Dyrektora Druk: Korp: Kad:*





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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



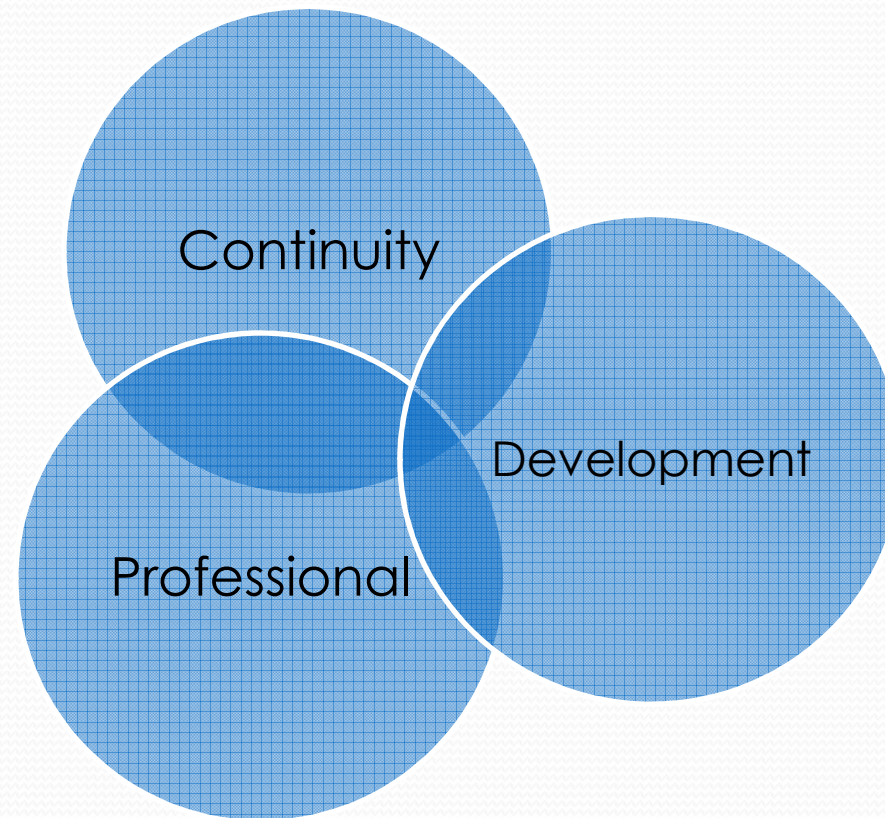




## The Initial Aim of LA Associations

**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



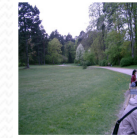
Germany

- 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

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

# Training methods

Case study analysis

Study trip

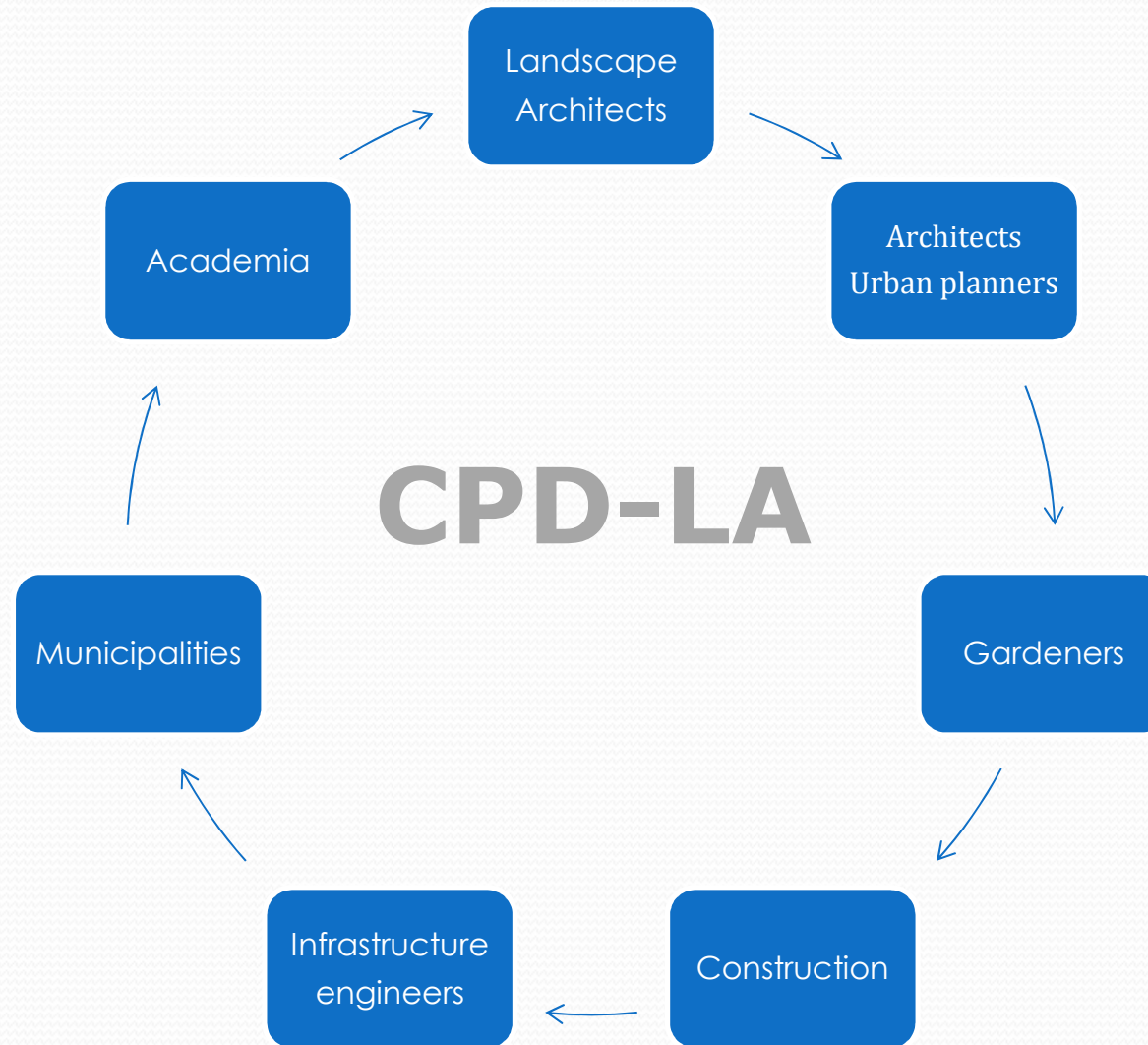
Workshop

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



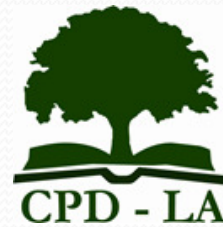
- Motivated involvement of LA association members
- Involving industry partners
- Attracting sponsors and supporters
- Engaging into EU, regional and national projects
- Rising client's interest in LA services
- New countries involved





## 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!**

