From Waterfront to Community: Empowering Youth & Residents in the Port of Riga

Strengthening Port-City Relations Through Education, Waterfront Activation, and Public Safety

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Youth Education & Maritime Careers

Inspiring the Next Generation of Maritime Professionals

- **Shadow Day ("Ēnu diena"): Nationwide career initiative** where students (Grades 1–12) spend a day **side-by-side with maritime professionals**, directly participating in their daily activities—from the CEO and pilots to vessel Masters, IT specialists, and engineers.
- **Demystifying Port Operations: Interactive learning** about vessel mechanics, radar tracking, logistics, and global supply chains.
- **Developing Maritime Skills:** Supporting **youth sailing infrastructure**, local sailing schools, and regattas in the city center to promote active, water-based lifestyles.



Waterfront Activation & Sustainability

Promoting Sustainable Recreation and Environmental Stewardship

- **Garmin Predator Cup: International sport fishing tournament** in Riga's port waters, attracting **50+ European and U.S. teams.**
- **Strict "Catch & Release" Principle:** Educating the public on **biodiversity, marine ethics, and sustainable co-existence** between sport and commercial navigation.
- **Public Inclusive Spaces:** Investing in **yacht harbors and public infrastructure** to integrate the port's waterways directly into **urban recreation and cultural life.**



Community Safety & Well-Being

Fostering Safety Awareness and Trust Across Port-Adjacent Areas

- **"Be Safe!" Children's Festival:** Annual outreach program engaging port-adjacent families under the slogan **"Be Safe – Learn, Play, Protect."**
- **Interactive Waterfront Education: Hands-on workshops** covering road and water safety, first aid, and **emergency prevention** in collaboration with the municipality and rescue services.
- **Direct Port Engagement:** Demonstrating port police boats, life-saving gear, and pollution-control equipment (oil booms) **to make port operations accessible and transparent.**



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