

# Baltic Urban Lab Final Conference

*Dealing with the past and planning for the future -  
Turning urban brownfields into possibilities*

**Thursday, 6 September, 2018**

Spikeri Concert Hall, Maskavas iela 4/1, Riga (<https://www.spikeri.lv/en/>)

## DAY 1 - DEALING WITH THE PAST AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Moderator: **Pēteris Bajārs**, renowned architect and founder of OUTFBOX

- 8.30-9.00** Registration
- 9.00-9.15** **Opening of the Conference** by **Björn Grönholm**, Head of Secretariat of UBC Sustainable Cities Commission & **Oksana Dumpe**, Riga City Council City Development Department, Project Management Division Director, City of Riga
- 9.15-9.45** **Towards integrated and partnership based planned of brownfields – lessons learned from the Baltic Urban Lab project** by **Maija Rusanen**, Project Coordinator of Baltic Urban Lab, UBC Sustainable Cities Commission & **Sandra Oliveira e Costa**, Research Fellow, Nordregio
- 9.45-10.30** **Keynote 1: 4P - Balancing decisions for urban brownfield regeneration: people, planet, profit and processes – case Rotterdam** by **Kees de Vette**, City of Rotterdam
- 10.30-11.00** Coffee break
- 11.00-12.30** **Interactive Session 1: Dealing with the past – managing the transformation process** (Moderation by **Pēteris Bajārs** & **Maija Rusanen**)

Redevelopment planning of a brownfield site is a complex process. Involving both issues with soil contamination and remediation and historically valuable areas or architecture that might be preserved. Also, complex relationships between different stakeholders e.g. land-owners, local government and the people living in the area such be considered. These are some examples of the issues emerging from the past that should be taken into account. Yet, the key question is how to manage the transformation process in a structured way and how cooperation with the right stakeholders and right timing can facilitate this process?

### These introductions will be followed by a Panel Discussion with the speakers and guests:

**Cooperation with land-owners & planning how to deal with the contamination – Case Itäharju** by **Janne Mustonen**, City of Turku

**Combining historical uses with temporary and contemporary uses - Case Skoone Bastion** by **Jaak-Adam Looever**, City of Tallinn

**Co-developing urban games for historical sites: Urbingo for the historical neighbourhood of Šnipiškes case** by **Jekaterina Lavrinec**, Laimikis.LT,

City of Vilnius



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**12.30-13.30** Lunch break

**13.30-15.00** **Interactive Session 2: Planning the future – co-creating visions and land-use plans**  
(Moderation by **Pēteris Bajārs & Sandra Oliveira e Costa**)

In parallel of planning the remediation, it is necessary to plan the future uses of the site and state, what are the case-specific needs and goals for the redevelopment? One of the key issues is to find a common, long-term vision and plan the future land-use together with all involved actors. A variety of actors and stakeholders representing public, private and people need to be involved. Brownfields' redevelopment involves uncertainty and often financial and environmental risks. Creating trust and commitment between all stakeholders is a key for successful cooperation. How to organise the cooperation and motivate different actors to participate?

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**Working towards a common vision – Case Mukusalas street** by **Janis Andins & Guntars Ruskuls**, City of Riga

**Involving citizens in discussing complex brownfield development – Case Inner Harbour** by **Fredrik Wallin**, City of Norrköping

**Cooperation model for urban regeneration – Case Malmö** by City of Malmö (tbc)

**15.00-15.45** **Coffee & Market of methods in the lobby**  
(moderation by **Sami Tantarimäki & Johanna Aaltonen**, University of Turku)

Each Baltic Urban Lab city will pitch one method/tool that they have used for engaging stakeholders in their pilot planning process. After pitching, it is possible to connect face-to-face with the city representatives and ask for more.

**Urban Planning App AvaLinn**, City of Tallinn

**Turku Future Forum cooperation platform**, City of Turku

**Student competition**, City of Riga

**3D visualization tool Earth Autopsy**, City of Norrköping

**15.45-16.30** **Keynote 2: Urban transformations of the digital era: giving cities back to people** by **Kaisa Schmidt-Thomé**, Demos Helsinki

**16.30** **Closing the Conference**

**18.00-21.00** **Welcome on board! – Boat trip to explore Riga from canals' perspective & Conference Dinner**



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DAY 2 - SITE VISIT IN RIGA

8.45-12.30      Departure for the Bus Tour at 9.00

Places to be visited:

**1. Skanste neighborhood.** Without a doubt, the Skanste neighborhood is becoming the most modern part of the Riga center. Next to the Historic Center and so-called "Quiet Center" of the city, contemporary, high quality construction is taking place here, attracting residents and businesses and fostering the competitiveness of Riga both at the regional and European levels. <http://www.skanste.lv/en>

**2. Tallinas 10 yard - temporary use brownfield example by "FREE RIGA".** Revive the empty buildings in Riga, open spaces for creative and social activities. <https://freeriga.lv>

**3. Kalnciema Street Quarter, with its beautifully-restored wooden buildings, is not only an area pleasing to the eye, but a lively arts and entertainment enclave.** The complex of renovated wooden buildings in Riga's Kalnciems Quarter, is a 19th century wooden architectural landmark, which was built in the style of late western European Classicism. The revival of Kalnciems Quarter began in 2001 and now everyone can visit the six restored wooden houses which surround a small apple orchard. In the renovation process of the buildings, traditional materials and technologies were used, while at the same time the houses have been adapted for the rhythm and comfort of modern life. [www.kalnciemaiela.lv/en/](http://www.kalnciemaiela.lv/en/)

After the excursion, lunch will be held at 12.30 in Kalnciema Street Quarter.

NB! Bus will take the participants back from Kalnciema Street Quarter to Old Riga at 13.45.

WELCOME TO RIGA!

