



# Sustainable Gastronomy Tourism "Actions After 2030"

AEHT Youth Parliament | Riga, Latvia

7. - 11. April, 2026



## Invitation to Participate AEHT Youth Parliament 2026

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Riga, Latvia | 7-11 April

Dear AEHT Member Schools,

**Riga Technical School of Tourism and Creative Industry (RTRIT)** is pleased to invite students from AEHT member schools to participate in the AEHT Youth Parliament, which will take place in Riga, Latvia, **from 7 to 11 April, 2026**.

This international youth event brings together motivated young people to explore the future of sustainable gastronomy tourism, focusing on concrete actions and responsibilities beyond the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Through a simulated Youth Parliament format, participants will engage in debates, workshops, case studies, and collaborative problem-solving activities that strengthen critical thinking, diplomacy, leadership, and international communication skills.

**Arrival: Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Departure: Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 2026**



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## Participants

### Students

We wish to enable the arrival of as many countries as possible, so the limit is two students per country (one per school), with a maximum of 30 students. Students shall be 18 years old at the time of travel.

Active participation in debates is required, so the level of English must be at least B2. The participating students will be required to research the topic of the discussion and develop solutions to significant issues identified.

## General Theme

### Sustainable Gastronomy Tourism – “Actions After 2030”

Participants will critically assess current sustainability practices and explore how tourism, food systems, mobility, branding, and consumption patterns must evolve in the coming decades.

## General Topics for Debating

- #1 "Waste Is Not Just Trash – It's Tomorrow"
- #2 "Next-Gen Traveller Choices – Can going green still be FUN?"
- #3 "Green Travel Hype – Cool Trends or Real Change?"



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## Assignment

# Analytical Assessment of Sustainable Development Goals Toward 2030

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## Objective

The purpose of this assignment is to critically evaluate global progress toward selected Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. Students are expected to move beyond declarative sustainability narratives and assess how these goals are implemented in practice. Particular attention should be paid to Responsible Consumption and Production, Sustainable Tourism, and Affordable and Clean Energy, while allowing analytical flexibility in the selection of additional goals.

## Analytical Task

Despite broad political and institutional endorsement, the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals remains uneven and contested. Structural, economic, social, and technological constraints continue to challenge their realization.

Students are required to address **three** Sustainable Development Goals:

- **Responsible Consumption and Production**
- **Climate Action**
- **Affordable and Clean Energy**

and analyze whether these goals are realistically achievable by 2030

The written analysis must be evidence-based and may draw on statistical data, policy documents, academic literature, or case examples. The emphasis should be on identifying discrepancies between ambition and actual implementation rather than reiterating official policy statements.

## Central Question

If by 2030 certain Sustainable Development Goals are achieved only formally – or not achieved at all – what are the main reasons for this outcome?

In addressing this question, students should consider political and economic limitations, consumption and production patterns, technological capacity and accessibility, and global inequalities that influence sustainable development outcomes.

## Post-2030 Perspective

The final section of the assignment should provide a brief forward-looking reflection. Students are expected to outline their vision of sustainable development beyond 2030, identify potential new priorities or innovations, and critically assess whether the current SDG framework remains sufficient to address future global challenges.

## Recommended literature

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/poverty/> and Eurostat: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/sdi/visualisations>



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# Submission Requirements

### Written Report

Students must submit a written analytical report that:

- does not exceed 1.5 pages,
- is formatted in 12 pt Times New Roman,
- uses 6 pt spacing between lines,
- is fully justified,
- follows academic writing standards.

### Visual Submission (PDF Slide)

In addition to the written report, students must submit one-page PDF (landscape format) containing a visual illustration of the country, policy, or thematic context discussed in the assignment.

The slide should:

- visually represent the country's "personality" or sustainability profile,
- highlight the key topic or challenge discussed,
- combine minimal text with images, icons, graphs, or diagrams,
- serve as a supporting visual for the pitch talk presentation.

### Presentation Format: 2-Minute Pitch Talk

The results of the assignment will be presented on the first debate day in the form of a 2-minute pitch talk. The presentation should be concise, analytical, and structured around one core argument, one critical insight, and one future-oriented idea.

### Concluding Remark

Sustainable development is not merely about compliance with predefined goals but about transformation, responsibility, and long-term progress. Each generation's decisions shape the sustainability pathways available to the next.



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## Costs

### For Students

AEHT Youth Parliament 2026 in Riga is free of charge for participating students, with the following costs fully covered by the school:

- Transfer from the Riga International Airport/ Riga International Bus Station/ Coach Station and vice versa
- Accommodation in the Student Dormitory (Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Meals during the Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>
- All excursions and sightseeing as per the programme

### For Teachers/ Mentors

Registration fee of **350€ per person** includes all the above (transport, meals, excursions, accommodation at student hostel at the school).

## Registration

We value your participation and insights. Please take a moment to register your attendance and provide feedback on the AEHT Youth Parliament event. Your input is crucial for shaping future initiatives.

Access the registration and feedback form directly: [HERE](#) or scan the QR code



### Very Important:

Do not book flights until the organiser provides a written confirmation.

## Questions?

**If you have any questions contact us at [projekti@rtrit.lv](mailto:projekti@rtrit.lv)**

We look forward to seeing you in Riga, on April!



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## Event Programm

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

All day until 18:00	Participant Arrivals & Check-in at student dormitory	School
19:00 - 21:00	Welcome Party	School

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast	School
08:30 – 08:45	Registration	School
09:00 – 11:00	Opening	School
11:00	Visiti to Getliņi EKO environmental education centre – students	Getlini Eco
11:00 – 15:00	Programme for Teachers "From Nature to Table – Sustainable Approach	-
13:00 – 14:00	Zero-Waste Lunch Experience "100% Taste – 0% Waste"	School
14:00 – 16:00	Debate #1 "Waste Is Not Just Trash – It's Tomorrow"	School
17:00	Old Town Riga City Tour	Riga, City Center
19:00	Dinner	School

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

07:30 – 09:00	Breakfast	School
9:00	Departure to Riga City center	School
09:45 – 12:00	Gastro Tour – Europe's Largest Open-Air Market	Riga Central Market
12:00 – 14:00	Debate #2 at EU House Riga "Next-Gen Traveller Choices – Can going green still be FUN?"	EUHouse Riga
12:00	Sustainable Taste: How Michelin's Arrival Redefines Future of Tourism - Teachers only	City center
15:20 – 16:20	Latvia's Parliament: From National Decisions to European Impact	LV Parliament
17:00 – 19:00	Eco-Craft Labs (Zero-Waste Confectionery   Candle-Making   T-Shirt Upcycling Studio)	School
19:20	Dinner	School
20:00 – 21:00	Optional student-led social activities and free time for networking	School

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

07:30 – 09:00	Breakfast	School
09:00 – 10:00	Electric Vehicle Exhibition	School
10:00 – 11:00	Key Speaker Sessions: Eco-Branding   Trendy Attractions   Green Energy Vehicles	School
11:15 – 13:15	Debate #3 "Green Travel Hype – Cool Trends or Real Change?"	School
13:30	Garden Party – "Epic Eats & Cool Wheels" with Outdoor Lunch	School
15:30	Digital Election and AEHT Youth President Selection	School
19:00	GALA DINNER an President Inauguration	TBA

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

07:30 – 09:00	Breakfast	School
All Day	Departures	From school