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Outdoor Learning is a cross-sectional subject in a broad international context and linked to the Erasmus+ international program and in Nordic and Nordic-Baltic contexts financed by Norplus. The focus on playgrounds and school ground outdoor environments and affordances for physical activity and motor development are explored in projects and documented in articles in national and international journals and textbooks.

Title of talk:

The "Great Outdoors" – The materiality and contexts for learning motor skills in the outdoor environments