

UPDATE

New Media and Technology Festival UPDATE

September 28 – October 5, 2024

<https://updatefestival.lv/>

UPDATE is a week-long festival for emerging artists, art students, people interested in using art tools and techniques in their practices or research.

UPDATE offers workshops, masterclasses, performance events and exhibition.

All masterclasses and workshops will be held in English.

If you think you can contribute to the program, get in touch!

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Ways of participating:

- Symposium presentation (and publication) – researchers and doctoral students
- Workshop hosts – artists and educators sharing their expertise in a 1 – 4-day workshop
- Masterclass – 2-hour online session to share skills or practices to a broad public
- Performance – we are looking for experimental sound and performance artists
- Exhibition – artists working with digital arts, VR, environmental art, media art

For students:

The festival is organized for in-person participation. Selected workshops will be available online, all masterclasses will be available online.

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PROGRAM (PRELIMINARY)

Symposium

Saturday, September 28 12:00 – 16:00

Research within the arts, done by artists through their practice has developed into a varied field with interdisciplinary, mixed-method approach. Artists are developing and using completely new methods, as well as using scientific methods in combinations with fantastic ones. This exciting part of the research is often unseen and covered by the artwork.

Moving beyond the emphasis on output and aesthetic, in this symposium we are only interested in the method and methodology.

We leave everything behind that remains from our ego, and our self-image, as well as the necessity to be someone, to represent something, and the pressure to be constantly new and innovative for innovations sake.

We want to take a pathological view on methods employed by artists. We want to do it with respect, and with honesty. We hope by giving this space to you, we will all be able to talk about what really matters: methods.

Read more and apply: <https://updatefestival.lv/symposium/>

Workshops

Monday, September 30 – Thursday, October 4

Workshops will be announced soon.

Masterclasses

Tuesday, October 1 18:00 – 20:00

Wednesday, October 2 18:00 – 20:00

Exhibition opening

Friday, October 5

Performance

Friday, October 5

About MPLab community and Liepaja

UPDATE is a community of artists and researchers interested in different aspects of the unique combination of creative technologies, artistic mediums, concepts, and technologies.

You can find your community here if you are interested in media art, art and technologies, art practice-based research, prototyping, VR, AR, AI, MOCAP, digital art, 3D art, sound art, experimental art, as well as conceptual art, and performance.

UPDATE festival brings together artists, researchers with students and the public, promoting discussions and exchange of ideas.

Art Research Lab (MPLab) is part of the RTU Liepaja campus offering studio space and equipment to media art, audiovisual art, and sound art students.

Where? RTU Liepaja Art Research Lab, MPLab (Liepaja (Latvia), Kurmajas pr 13, the basement):

