



11th Baltic Economic Forum

“The EU Baltic Sea Strategy for a competitive region”

Riga, 23 – 24 September 2010

Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija

Thursday, September 23

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:10 **Forum Opening**

Aleksandrs Ļebedevs, Chairman, LBS International Conferences

Andris Teikmanis, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

09:10 – 10:30

The Baltic lessons learnt in coping with the global economic and financial crisis. Could the EU Baltic Sea Strategy serve as engine for making the region more competitive?

Moderator: **Elīna Egle**, Director General, Employers’ Confederation of Latvia

Speakers in order of presentation:

Artis Kampars, Minister of Economics of the Republic of Latvia

Juhan Parts, Minister of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia (tbc)

Ilmārs Rimšēvičs, Governor, Bank of Latvia

Vitālijs Gavrilovs, President, Employers’ Confederation of Latvia

Bronislovas Lubys, President, Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists (tbc)

Enn Veskimägi, President of Estonian Employers’ Confederation (tbc)

Colin Wolfe, Head of E1 Territorial Cooperation Unit DG Regional policy, European Commission

Roundtable Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30

Corporate Governance as a driver of Baltic competitiveness.

Moderator :

Ian Plenderleith, CEO of AS Tallina Vesi and Board Member of the Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance

Speakers in order of presentation:

Hans Dalborg, Chairman, Nordea Banking Group and Chairman of the Swedish Corporate Governance Board

Hans Christiansen, Senior Economist, Corporate Affairs Division OECD

Rimantas Žylius, Vice Minister of Economy, Lithuania

Juris Pūce, State Secretary of the Ministry of Economics, Latvia

Inguna Sudraba, Auditor General, Latvia

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00

Functioning of the EU Single Market in the Baltic Sea region.

Can businesses seize fully opportunities offered by the EU Single Market in the region? What bottlenecks exist? Measures to be taken to upgrade the business environment.

Roundtable discussion

Moderator:

Elina Egle, Director General, Employers' Confederation of Latvia

13:30 – 15:00

The influence of the global financial crisis on the banking industry in the Baltic States: lessons learned and road ahead.

Speakers in order of presentation:

Māris Mančinskis, CEO, Swedbank Latvia (tbc)

Juris Jākobsons, Chairman of the Board, Citadeles banka

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<p><u>Participate:</u></p> <p>Tine Roed, Deputy Director General Confederation of Danish Industry</p> <p>Uldis Pīlēns, President, UPB Holding</p> <p>Representatives from the business circles to be announced</p>	<p>Jekaterina Rojaka, Bank DnB NORD Group Chief Economist <i>- Topic to be announced</i></p> <p>Nerijus Dumbrava, Research Supervisor Metasite Business Solutions <i>- Baltic E-Banking Report 2010</i></p>
<p>15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break</p>	
<p>15.30 – 17.00</p> <p>Strengthening knowledge and innovation as drivers of the future growth. What are the strengths of the region? How to draw full benefit from a talented workforce and a powerful technological and industrial base in the region? How to strengthen links between education, business, research and innovation?</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p>Māris Ēlerts, Investment and Development Agency of Latvia.</p> <p><u>Speakers in order of presentation:</u></p> <p>Pēteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit, ICT for Health, Directorate - ICT addressing Social Challenges, INFSO, European Commission <i>- The European Digital Agenda and the importance of the knowledge economy and the digital single market as drivers of economic growth.</i></p> <p>Stefan Cairen, Head of department, Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications, Sweden</p> <p>IBM Latvia Representative</p>	<p>15.30 – 17.00</p> <p>The influence of the global financial crisis on the banking industry in the Baltic States: lessons learned and road ahead. (continued)</p> <p>Fabio Mucci, Senior Economist, CEE Strategic Analysis department UniCredit Group <i>- Banking in CESEE and the Baltic States: the new model out of the crisis</i></p> <p>Gatis Flinters, Partner, Liepa, Skopiņa/Borenus, Attorneys at Law <i>- Impact of New Insolvency Law on secured creditors</i></p> <p>Kārlis Danēvičs, Association of Latvian Commercial Banks <i>- Banking sector and resumption of lending in Baltics</i></p>

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<p>Saulius Arelis . Development Director, Visoriai Information Technology Park - <i>Fostering investments into innovation – the case of VITP</i></p>	
<p>18:00-19:00 Networking Cocktail</p>	

<p><u>Friday, September 24</u></p> <p>08:30 – 08:55 Registration</p> <p>09:00-10:30</p> <p>Baltic lessons learnt in coping with the global economic and financial crisis and challenges ahead. Role of the EU Baltic Sea Strategy in making the region more competitive.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ojārs Kehris, President, Economists Association 2010</p> <p><u>Speakers in order of presentation:</u></p> <p>Valdis Dombrovskis, Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia</p> <p>Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission</p> <p>Andrus Ansip, Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia</p> <p>Andrius Kubilius, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania</p> <p>Andris Piebalgs, Commissioner for Development, European Commission</p> <p>Vitālijs Gavrilovs, President, Employers’ Confederation of Latvia</p> <p>10:30-11:00 Coffee break</p>	
<p>11:00-12:30</p> <p>Increasing accessibility of the Baltic Sea Region by improving internal and external transport links</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Roberts Zīle, Economist, Member of the European Parliament</p>	<p>11:00-12:30</p> <p>Pension reform: current challenges and maximisation of long-term benefits for the society</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Edgars Voļskis , Senior, Project</p>

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<p><u>Speakers in order of presentation:</u></p> <p>Kaspars Gerhards, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Latvia - <i>Improving infrastructure from East to West and from North to South</i></p> <p>Eligijus Masiulis, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania (tbc) - <i>Baltic ports strategic development and the role of transit infrastructure (case of Lithuania)</i></p> <p>Ivan Shcherba, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus</p> <p>Uģis Magonis, Chairman, SJSC "Latvian Railways"</p> <p>Vladimir Volkov, Deputy Chairman, Belneftehim Concern</p>	<p>Manager, KPMG Baltics - <i>Role of pension funds in facilitating economic development</i></p> <p>Representative of the Association of Latvian Commercial Banks - <i>2nd pillar of Latvian pension system: myths & reality</i></p> <p><i>Panel Discussion Participants:</i> Daiga Auziņa-Melaksne, Board Chairman, NASDAQ OMX Riga Elina Egle, Director, Confederation of Employers of Latvia Representative of the Association of Latvian Commercial Banks Representative of the Ministry of Economy (tbc) Representative of the Ministry of Welfare (tbc) Māris Pūķis, Senior Advisor, Union of Local Governments</p>
<p>12:30 – 13:30 Lunch</p>	
<p>13:30 – 15:00 The accessibility of financing for growth strategy. The role of public and private resources.</p> <p><u>Speakers in order of presentation:</u></p> <p>Andris Piebalgs, Commissioner for Development, European Commission</p> <p>Johnny Åkerholm, President and CEO, Nordic Investment Bank</p> <p>Hakan Berg, Head of Baltic Banking, Swedbank</p>	
<p>15.00 – 15.20 Conclusions and recommendations for the Annual Forum of the EU Baltic Sea Strategy to be held on 14-15 October, Tallinn. Žanete Ozoliņa, Professor, the University of Latvia</p>	
<p>15.20 - 15.30</p>	

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Closing of the Forum

Aleksandrs Ļebedevs, Chairman, LBS International Conferences

Ojārs Kehris, President, Economists Association 2010

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