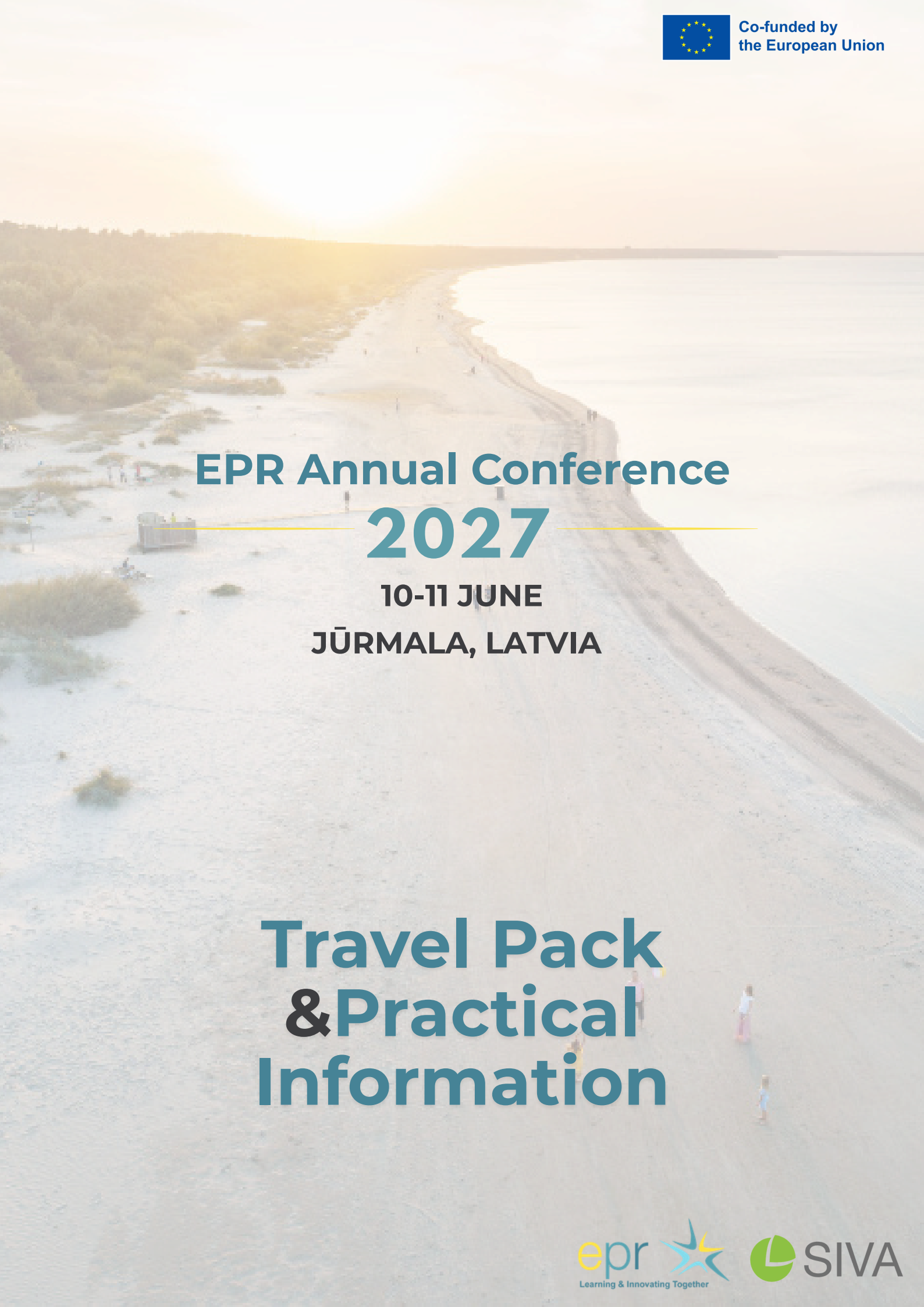


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SIVA



On behalf of the European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR) and The Social Integration State Agency (SIVA), welcome to Jūrmala, Latvia!

Latvia is a Northern European country on the eastern coast of the Baltic Sea, home to approximately 1.85 million people. As a member of the European Union, NATO, the Schengen Area and the Eurozone, Latvia combines high-quality public services with a strong commitment to inclusion, accessibility and equal opportunities.

More than 200,000 people are officially registered as persons with disabilities, making disability policy, rehabilitation and inclusive education important priorities for the country. Support is delivered through close cooperation between the Ministry of Welfare, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Science, municipalities, healthcare providers, educational institutions, and the non-governmental organisations.

Surrounded by forests, lakes and the Baltic Sea, Latvia offers not only a welcoming environment for learning and collaboration, but also an inspiring setting for sharing knowledge and building international partnerships.

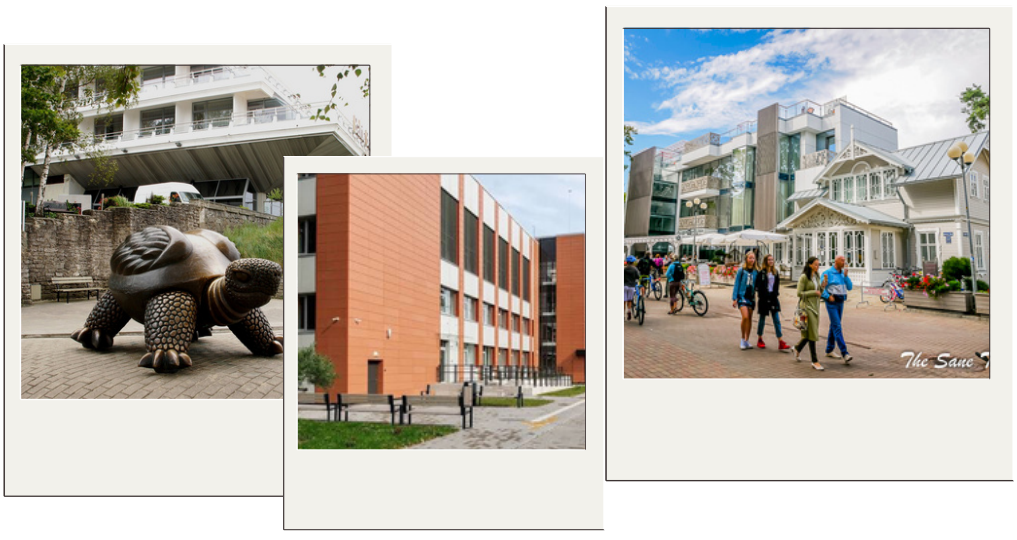


SIVA College

The Conference will take place at **SIVA College**, located at Slokas str. 61, Jurmala, Latvia 2015.

SIVA College is a higher education institution that combines professional education with vocational rehabilitation and support for persons with disabilities and functional impairments.

It provides an accessible and supportive learning environment where students can develop professional skills, gain qualifications and receive multidisciplinary support to strengthen their opportunities for participation in the labour market. Its programmes include short-cycle professional higher education as well as Latvia's only state-funded programme leading to a qualification as a Latvian Sign Language interpreter.



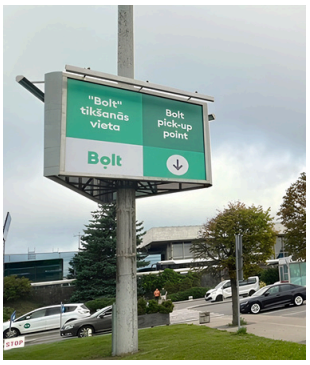
Reaching Jūrmala



Jūrmala is located approximately 25 km west of Riga, Latvia's capital. It is easily accessible from Riga, with several ways to get there, including:

By Bolt taxi

⏱️ 20–30 min | 💰 €20-25



It is recommended to take a Bolt taxi (similar to Uber) by downloading and ordering one through the Bolt app. The pickup point is the parking lot on the right from the arrivals exit (follow the large **green** Bolt pickup signs). From the airport, you can also use a Bolt terminal to order a taxi, which is located after the baggage claim belts right before the exit from the terminal.

By public transport

⏱️ 1.15 hours | 💰 €3.80

- Take **bus No. 22** from the airport to the Autoosta stop in central Riga, near the Riga Central Railway Station. The journey takes 30-40 minutes. A bus ticket can be bought in Narvessen kiosk on the left from the exit of the airport terminal or at the bus stop right in front of the exit. **Cost:** 1,50 EUR.
- From Riga Central Railway Station, take a **Vivi train** towards Dubulti, Sloka, or Tukums, stopping at the appropriate station in Jūrmala. The train journey to Majori (Jūrmala center) takes approximately 30 minutes. **Cost:** 2,30 EUR.
- For both bus and train tickets, the Mobilly app can be used to buy e-tickets.

Accommodation

This year, we have secured three hotels at **special rates for EPR Annual Conference participants**. Please see all the details below:



KURSHI HOTEL & SPA

20 mins walking | 3 bus stops ride to the AC venue

- Special prices for reservations from 07.06.2027 to 13.06.2027, click here to see the price offer;
- For reservation, send an email to EPR2027@kurshihotel.lv;
- NB! The hotel does not offer accessible rooms.



HOTEL JURMALA SPA

9 bus stops | 10 min drive by taxi to the AC venue

- Use promo code **EPR2027** for a special discount of 15% for reservations from 08.06.2027 to 12.06.2027; make a reservation through the website here;
- 2 accessible rooms are pre-booked - for reservations, contact amanda.cirule@hoteljurmala.com.



SIVA HOTEL

30 min walk to the AC venue | SIVA transportation can be organised

- 20 accessible rooms are pre-booked until 01.02.2027 - for reservations, contact kristine.kalnina@siva.gov.lv, referring to EPR 2027 conference;
- Bed place in a twin room: 47,41 EUR / night incl. breakfast; twin room for single use: 68,82 EUR / night incl. breakfast.

Public transport in Jūrmala

- Access the bus schedule here;
- Single ride costs 0,9 EUR. It os usually possible to pay by card, but better to have some cash;
- From Majori (Jūrmala center), you can take Bus N.7 and N.3 to reach SIVA College (AC venue).

Latvian Cuisine



Latvian cuisine is hearty, seasonal, and based on local ingredients such as potatoes, meat, fish, dairy products, and grains. It reflects the country's agricultural traditions and northern climate.

Typical and popular dishes include:

- Potatoe in many forms (boiled, mashed, baked) – a staple of most meals
- Meat dishes, especially pork, chicken, and minced meat preparations
- Fish, particularly herring and smoked fish
- Soups, such as beetroot soup or traditional cold soup in summer
- Rye bread, a key element of Latvian food culture
- Dairy products, including sour cream, cottage cheese, and kefi

Traditional meals are often simple but filling, with rich flavours and natural ingredients. Latvian cuisine also includes a variety of pastries and desserts, as well as seasonal dishes based on local produce.

Recommendations

Jūrmala

In the central district of Majori:

- Alus krodziņš
- Veranda

In the district of Kauguri

- Kūriņš

Riga

For modern view:

- Kolonāde
- Lidojošā varde
- Forest

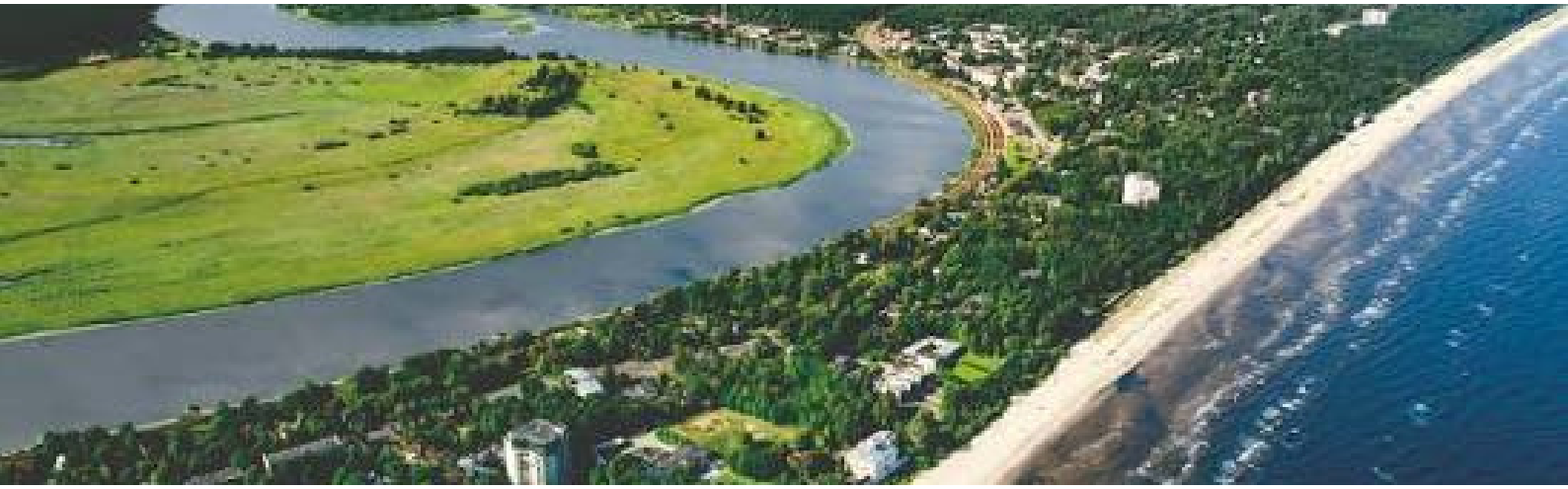
For a medieval experience:

- Rozengrāls

And many more - ask locals for advice.

Explore Jūrmala

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Jūrmala – the city of sea, nature, and relaxation. It is Latvia's most popular seaside resort, known for its long sandy beaches along the Baltic Sea and fresh pine forest air. Jūrmala is also renowned for its distinctive wooden architecture, featuring elegant historic villas built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



Jūrmala Beach

- Enjoy peaceful walks, swimming in summer, and scenic cycling routes,
- The central Majori Beach is particularly popular, with nearby cafés and restaurants.

Jomas Street

- Lined with cafés, restaurants, shops, and street performers, creating a vibrant yet relaxed atmosphere.





Dzintari Forest Park

- A peaceful setting among 200-year-old pine trees, with walking paths, recreational areas and a 33.5-metre observation tower overlooking the surrounding landscape;
- Largely wheelchair-accessible, with paved pathways, accessible parking and adapted toilet facilities.

Ķemeri National Park

- Features the famous Great Ķemeri Bog Boardwalk, offering scenic views over vast wetlands and a peaceful nature experience;
- *Please note, the boardwalk is **not** wheelchair-accessible.*



Useful links

- Mapeirons: an accessible tourism platform that helps people with disabilities find and explore accessible places in Latvia

Explore Riga

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Riga is a city of creativity, architecture, and cultural diversity. Its charming Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is filled with cobblestone streets, medieval buildings, historic churches and lively squares. Riga is also famous for its remarkable Art Nouveau architecture, among the finest in Europe, as well as its bustling Central Market, cafés and cultural scene.



Riga Old Town

- Here, the skyline of Riga is defined by historic church towers and spires, many crowned with the iconic golden roosters;
- Discover architectural highlights such as the House of the Blackheads, once a meeting place for a brotherhood of unmarried merchants and foreign traders.

Museums



- Riga offers a diverse and dynamic museum scene, ranging from classical art and history to contemporary and interactive experiences;
- Recommendations: Latvian National Museum of Art,Riga Motor Museum, Digital Art House
- Find the museum of your choice: https://muzeji.lv/en/museum-catalogue



Riga Central Market

- One of Europe's largest markets, housed in five former Zeppelin hangars;
- A great place to experience everyday Latvian life, discover local produce and traditional foods, and explore Riga's culinary culture.

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