

**International Scientific and Educational Conference**  
**Future of Education and Skills**  
**(FuturEDU 2023)**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2023, RIGA, LATVIA**

**VENUE:** EKA University of Applied Sciences, Str. Pernavas 62, Riga, Latvia

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**AGENDA**

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**9.30 – 10.00 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**

**10.00 – 12.00 OPENING CEREMONY / PLENARY SESSION**

❖ *Welcome speech*

**Gianluca Coppola**, President of the European Digital Learning Network

**Jelena Titko**, Vice-Rector for Science and International Cooperation / EKA University of Applied Sciences

**Anatolii Kutsevol**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Republic of Latvia /tbc/

❖ *Panel discussion “Digitalization of Education as a Response to the Needs of Students and Teachers in Europe. Digital skill gaps in the Baltics with a special focus on the needs of the Ukrainian refugees in the Member States”*

**Moderator: Edgars Čerkovskis**

**Participants:**

**Gianluca Coppola**, President of the European Digital Learning Network (Italy)

**Oksana Lentjusenkova**, Rector, EKA University of Applied Sciences (Latvia)

..., The Ministry of Education and Science /Latvia/ (tbc/

**Rihards Blese**, an Advisor on Education and Employment at the Employers' Confederation of Latvia (LDDK) /tbc/

**Victoriia Riashchenko**, dr.oec., prof. at ISMA University of Applied Sciences (Latvia), ICU coach, participant of Ukrainians integration programs in Latvia

**12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH BREAK**

**13.00 – 14:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS**

❖ **DIGITAL SOLUTIONS FOR EDUCATION** (Moderator J. Titko, EKA, room 303)

❖ **INCLUSIVENESS AND DIVERSITY OF EDUCATION** (Moderator D. Pershtein-Lapkis, EKA, room 406)

**18:00 – 21:00 FuturEDU DINNER, Venue tba**

**ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**



**Gianluca Coppola**, Founder and the president of the European Digital Learning Network (Italy)

**Gianluca COPPOLA** is a founder and president of the “European Digital Learning Network” *Dlearn* [www.dlearn.eu](http://www.dlearn.eu) an EU network made of organizations from all over Europe aiming at fostering the opportunities brought by the digital means in the educational paths in 4 sector: Schools, Higher education, Adult education and Vocational training.

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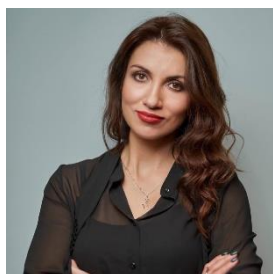
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**Diana Pershtein-Lapkis**, CEO & Co founder at NewDoor (Latvia)

**Diāna PERSHTEIN-LAPKIS** is a co-founder and CEO of NewDoor, an international social innovation and sustainability platform dedicated to driving positive change through innovation. Additionally, she is a member of the Council of the Latvian Space Industries Association (LAIK). Diana represents Top 100 Women in Social Enterprise 2023



**Edgars CERKOVSKIS (Mg.sc.soc., PhD. Cand.)** is a Lecturer at the EKA University of applied Sciences (Latvia); a director of the Master study programme “Circular economy and social entrepreneurship”. He has created and runs more than 10 innovative study courses in several Latvian universities - digital economy, digital technologies, artificial intelligence, digital tools and their applications and many more. He is the author of several digital tools, such as the Virtual Economy Cabinet and several simulation online games for students. The digital materials, programs and methods developed by Cerkovskis are still used in the largest Latvian learning centers - Riga Distance Learning Secondary School, European Distance Learning Center, Latvian Distance Learning Professional Center and European Distance Learning Secondary School.

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