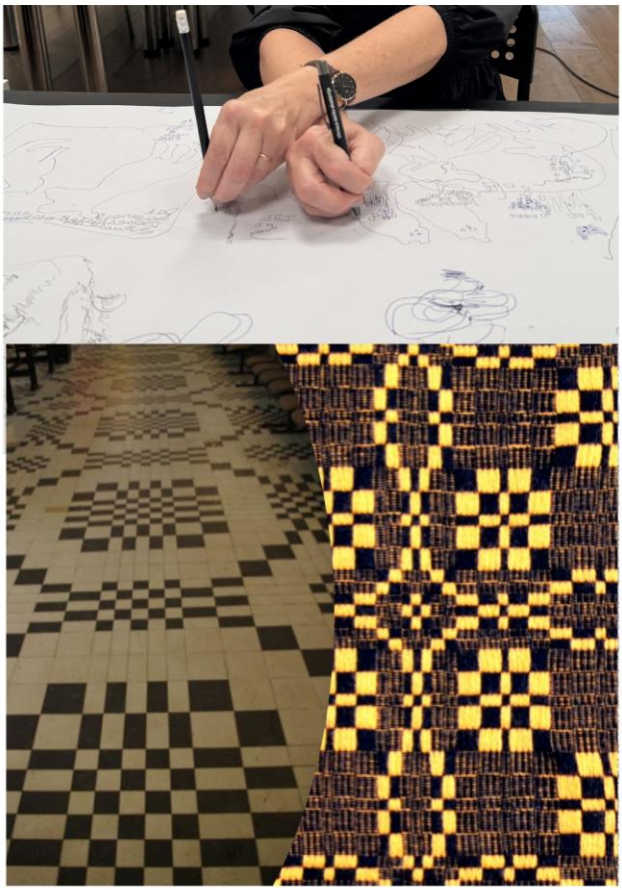
VILNIUS ACADEMY OF ARTS / KAUNAS FACULTY / DEPARTMENT OF TEXTILES

TEXTILE VISIONS

CIRRUS Textile Art and Design Teachers' Meeting

19–23 APRIL 2027 • KAUNAS, LITHUANIA



Dates: 19–23 April 2027

Venue: Vilnius Academy of Arts, Kaunas Faculty · Muitinės St. 2, Kaunas, Lithuania

Registration deadline: 29 January 2027

Registration form

Participation fee: €150 per participant; includes 3 dinners, 3 lunches and coffee/tea breaks

CIRRUS teacher mobility grant may support travel and subsistence (330 Euros for travel + 100 Euros per day for subsistence).

Contacts:

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An invitation to exchange ideas, connect practices and imagine the future of textile education.

An invitation to Kaunas

The Vilnius Academy of Arts, Kaunas Faculty, warmly invites teachers from the CIRRUS network institutions to *Textile Visions*, a meeting dedicated to textile art and design education, artistic practice and Nordic–Baltic collaboration.

Hosted by the Department of Textiles, the meeting will offer a space to exchange teaching approaches, discuss sustainability and material experimentation, explore the relationship between textile traditions and innovation, and develop ideas for future joint activities.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kaunas for presentations, workshops, visits and conversations about the future of textile education.

Why Kaunas?

The Department of Textile Art and Fashion combines traditional textile techniques with contemporary artistic practices, experimentation and interdisciplinary research. Kaunas has a rich textile and industrial heritage, and textile art has helped shape the city's cultural identity. The Kaunas Biennial began as a textile art exhibition and later expanded into a broader contemporary art event.

Over the past two years, the Kaunas faculty hosted the KUNO intensive course "Textile Future Scenarios" alongside its partners from the Estonian Academy of Arts, the University of Bergen (KMD), and the University of Gothenburg (HDK-Valand). This experience provides a strong foundation for continued Nordic–Baltic exchange.

Preliminary programme

Monday, 19 April / Arrival

18:00	CIRRUS dinner · Le Garden restaurant (at own expense)
21:00	Informal evening · YZY bar, Kaunas (at own expense)

Tuesday, 20 April / Teaching and practice

09:00–09:30	Registration
09:30–12:00	Welcome and institutional presentations (10–15 minutes each): local perspectives on textile practices, methodologies and teaching structures
12:00–13:00	Lunch
13:00–14:00	Tour of the Kaunas Faculty Textile Department
14:00–15:30	Workshop A: teaching successes and failures; sustainability in textile education
15:30–16:00	Coffee and tea
16:00–17:00	Workshop summaries and narrative stories
18:00	CIRRUS dinner

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Wednesday, 21 April / Textile city

09:00–09:30	Gathering
09:30–12:00	Guided tour: “Kaunas as a Textile City, from the Past to the Present and Future”
12:00–13:00	Lunch
13:30–15:00	Workshop B: from tradition to innovation; each school’s textile focus and challenges
15:00–15:30	Coffee and tea
15:30–17:00	Ideas for the future of textile education
18:00	CIRRUS dinner

Thursday, 22 April / Future collaborations

09:30	Gathering · walking and talking
09:30–12:00	Cultural programme: National M. K. Čiurlionis Museum, Folk Art and Textile Archive
12:00–13:30	Lunch
13:30–14:30	Session C: KUNO intensive course partners from HDK-Valand, KMD / UiB, EKA and VAA
14:30–15:00	Coffee break
15:00–16:00	Closing remarks and round-table discussion of future collaborations
18:00	CIRRUS dinner

Friday, 23 April / Departure

All day	Departures

Your contribution

Each participating institution is invited to prepare a 10–15 minute presentation on how its local context shapes textile art and design practices, methodologies, teaching approaches and educational structures.

Accommodation

Participants arrange and cover their own accommodation. Suggested accommodation options in Kaunas: Best Western Kaunas (bestwestern.com/en), Hotel Daugirdas (daugirdas.lt/en), and Apple Economy Hotel (applehotel.lt).

You could also consider staying at the VAA Kaunas faculty guest house (Maironio St. 2, Kaunas). In order to enquire about options/book your accommodation, please email: Ilona Ellen Askey, ilona-ellen.askey@vda.lt

Registration and CIRRUS funding

Please register by 29 January 2027 using the registration form. An invoice for the €150 participation fee will be sent following registration either to the participant or its institution.

CIRRUS teacher mobility grants may support travel and subsistence. To apply, complete the CIRRUS teacher grant form, obtain signatures from yourself and your home institution’s International Office coordinator, and send it to sandra.mell@artun.ee.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kaunas.

Programme details are preliminary and might include minor changes, yet the dates are fixed.