

LATE 7th Winter TPDD 2023

Advancing Teachers' Professional Competence and Self-Efficacy

Date: 29th December 2023

Venue: Online Zoom platform

08.45 – 09.00	Coffee talks (Joining Zoom)
09.00 – 09.10	LATE News and LATE Winter TPDD 2023 opening by Inga Linde (President of LATE)
09.10 – 09.30 (20 min)	ECML project RELANG 2023 by Marija Griņēviča (National Secondary School of Arts Emīls Dārziņš Music School) and by Laima Takere (Riga Secondary School No 49) RELANG 2023 project “Literature and creative texts: how to practise and test literature in line with the CEFR and its Companion Volume” took place in Latvia from 25-27 October, 2023. In this presentation, we will describe the event from the participants' perspective, sharing key insights into the importance of understanding the CEFR level descriptors in order to prepare appropriate tasks for students.
09.30 – 10.30 (60 min)	Applying Critical Thinking to Reading by Dace Miška (Oxford University Press) How can our learners develop critical thinking skills while reading difficult texts and struggling with unknown vocabulary? In this session we will look at ways to develop useful strategies for the reading part of the exam.
10.30 – 10.45	General Association's meeting - electing the Board and revising the Statutes
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break (15 min)
11.00 – 12.00 (60 min)	Integrated skills activities for the primary classroom by Betti Sewell (International House Riga-Satva) This session will focus on practical activities for primary learners which develop integrated skills. The activities target receptive and productive language skills, as well as developing some of the core 21st century life competencies - communication, creativity, collaboration and critical thinking.
12.00 – 13.00 (60 min)	Exam preparation: What does it mean? by Tatjana Kunda (National Centre for Education) During the presentation we will consider a number of issues related to preparing learners for the exam. What can we do to ensure that language learning is not lost in pursuit of higher exam grades?
13.00 – 13.30	Lunch break (30 min)
13.30 – 14.30 (60 min)	Writing tips and tricks by Inguna Melne (Riga State Gymnasium No 1) There are some issues that keep recurring in the examination essays, yet there are ways to avoid them. In this presentation, we will look at some of them.
14.30 – 15.30 (60 min)	An Introduction to AI in the Language Classroom by Andrew Doxsey (Limbaži State Gymnasium) In this presentation, I will introduce you to the concepts of AI and demonstrate how I use ChatGPT to reduce my workload.
15.30 – 15.40	Closing of the event and informal professional conversations