

EAS 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Dual Career of Elite Athletes:
Integrating Sport and Education
for Future Success*



UNIVERSITY OF
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6-8 October
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Programme

OKTOBER 6 MAGNUM aud. HOUSE OF NATURE, Jelgavas str. 1, Riga

9.00-9.45	Registration of participants	
Chair: Assoc.prof. Ilvis Abelkalns		
9.45 – 10.00	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laura Capranica (President, European Athlete as Student network)• Gundars Berziņš (Rector of University of Latvia)• Raimonds Lazdiņš (President of National Olympic committee)• Agita Abele (Latvian Universities Sports Federation)	
10.00-13.00	PLENARY SESSION I Chair: Ole Keldorf	
10.00-10.40	Key Lectures	Lectures (European Education and Culture Executive Agency)
10.45-11.15	ENGSO	ENGSO and Dual Career – a global approach for stakeholders
11.15-11.20	BeActive Break	
11.20-12.00	Coffee break, networking	
12.00 – 12.15	FISU representative TBC	International University Sports Federation (FISU) and Dual Career – a global approach for stakeholders
12.15-12.35	Joerg Foerster (German University Sport Federation-adh)	Status of Dual Career in Germany after the 2025 FISU Games
12.35-12.40	BeActive Break	
12.40-13.00	(Chair: Risto Keskitalo, Laura Capranica EAS) Olga Papale (University of Cassino, Italy)	Presentation of the Bengt Nybelius Scholarship winner, 2025 Bengt Nybelius Scholarship Award Ceremony “Eating Right, Sleeping Tight? The Evaluation of the Student-Athlete Paradox”
13.00-13.10	GROUP PHOTO	
13.15-14.15	Lunch	

Chair: Risto Keskitalo, Ole Keldorf, Antonio Figueiredo		
14.20-15.00	Working Group Activities:	1) Dual career in high school, transition from high school to university; 2) Dual career in Universities; 3) Transition from a sports career to employment.
15.00-15.30	Coffee break	
15.30-16.00		Working group feedback
16.00	General Discussion	
16.10-17.00	BeActive Break	University Walking Tour
19.00 – 21.00	Social dinner in the “ANNAS DARZS” Address: Mūkusalas iela 43A, Rīga TBC	

OKTOBER 7 **RIMI OLYMPIC CENTER, Grostonas str. 6B, Riga**

9.00 –	Walking to the Conference Venue (departure from Hotel “OPERA”)	
10.00-10.30		Report of the Latvian Olympic Committee
10.30-11.00	Klāvs Olšteins – (Latvian Basketball Union, Latvia)	Basketball - an opportunity to get an education at universities in the USA, Canada and Latvia
11.00-11.10	BeActive Break	
11.10-11.30	Coffee break	
11.30-12.30	Oral Presentations,	

Chair: Mojca TBC

11.30-11.45	Felipe Rodrigues da Costa (University of Brasilia, Brazil)	Challenges and opportunities for implementing and developing a student-athlete support program in the Federal District (Brazil)
11.45-12.00		Project “DC Mentor”
12.00-12.15	Nenad Stojiljković (University of Nis, Serbia)	Project “FIND ME”
12.15-12.30	General Discussion	
12.30-12.45	Risto Keskitalo (Kastelli Upper Secondary Sport School, Olu, Finland)	Presentation of the 2026 EAS Conference
12.45-12.50	BeActive Break	
12.50- 13.30	Chair: Ole Keldorf	EAS General Assembly
13.45-14.45	Lunch	

Chair: Laurence TBC

15.00-15.10		Project “COMPATH”
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15.10-15.20	Juan Alfonso Garcia Roca (UCAM, Spain)	Advancing Dual Career Officer Training and Support Across Europe
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16.00-16.05	BeActive Break	
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16.15-16.25		
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16.35-16.45		
16.45-17.00	General Discussion	

OKTOBER 8 OLD TOWN MEETING at HOTEL OPREA

9.00 -11.00	BeActive Activity	Guided walking tour of the Old Town
11.00-11.30	Coffee break.	
11.30-13.00	Rita Apine	Visiting the Latvian Sports Museum
13.00	Laura Capranica, Risto Keskitalo, Ole Keldorf, Ilvis Abelkalns	Closing Ceremony in the Sports Museum
	General Discussion	
	Departure	