

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	10114382 – LATVIJAS UNIVERSITATE (LU)
PIC number:	99987183
Project name and acronym:	CAMINO

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP2 – Memorandum of Cooperation Signing Ceremony and Exchange Visit to Riga
Event name:	Memorandum of Cooperation Signing Ceremony and Exchange Visit to Riga
Type:	Memorandum of Cooperation Signing Ceremony and partners' exchange of experience visit
In situ/online:	In situ
Location:	Premises of the University of Latvia at Jelgavas iela 1 and 3 and Raiņa bulvāris 19, Riga, Latvia
Date(s):	28 - 29 May 2024
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://universities4culture.eu/en/projects/documents/eds/">https://universities4culture.eu/en/projects/documents/eds/</a>
Participants	
Female:	55
Male:	20
Preferred not to say:	1
From country 1 Latvia:	58
From country 2 Poland:	2
From country 3 Lithuania:	6
From country 4 Slovakia :	3
From country 5: Hungary:	1
From country 6: Czech Republic:	3
From country 7: Estonia:	2
From country 8: Ukraine	1

Total number of participants:	75 from European Union countries and 1 from non-EU country, altogether 76 participants	From total number of countries:	7 European Union countries and 1 non-EU country, altogether 8 countries
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### Description

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

The objective of WP2 is to establish a network of European universities, university culture centres, student unions, and similar units, departments or faculties within the universities with the aim to support the participation of university students and employees in non-formal art and culture education programs and maintain active culture life within the universities by development a regulatory framework for the Network and signing a formal Memorandum of Cooperation for future cooperation and the sustainability of the Network.

To achieve this objective, the University of Latvia as the lead partner of the CAMINO project drafted a memorandum of cooperation outlining the partners' intention to collaborate in the sphere of university cultural life and to engage in joint activities and projects. The Memorandum also described the main principles and regulatory framework for the partners' cooperation within this network and emphasized the openness of the Network for future expansion and admittance of new partners, thus spreading the project ideas further across countries and regions and encouraging establishing of new cultural partnerships based on common values. The signing of the Memorandum was organised as a solemn ceremony in the main building of the University of Latvia on 29 May 2024 in the presence of the partner signatories and representatives and the University of Latvia management, staff members, students and other invited guests. The ceremony started by a keynote address by Professor Gundars Bērziņš, Rector of the University of Latvia. The Rector stressed that, by committing to foster cultural expression in their universities, the partners not only undertake to cooperate closely in the field of culture, to organise conferences, joint artistic events and education programmes, but they also say "yes" to a more humane and peaceful world. Afterwards, the CAMINO project management team introduced the audience to the project and its activities. The participants of the signing ceremony could also enjoy musical performances by the piano player Ilze Dzērve and the young talent, cellist Toms Augusts Goba and visit the International Student Photo Exhibition "Inspired by Europe" in the premises of the University of Latvia. Later, the CAMINO partner signatories and representatives were invited to the Inauguration Ceremony of Professor Gundars Bērziņš as the Rector of the University of Latvia, thus strengthening the newly established cooperation ties and emphasizing the importance of universities' cooperation in the sphere of culture.

The signing ceremony was combined with the project partners' experience exchange visit to Riga which took place on 28 May 2024 in the premises of the new Academic Centre of the University of Latvia. During the exchange visit, the partners shared their experiences and practices in organising cultural life and activities at their universities, thus ensuring mutual learning from each other. The partners also started discussing the first ideas for developing the joint lifelong learning open course on intercultural communication. The visit programme also provided ample networking opportunities, thus fostering team building within the project management group members to ensure efficient implementation of the project activities.

Sample photos from the Memorandum of Cooperation Signing Ceremony and Exchange Visit to Riga are available here: <https://universities4culture.eu/events/gallery/signing-ceremony-of-memorandum-of-cooperation-2905/> , <https://universities4culture.eu/news/news/detail-view/t/84656/>

Samples of the event information campaign and publicity are available here: <https://universities4culture.eu/projects/documents/deliverables/wp2-memorandum-of-cooperation-signing-ceremony-and-exchange-visit-to-riga/>

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Camino Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557032939638>

Camino Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/camino\\_project/](https://www.instagram.com/camino_project/)

Camino Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxx0Eu3OYym3HO-KGOeH77w>

### HISTORY OF CHANGES

VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	25.06.2024	Initial version (new MFF).