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IV International Economic Forum “FUTURE ECONOMY: Globalization Challenges faced by Europe and Baltics in the 21st century”

March 19, 2021

Venue: Latvian Academy of Sciences, Akadēmijas laukums 1, Riga, Latvia

The **aim** of the IV Economic Forum is to analyse reasons, consequences and challenges that Baltics and Europe has faced during globalization of 21st century and to discuss possible science-based and practical solutions in order to reach higher level of welfare in our respective countries. The successful practice of the I, II and III Economic Forum is continuing, that the Forum serves as a **platform for the exchange of experience and cooperation of scientists, entrepreneurs and politicians**, stimulating the entry of local and foreign investment and the development of an innovative national economy in the long term.

Program March 19 (Friday)

09.00 - 10.00	Registration & Early Morning Coffee
10.00 - 10.30	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Musical Performance• Address of the President of the Republic of Latvia Dr. Egils Levits• Address of the President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences Dr. Ivars Kalviņš• Address of the Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, prof., Dr. Inese Vaidere• Address of Minister of Economics of the Republic of Latvia Mr. Jānis Vitenbergs (to be confirmed) Host Moderator: Director of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Dr. Nina Linde
10.30 - 12.30	Plenary Session I <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry 4.0 - Are we ready for tomorrow's challenges? (Speaker: prof., Dr. Juris Binde, President of the “Latvijas Mobilais Telefons”, Vice-President of the Latvian Association of Information and Communication Technologies, Latvia)• Europe today and in the future: human, nature, entrepreneurship (Speaker: M.Sc. Pamela Bernabei, President of the Antonio Meneghetti Scientific and Humanistic Research Foundation, Switzerland / Italy)• Latvian and the Baltic states development opportunities and threats in the 21st century (Speaker: Dr. Jānis Vanags, professor at Riga Technical University, researcher at the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia)• Development of Estonia and the Baltic states in the 21st century (Speaker: Viljar Lubi, Vice Minister for Economic Development at the Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Lithuania and the Baltic states in the 21st century (Speaker: Mrs. Jekaterina Rojaka, Vice Minister of Economy and Innovation, Lithuania) • Covid-19 crisis: do we need a strategy or not? (Speaker: <i>Dr. Aigars Rostovskis</i>, President of the Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry)
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch Break, B2B ¹ , B2S ² and S2S ³ meetings
13.30 - 15.00	Plenary Session II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future challenges for European manufacturing with special attention on Nordics/Baltics (Speaker: <i>Dr. Björn Fagerström</i>, Director EIT Manufacturing North, Sweden) • Connectivity between Central Asia, Baltics and the EU: a view from Uzbekistan (Speaker: H.E. Mr. Kadambay Sultanov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Baltic States and Finland, Uzbekistan) • State of Art in the Universal Basic Income (UBI) Approach: Development of UBI model for social sustainability and promotion of innovations in Lithuania in the face of the challenges of the 21st century” (Speaker: Prof. Dr. Birutė Visokavičienė, professor at Business School of Kazimiero Simonavičiaus universitetas, Lithuania) • Plenary Discussion: Vision, assessment and proposals of entrepreneurs, scientists and politicians for future economy (Q&A: Speakers of the Plenary Session are participating) • Interactive introduction of Session Moderators: <i>prof. Dr. habil. oec. Baiba Rivža</i>, <i>prof. Dr. oec. Jelena Titko</i>
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee Break, B2B, B2S and S2S meetings
15.30 - 17.30	Work in parallel sessions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Challenges of Latvian state and society and its solutions in the international context - INTERFRAME-LV (moderator: <i>prof., Dr. habil. oec. Baiba Rivža</i>, Academician of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, the Head of the state research program’s project INTERFRAME-LV); 2. Circular economy and social entrepreneurship (moderator: <i>prof., Dr. oec. Jelena Titko</i>, Researcher at the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences)
17.30 - 18.00	Conclusion and final musical performance, informal conversations with a glass of wine

Venue of the Forum: Latvian Academy of Sciences, the Portrait hall on the 3rd floor, Akadēmijas laukums 1, Riga

Working languages: English (main language) / Latvian (simultaneous translation will be provided at the plenary session)

Target audience: scientists, entrepreneurs and potential investors, politicians, representatives of local governments and ministries, representatives of embassies, journalists

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¹ B2B – Business to Business

² B2S – Business to Science

³ S2S – Science to Science