



Latviešu valodas aģentūra

In September 26 European Council Member States mention the European Day of Languages each year. It is time when special attention is given to the European languages, linguistic diversity and studies. There is celebration of the Latvian language, not just as a native language and traditional value of the national spirit, but also as a European Union official language. This annual event aims to highlight the linguistic diversity, to promote language learning, as well as encourage people to learn languages throughout their lives. European Day of Languages events become more widespread and popular from year to year. These events involve extensive community – pupils, students, teachers, university educators, linguists and many others. This year we invite all interested to choose the most attractive events and to participate in! We remind you that all activities are free of charge. Welcome to the European Day of Languages 2011!

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 2011

N	Date	Time	Event	Place	Annotation
1.	Monday, September 19	13.00	Bilingual poetry readings	Makasanu Secondary School Rezekne district, Veremu parish, Lugulova	
2.	Tuesday, September 20	18.00	Bilingual poetry readings	Mezotnes Palace Bauska district, Mezotne parish	Bilingual readings in Latgale, Kurzeme, Zemgale and Vidzeme. There is possibility to listen poetry readings in six different languages: Greek-Latvian, Italian-Latvian, Czech-Latvian, Hungarian-Latvian, Spanish-Latvian and French-Latvian.
3.	Wednesday, September 21	14.00	Bilingual poetry readings	Kuldiga main Library, Kuldiga, Vakara Str. 6	Mood of the evening is created by saxophonist Guntis Brancis. Please bring a good mood and poetic! Bilingual poetry readings are supported by the European Commission Representative Office in Latvia.
4.	Thursday, September 22	18.00	Bilingual poetry readings	Valmiera Library, Valmiera, Cesu Str. 4	

5. **Friday,** **13.00** **Language „workshop”**
September 23

EU house,
Riga, Aspazijas
boulevard 28

In terms of Language workshops all the interested will have the opportunity to get acquainted with some of eight languages in attractive and creative way: Icelandic, French, Greek, Italian, Latvian, Spanish, English and sign language. Classes are scheduled for 15 minutes each. In each of the language workshops one will be able to hear the sound of the language, learn some interesting facts about the country's culture, learn to tell basic phrases and realize that maybe that this is the language he or she wants to learn.

- Italian workshop. The master Inga Smith will introduce Italian pasta names to the audience.
- Icelandic workshop. Host of the Icelandic workshop, Edmund Akitis, invites everyone to find out how and why Iceland attracts or repels, will present pronunciation of the Icelandic language, as well as discover its magic. What's more, he will represent the information which do not disclose the tourist guides.
- English workshop will be offered by the British Council in Latvia. It will represent all the information about Olympic Games 2012 in London. There is a special section dedicated for this theme on the British Council Learn English site [*English for 2012*](#).
- French Institute will offer French language workshop, where one will be able to get the first communication skills in French and participate in the quiz "What do I know about French culture."
- At Latvian language workshop led by Dite Liepa everyone will be able to discover little known facts about Latvian language and play a quiz with the language and cultural history questions.
- Do you know how real Spaniards greet each other? Do you know at what time the Spanish people say "Hello" and when they start to say "Good evening"? Spanish Cultural Center *Seneca* represent Spanish workshop. It will offer not only learning how to greet in a right way, but also to introduce ourselves in Spanish, as well as trying to

pronounce some sounds faster than real Spanish people themselves.

- At Greek workshop leaded by Vineta Kleina everyone will discover which Greek words are in use the Latvian language, will learn how to cook Greek salad, as well as listen to Greek music.
- In terms of this European Day of Languages in the EU Member States the particular attention is paid to the sign language. Lectors of the Sign language workshop will tell how people with hearing disabilities communicate. They usually use the visual language for information exchange that is sign language. This communication system differs from verbal language with the specific labeling and use of certain grammatical structures. The minimum of the sign language is the gesture, or manual sign, which is served as an independent amount of information. In the sign language non-manual features are important as well: facial expressions, body posture, movement intensity. These components of communication in practice provide functions of intonation. Learn about sign language at workshop hosted by Lilita Jancevska.

To participate in Learning workshops please apply by phone 67201684 or e-mail: velga.licite@valoda.lv

The event takes place in cooperation with the European Commission Representative in Latvia and the European Commission General Directorate for Translation

6. **Friday,
September 23** **18.00** **Norwegian club**

Nordisk

Riga, Terbatas
Str. 4-2

Evening with Norwegian spirit, with Norwegian language and cultural elements, as well as presentation of a new Norwegian grammar book.

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The event is organised by Language School „Nordisk”

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| 7. | Monday,
September 26 | 13.00 | Conference "Latvian language
around the world" | <i>Satori space</i>
Berga bazars,
Dzirnavu Str.
84 k-2 | The Conference about Latvian language and availability of its learning opportunities in the world, problems and desired solutions. Participants are the Latvian language Lectorate executives: Paul Stoll (Czech Republic), Ilze Zagorska (Estonia), Spruce Žilinskaite (Lithuania), the World Free Latvian Association's Board of Education Vice-chairperson Daina Gross, a special Ambassador Roland Lappuke, Latvian Language Agency educational project manager with abroad countries Iveta Grinberga and Fulbright scholar Jordan Cook. |
| | | 15.00 | European Prize for language
learning. Prize giving | | European Prize for language learning is a European Union initiative, which is presented to Member States since 1998 and is supported by the European Commission. The aim of this initiative is to seek and find new, original, other countries and languages transferable language learning methods and techniques. To apply participation in the competition could any person at any entity or person who works in terms of the project. Prize is awarded for successful work in language teaching and learning. Event is organized by the National Education Development Agency. |
| 8. | Monday,
September 26 | 16.00 | „@ your library” | The Latvian
National
Library.
Children
Library
Riga, Terbatas
Str. 75 | The event for primary schoolchildren with common songs, language research and creative workshops. <i>@ your library</i> going global in terms of campaign <i>@ your library</i> framework. The event <i>@ your library</i> is planned to interrogate the world's cultural heritage libraries. The aim is to highlight the diversity and richness of Latvian in comparison with the world heritage sites and objects. It is essential that children and young people during the campaign complement their skills in the library with help of available resources - books, periodicals, Internet and other sources. The event is organized in cooperation with UNESCO LNK and LNL Children Literature Center. |

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| 9. | Tuesady,
September 27 | 13.00 | Discussion „Foreign language borrowings in Latvian language” | Ventspils University,
Inzenieru Str.
101a | Will investigate how much Latvian language is inspired by German accents and English. Will look at language contact forms and manifestations. Learn about the contextual or occasional linguistic adoptions and language interpreting. Will refer the European Commission's translator Ieva Zauberga, Ventspils University Associate Professor Dzintra Lele Rozentale and Juris Baldunčiks |
| 10. | Tuesday,
September 27 | 17.00 | Linguistic game „Fit the language” | Galerija Centrs
Riga, Audeju Str.
16 | Game "Fit the language," shopping center "Gallery Center", Ground floor of the Ridzene Str.
There is an opportunity to test your knowledge of foreign languages, a fun and active way to learn something new and win prizes!
The event is organized by the Language School "Skrivanek Baltic". |
| 11. | Wednesday,
September 28 | | National movie day | | |
| 12. | | 10.00 | Latvian movies | EU house,
Riga,
Aspazijas
boulevard 28 | Recent educational movies of Latvian language and literature, meetings with the directors, scriptwriters, actors.
Opportunity to watch a movie: "LV news", "He, She, Language", "Cultural heritage of Piebalga", "Cultural heritage of Latgale", "Personality. Time. Environment ", as well as movies about museums of Latvian writers |

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| 13. | 14.00 | Dutch movie | "K-Suns",
Riga, Elizabetes
Str. 83/85 | <p>Movie „Insane love”
/Vanvittig Forelsket/</p> <p>Category: jouth drama
Directed by Morten Giese
Country: Denmark
Year: 2009
Length: 95min.
Language: Danish, English subtitles, Latvian language
headphones</p> <p>Daniel is a very talented piano student. His aim is an international professional career. But everything changes when he falls in love with Sofia and moves to live with her. For the first time in Daniel's life, music does not hold a key position. They are planning to go to New York. Daniel together with his emotions immerses himself into increasing insane jealousy. Gradually, Daniel's exaggerated suspicion of a possible Sofia's cheating and lack of confidence turned his gentle, loving image till the neurotic and dangerous person with a tendency to paranoia. As the result it affects not only his career but also the surrounding life. The event is organised by Danish Cultural Institute.</p> |
| 14. | 16.00 | Norwegian movie | Nordisk
Terbatas Str. 4-2,
Riga, LV-1050 | <p>Norwegian movie
The event is organised by the Language School „Nordisk”.</p> |
| 15. | 17.00 | French movie | Insitute of France,
Riga, Elizabetes
Str. 59 | <p>Movie by Benoit Cohen, "Who loves me, follows me" (2006)</p> <p>Max Marshall is 35 years old man and is an outstanding physician. He leads an orderly life married to a lawyer, with friends who admire him and satisfied the family. Until the day when he meets China, a singer, who provokes Maxim's relatives as an electric shock. Max decides to swing in his career and to create a rock band, thus fulfilling his youthful dreams. So he involves everyone around him in a wild race and by his own choice shakes friends' lifes.
Language: French, English subtitles</p> |

- Length: 1 hour 40 min.
The event is organised by French Institution
16. **Wednesday, September 28** **18.00** **In terms of „Language evening” event meeting with the translator Leons Briedis** **Museum of O.Vacietis,**
Riga, O. Vaciesa Str. 19
- About searches and finds in linguistics, language and literature turnouts, cultural and linguistic epochs from different points of view, one will also learn if participate in language evening series "And I just went to look for the word" with poet Leons Briedis.
- The event is organised in collaboration with O. Vacietis Museum and is held the last Wednesday of each month in 18.00 at O. Vacietis Museum in Riga, O. Vacietis Str. 19
17. **Thursday, September 29** **18.00** **Liv cultural evening** **EU house**
Riga, Aspazijas boulevard 28
- Liv cultural evening**
- As each year in terms of the European Day of Languages "Skrivanek Baltic" invites to a cultural evening! This year, the urge to know and learn about the Liv culture. This year has been declared as the year of the International Liv language and culture. In collaboration with Liv friends associations and societies "Līvõ sidām Culture" (Liv Cultural Center), Skrivanek Baltic and Latvian Language Agency invite for a Liv cultural evening in September 29th at 18.00 in 'EU house' at Aspazijas Blvd. 28, Riga.
- At Liv cultural evening it will be able to learn interesting facts about the Libyans, listen to Liv music, Liv language and to participate in master class, taste Liv traditional dishes and enjoy the arts, as well as participate in handicraft master class. If you would like to participate please apply for application in advance via e-mail: velga.licite@valoda.lv or by phone 67201684.
18. **Friday, September 30** **17.00** **French language club for pupils from 7 until 16 years** **Institute of France**
Riga, Elizabetes Str. 59
- French language club with songs and games will be held by Noemija Labrusa and Francois Richard.
- If you would like to participate please apply for application in advance via e-mail: velga.licite@valoda.lv or by phone 67201684.
- The event is organised by French Institute

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| 19. September
7 – 21 | Crossword „Language
researcher” | Newspaper
„Latvijas Avīzē” | Knowledge Quiz for Latvian residents about languages in the world. The answers to the Knowledge Quiz are allowed to be sent until September 21 st . |
| 20. September 26
– November 18 | Creative contest for students
“There is the language between
you and me” | Schools in Latvia | The three best essays from each school are looked forward by the Latvian Language Agency until November 18. Regulations will be published on the website www.valoda.lv in September 26. |

ALL THE EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

Cooperative partners:

European Commission Representative in Latvia, the European Commission's General Directorate for Translation, "Skrivanek Baltic", the French Institute, the National Education Development Agency, Nordisk, Liv Culture Society, the Danish Cultural Institute, UNESCO LNC, Gallery "Center", draugiem.lv, Italian Language and Culture Organisation "Dante Alighieri", the Hungarian Embassy, British Council, the Ministry, the Spanish cultural Center "Seneca," Satori space, Mezotne castle, Ventpils University.

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