



July 5th, 2023 | Riga, Latvia

8.00 - 9.00 **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

9.00 - 9.05 **WELCOMING SPEECH**, Pēteris Blumbergs, President of World Federation of Free Latvians

9.05 - 9.40 **OPENING REMARKS**

- Egils Levits, President of the Republic of Latvia
- Krišjānis Kariņš, Prime Minister of Latvia
- Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia
- Mārtiņš Staķis, Mayor of Riga

9.40 - 9.50 **LATVIA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH SUCCESS OF THE PREVIOUS 10 YEARS**, Morten Hansen

9.50 - 10.40 **BIG PICTURE LATVIA: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Moderated by Morten Hansen, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga

- Nils Melngailis, Blackstone Group
- Zlata Elksniņa-Zaščirinska, Chair of the FICIL Executive Board

10.40 - 11.10 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.10 - 12.00 **INVEST FOR GROWTH**

Moderated by Mārtiņš Andersons, American Latvian Association

- Fredis Bikovs, Riga Investment and Tourism Agency
- Kaspars Rožkalns, Investment and Development Agency
- Roberts Grava, Crown Agents Investment Management

12.00 - 13.00 **LUNCH BREAK**

Panel discussion #1 – SERVICES

13.00 - 13.45 **BUSINESS LOOKS AT LATVIA: A COUNTRY'S IMAGE AS A KEY DIFFERENTIATOR FOR LANDING BUSINESSES AND TOURISTS**

Moderated by Tomass Pildegovičs

- Ieva Lasmane, Riga Investment and Tourism Agency
- Aleksandra Malinovska, Google
- Vitnija Saldava, Meta Baltics

Panel discussion #2 – PEOPLE

13.00 - 13.45 **EYES WIDE OPEN: HOW LATVIA'S MUNICIPALITIES WIN FOREIGN BUSINESS, AND IN THE PROCESS REMIGRATION TO LATVIA**

Moderated by Kristīne Bērziņa

- Inta Mieriņa, University of Latvia
- Gunārs Ansiņš, Mayor of Liepāja
- Raivis Bremšmits, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development

Discussion will be held in Latvian

Panel discussion #3 – INNOVATION

13.00 - 13.45 **BIO FRONTIER: THE FUTURE OF LATVIA'S HEALTHCARE AND BIOTECH SECTORS**

Moderated by Lauris Lambergs

- John Tully, MikroTik
- Jānis Tupesis, University of Wisconsin
- Kristaps Zariņš, Stanford
- Vitālijs Skrīvelis, PharmIdea
- Aiga Balode, Ministry of Health

13.45 - 14.00 **BREAK**

14.00 - 14.45 **LATVIA MOVING FORWARD: BUILDING 21ST CENTURY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Moderated by Ilga Bērzkalna

- Martin Gauss, airBaltic
- Anrī Leimanis, RB Rail AS
- Kārlis Ķirsis, GXO Logistics Inc.

14.00 - 14.45 **LATVIA'S GOT TALENT: RETENTION AND UPSKILLING OF THE LABOR FORCE AS COMPETITIVE GLOBAL ADVANTAGE**

Moderated by Laura Ramaniš

- Evita Simsons, State Employment Agency
- Alesja Kirčenko, ABSL Latvia
- Liza Belozerova, Google.org EMEA

Discussion will be held in Latvian

14.00 - 14.45 **LATVIA'S POWER: THE NEEDS AND POLICIES FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS**

Moderated by Pauls Miklaševičs

- Reinis Āzis, VTTI B.V
- Viestarts Rūtenbergs, TotalEnergies
- Dmitrijs Juskovecs, Latvenergo

14.45 - 16.00 **CLOSING REMARKS, NETWORKING TIME**

