

EAHIL Council Election - Candidate Statement	
<i>Country</i>	Latvia
<i>Name</i>	Elīna Veļa
<i>Affiliation</i>	Rīga Stradiņš University
<i>My professional education and experience</i>	<p>Education:</p> <p>Master degree at Library and Information Science at the University of Latvia (09/2015 – 06/2017)</p> <p>Bachelor degree at Library and Information Science at the University of Latvia (09/2010 – 06/2013)</p> <p>ERASMUS at The Swedish School of Library and Information Science at the University of Boras, (Sweden) (2013)</p> <p>Experience:</p> <p>RSU Library; WHO Depository Library in Latvia (2020 – currently)</p> <p>The Chair of the Library Marketing Section of the Latvian Library Association (2024 – currently)</p> <p>Board member of the Latvian Library Association (2017 – 2023)</p> <p>Intellectual Property information centre of the Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia (2018-2020)</p> <p>Library of University of Latvia (2016-2018)</p> <p>National Library of Latvia (2013-2016)</p>
<i>What I think is special about EAHIL</i>	EAHIL is like a strong bridge that can connect so many experts in the field of health information.
<i>What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council</i>	I hope to create a collaboration between EAHIL members, especially in Baltics, but hopefully in Scandinavia too. We have to be close with our neighbours and inspire and help to each other.
<i>What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2025-2028</i>	One of the most important issues is the use of AI, we have to be able to have it as advantage, as a great and useful tool for us. The other issue that is still ongoing is the awareness of fake news and to raise the alertness of critical health issues, to inform how and where to find trustful information, for example about diphtheria vaccines that is now topic in Latvia due to some cases.
<i>My one-line statement for my election campaign</i>	Health information is very valuable asset for each of us, let's use the tools that we have to create the best knowledge for our clients!

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