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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GUIDELINES FOR INFORMATION ACCESSIBILITY

Press release

Venue: Islande Hotel <u>http://www.islandehotel.lv</u>

On 27–28 May Riga is hosting the International Conference for the ICT for Information Accessibility in Learning (ICT4IAL) project. This event will take place as an official event of Latvia's EU Presidency, supported by the Latvian Ministry of Education and the National Centre of Education.

The International Conference will present the project's main outcome – the ICT4IAL Guidelines.

The ICT4IAL Guidelines have been created as a tool for practitioners and organisations that provide information for learning to support creating accessible materials. The Guidelines contain a set of easy-to-follow steps to create accessible materials in text, video and audio formats.

The ICT4IAL project is a multi-disciplinary network formed by the <u>European</u> <u>Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education</u>, in partnership with <u>European Schoolnet</u> (EUN), the <u>International Association of Universities</u> (IAU), <u>UNESCO</u>, the <u>DAISY Consortium</u> and the <u>Global Initiative of Inclusive ICTs</u> (G3ICT). Project activities began in 2013 and the Guidelines have been developed together with the partners and with input from nominated experts from the Agency's and partners' member countries.

At the conference workshops, participants will have the chance to follow instructions and demonstrations of how to create accessible materials, and how to share these in different formats. In addition, all participants will be able to consult how they can improve the accessibility of their existing materials.

After the conference the Guidelines will be available on the <u>www.ict4ial.eu/</u> project website as open source material.



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