

SEMINAR ON FINNISH-LATVIAN BUSINESS COOPERATION

Monday 14 November 2005

Tampere Hall, Tampere, Finland

Latvia is at the moment the fastest growing economy in Europe. The strategic location of Latvia at the Baltic Sea Region together with rapidly developing transport connections form the basis for Latvia's economic success and attractiveness. Latvia is an increasingly attractive destination also for the Finnish businesses and tourists. This seminar provides an outlook on the recent development of Latvian economy and business environment, future prospects as well as possibilities for Finnish-Latvian business cooperation in the enlarged European Union.

The Baltic Institute of Finland organizes the seminar in cooperation with Friends of Latvia Association as part of the Latvian week in Finland.

PROGRAMME

Chairman of the seminar: *Mr. Esa Kokkonen, Director, The Baltic Institute of Finland*

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| 13.00- 13.30 | Opening of the seminar:
Latvia - active partner in the European Union and the Baltic Sea Region
<i>Mr. Einars Semanis, The Ambassador of Latvia to Finland</i>
<i>Ms. Päivikki Peltonen-Telkki, Chairwoman, Friends of Latvia Association</i> |
| 13.30- 14.15 | Features of the Latvian business environment
<i>Mr. Indrikis Liepa, LLM, Liepa Skopina Borenius, Attorneys at Law</i> |
| 14.15- 14.45 | Innovation support structures in Latvia and opportunities to use them in Finnish-Latvian cooperation
<i>Mr. Janis Stabulnieks, Managing Director, Latvian Technological Centre</i> |
| 14.45- 15.15 | Coffee break |
| 15.15- 15.45 | Finnish-Latvian cooperation: Project opportunities after the EU enlargement
<i>Mr. Timo Kirkko-Jaakkola, EU project consultant in Latvia</i> |
| 15.45- 16.30 | Doing business in Latvia
<i>Mr. Eero Koski, Director, International Operations, Peab Seicon</i> |
| 16.30- 17.00 | Discussion |

Further information:

The Baltic Institute of Finland
Latvian Investment and Development Agency
Latvian Technological Centre
Finland-Latvia Friendship Association
Travel in Latvia

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