

## Conference Programme

**Date:** 27 May 2025

**Venue:** LSMU Faculty of Public Health, Tilžės str. 18, 101 a., Kaunas, Lithuania

*Sessions will be streamed **online***

EEST Time Zone

8:30-9:00

*Registration, welcome coffee/tea*

9:00

### Opening of the conference

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Gintarė Kalinienė

*Dr. Zita Duchovskienė, Head of the Technology and Innovation Department, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Lithuania*

*Prof. habil. dr. Vaiva Lesauskaitė, Vice-Rector for Science of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences*

*Prof. Dr. Ida Liseckienė, Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences*

*Dr. Boguslavas Gruževskis, Director of the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences*

*Dr. Rita Lankauskienė, President of the Lithuanian National Network of Living Labs*

9:30-10:45

### Plenary session I - Panel discussion

#### „Living Labs in Focus: How Science Happens in Real-Life Contexts“

Moderated by Aurelija Povilaikė

„ENoLL - The Concept and Horizons of Living Labs Around the Globe“

*Gabriella Quaranta, ENoLL Head of Network & Senior Project Manager, Belgium*

"From Ideas to Impact: Co-Creation in Horizon Europe"

*Lina Liepytė, Research Council of Lithuania, National Contact Point for Horizon Europe, Lithuania.*

Panel discussion guiding questions:

1. How do Living Labs reconfigure the traditional boundaries between science, society, and policy — and what are the implications for scientific rigor and democratic legitimacy?
2. What methodological innovations and challenges arise in integrating research within Living Lab environments, particularly in capturing complex socio-technical dynamics and localized knowledge?
3. In what ways can Living Labs contribute to systemic transformations, such as the green and digital transitions, and what governance models best support their scaling and institutionalization?

*Moderator: Aurelija Povilaikė, Research Council of Lithuania, NCP Head and NCP Coordinator, Lithuania*

*Participants:*

- *Gabriella Quaranta, ENoLL Head of Network & Senior Project Manager, Belgium*

- *Dr. Zita Duchovskienė, Head of the Technology and Innovation Department, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Lithuania*
- *Dr. Rita Lankauskienė, President of the Lithuanian National Network of Living Labs, Lithuania*
- *Katarzyna Gizinska, Coordinator of ESIRA Living Labs across Europe, European Rural Development Network, Poland.*

10:45-11:00

Coffee/tea break

### Plenary session II

Moderated by Dr. Rita Lankauskienė

11:00 -12:30

„Mission SOILL: 100 Living Labs Across Europe“

*Gabriele Quattrocchi, Startup of the SOILL, Trust-IT Services, Italy*

"Opening Innovation Ecosystems for Co-creation and Impact - Experiences from Finnish Ostrobothnia".

*Dr. Antti Mäenpää and Dr. Mona Enell-Nilsson, University of Vaasa, Finland.*

"Living Labs - an Innovative Approach to Creating Small Homelands".

*Katarzyna Gizinska, European Rural Development Network, Poland.*

Questions & Answers

12:30 - 13:15

Lunch

13:15-15:00

### Living Lab Session I

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Gintarė Kalinienė

„Living Labs for Aging: Engineering Innovation through Interdisciplinary Collaboration“

*Assoc. Prof. of Medicine, Dr. Peter Abadir, Johns Hopkins University; Co-Principal Investigator, Johns Hopkins Artificial Intelligence and Technology Collaboratory for Aging Research; Director, Gerotech Incubator & Translational Aging Research Training Program, USA.*

"Lessons on Open Innovation in the biopharmaceutical industry"

*Prof. Dr. Phill Phan, Alonzo and Virginia Decker Professor at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School (USA) with joint appointment as Professor in the Department of Medicine. Robert Bosch Policy Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin.*

„The EDUTECH STEAM Laboratory at Klaipėda University as a 'Living Laboratory': Teachers' and Students' Experiences in the Co-Creation Process“

*Doc. dr. Gražina Šmitienė, prof. dr. Julija Melnikova, doc. dr. Aleksandra Batuchina, dr. Rasa Kulevičienė, Klaipėda University, Faculty of Social and Humanities Sciences, Department of Pedagogy, Lithuania.*

“Exploring Living Labs approach: a case study of CATALISI project”

*Prof. dr. Eglė Butkevičienė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania.*

„A Living Lab Framework for Promoting Student Well-Being in Lithuanian General Education“

*Dr. Renata Kudukytė-Gasperė, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Kaunas, Lithuania.*

„Socially Sensitive Challenges in the Implementation of Living Labs for Oncological and Schizophrenia Prevention: The LSMU Experience“

*Irina Kolomiiets, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Kaunas, Lithuania.*

**"Evidence-Based Living Laboratory in the Context of Urban Green Space Co-development: A Perceived Ecosystem Service Value Approach"**

*Assoc. prof. Milda Damkuvienė, Assoc. prof. Jurgita Joniškienė, Junior Researcher Sigita Balčiūnas, Assoc. prof. Jūratė Valuckienė, Assoc. prof. Evandželina Petukienė, Assoc. prof. Martynas Kazlauskas, Assoc. prof. Ingrida Šaulienė, student Kipras Merkelis, student Darija Bučienė, Vilnius University, Šiauliai Academy, Lithuania.*

Questions & Answers

15:00-15:15

Coffee/tea break

15:15-16:45

**Living Lab Session II**

Moderated by Dr. Monika Belhaj

**"Living Labs as a Tool for Sustainable Society Progress Integrating Biodiversity Conservation, Adaptation to Climate Change and Education in Forest Ecosystems: eco2adapt and eNaBIS Project Experience"**

*Prof. dr. Gediminas Brazaitis, Prof. dr. Vitas Marozas, Faculty of Forest Sciences and Ecology, Vytautas Magnus University/ Agriculture Academy, Kaunas, Lithuania.*

**"Practices of stakeholder engagement aiming at advancing the blue(bio)economy in the Klaipeda Region"**

*Eglė Stonkė, Dr. Viktorija Vaitkevičienė, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanity, Klaipėda University, dr. Zita Rasuolė Gasiūnaitė, dr. Evelina Grinienė, Marine Research Institute, Klaipėda University.*

**"Experience of Raising Awareness among Potential Applicants to Establish Soil Health Living Labs"**

*Erika Mankutė, Head of Marketing Department, Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service, Kėdainiai district, Lithuania.*

**"DroneLab - LivingLab as part of the Codecs project"**

*Vineta Gailite, Junior Research Fellow in Environmental Protection, Raul Sampaio de Lima, Appointed Research Fellow in Remote Sensing, Kaupo Kokamägi, Appointed Junior Research Fellow in Environmental Sciences and Applied Biology, Estonian University of Life Sciences.*

**"From Fields to Futures: Empowering Women Through Agricultural Innovation Processes in a Living Lab"**

*Dr. Vida Dabkienė, Dr. Tomas Baležentis, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences.*

**"Cooperation of Small and Medium-sized Farms as a Tool to Enhance Participation in Public Procurement"**

*Dr. Nelė Jurkėnaitė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Lithuania.*

**"LIRA lab - Living Innovations for Regional Advancement: AI-empowered diagnostics and co-creation for society"**

*Dr. Rita Lankauskienė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Vilnius, Lithuania.*

Questions & Answers

16:45-17:00

**Closing of the Conference**

Moderated by Dr. Rita Lankauskienė