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Training school:

Importance of wood performance, protection, and longevity in the presence of climate change



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Date: September 14th 2026

Place: [Dzerbenes iela 27, Riga, Latvia](#). The home of Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry (LSIWC)

Time	Name	Lecturer
8:30-8:50	Morning coffee	-
8:50-9:00	Intro: About the course and the institute	Ph.D. Edgars Kuka (LSIWC)
9:00-9:50	Lecture: Wood degradation (biotic and abiotic factors)	Dr.sc.ing. Dace Cirule (LSIWC)
9:50-10:00	Coffee break	-
10:00-10:50	Lecture: Wood protection (impregnation, modification, coatings etc.)	Dr. Erik Larnøy (NIBIO)
10:50-11:40	Lecture: LCA and the importance of long-lasting products	Dr. Roja Modaresi (NTI)
11:40-12:30	Lunch	-
12:30-13:30	Lab tour – Directions for sustainable products	LSIWC
13:30-14:20	Bus trip to Silava (Salaspils)	-
14:20-14:50	Lecture: Growth and protection of forests for obtaining high quality wood in context of Forest ecosystem services. Results of Forest 4LV research program	Mg.biol. Gundega Done and Dr.silv. Zane Lībiete (Silava)
14:50-15:20	Lecture: Forests on carbon sequestration (underground, above ground; products)	Dr.silv. Andis Lazdiņš and Ph.D Aldis Butlers (Silava)
15:20-15:30	Coffee break	-
15:30-16:40	Lab tour: About growing of high-quality trees (selection), nursery methods etc. Results of Forest4LV research program in practice	Dr.silv. Dagnija Lazdina and Dr.silv. Martins Zeps (Silava)
16:40-17:30	Bus trip back to the LSIWC or Riga centre	-
19:00	WSE 2026 conference welcome party	-

LSIWC – Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry
Silava – Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava"
NIBIO – Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research
NTI – Norwegian Institute of Wood Technology
LBTU – Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

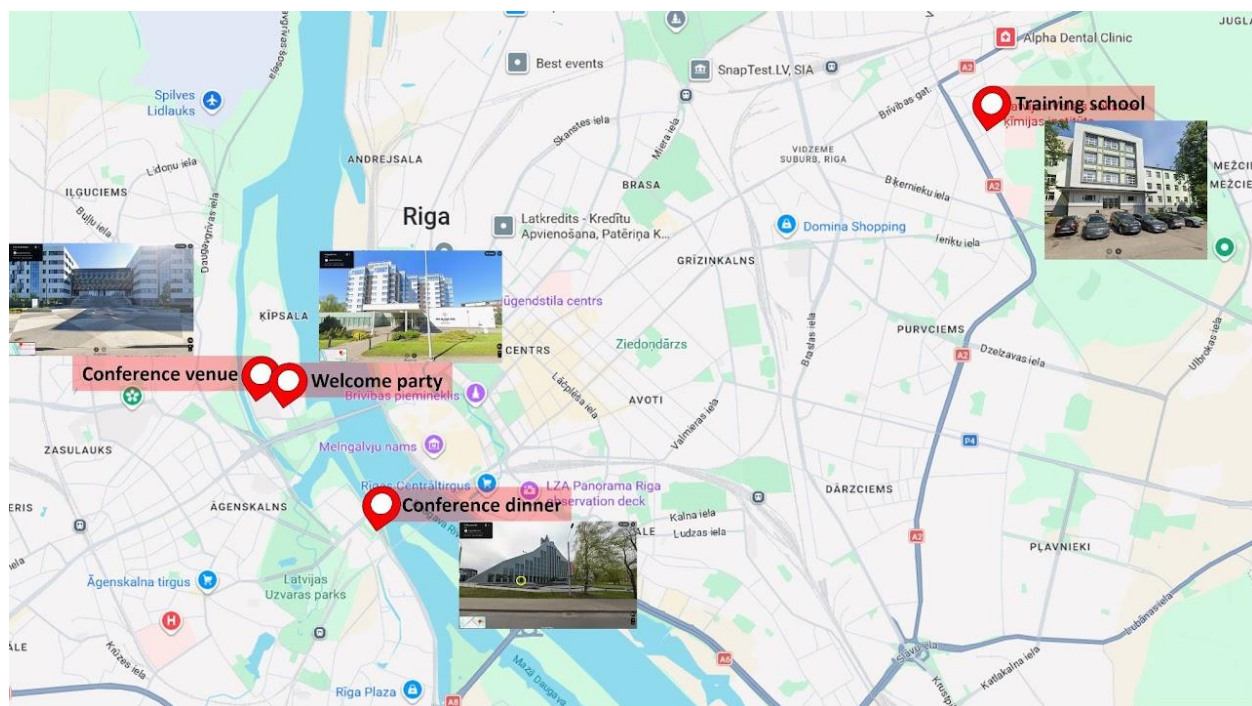
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Participants who complete the Training School and submit the required take-home assignment will be awarded 2 ECTS credits from LBTU.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Map of the main event locations in WSE 2026



Getting to the Training School (Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry) by public transport

Tickets for public transport:

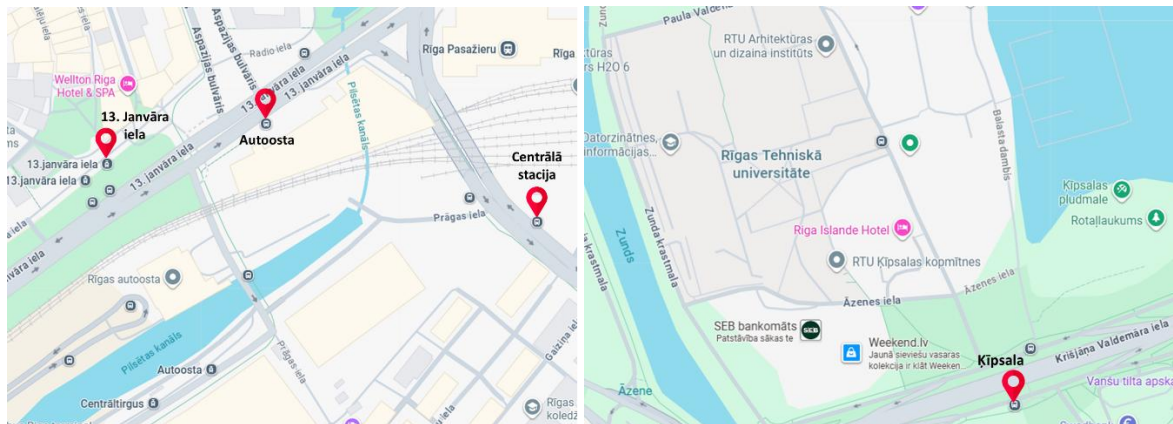
Riga has a reliable and affordable public transport system operated by Rīgas Satiksme, including trams, buses, and trolleybuses. Riga's public transport system is operated by Rīgas Satiksme and includes buses, trams and trolleybuses. Tickets can be purchased from ticket machines, kiosks, or via the Mobilly or Rīgas Satiksme mobile apps. A single ride costs around €1.50, and day passes (24-hour, 3-day, or 5-day) offer great value for visitors.

Route to the Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry:

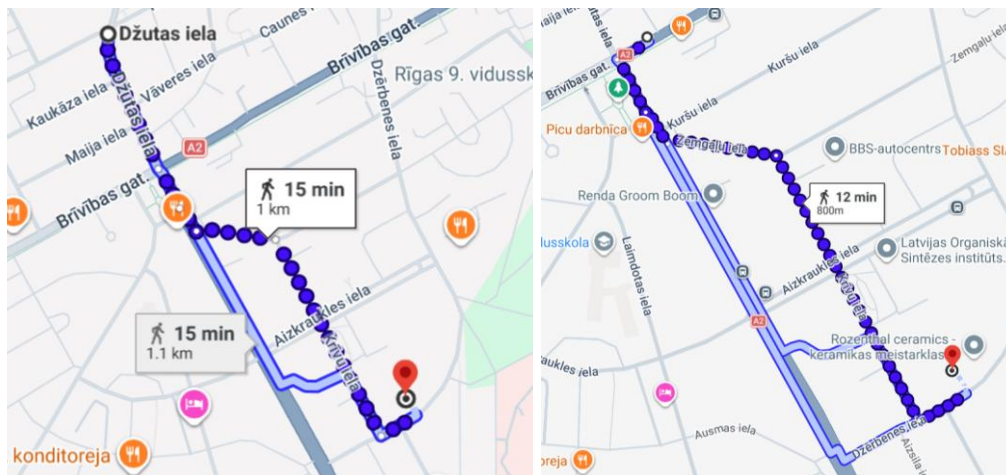
The Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry is easily accessible from Riga city center by public transport. Buses and trolleybuses #4, #12, #21, #31 and #34 all stop at the “Zemitāna laukums”, from where the institute is approximately a 10-15 minute walk.

Bus #21 (Imanta-Jugla) departs from “Autoosta” stop in the city center. Trolleybuses #4 (Ziepniekkalns-Jugla), #31 (Centrāltirgus-Bergūciems) and #34 (Centrāltirgus-Maza Juglas iela) can be boarded at the “Centrālā stacija” stop. Trolleybus #12 (Āgenskalna priedes-Šmerlis) departs from the “Ķīpsala” stop, located near RTU Domus.

An alternative option is tram #1 (Imanta – Jugla), which can be taken from the “13. Janvāra iela” stop in the city center. Passengers should get off at “Džutas iela”, followed by a 15-20 minute walk to the institute.



Bus, trolleybus and tram stop near Riga central station (left image) and near Conference Venue RTU Domus (right image)



Path from tram stop “Džutas iela” (left image) and path from bus and trolleybus stop “Zemitāna laukums” (right image)



Front entrance of Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry