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20th High Council Meeting of the Foreign Investors` Council in Latvia (FICIL) and the Government of Latvia



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Back to the Future

26-27 May 2016

Thursday, 26 May 2016

8:30-8:50

Registration

8:50-9:50

FICIL Internal meeting

Venue: 27th floor hall, Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija

10:00-12:00

Presentation of the FICIL Shadow Economy Report

Venue: Hall Beta, 2nd floor; Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija, 55 Elizabetes Street

10:00 – 10:10 Opening by **Mr Stephen Oldfield**, FICIL Honorary Chairman

10:10 – 10:20 Context of the FICIL report, **Dr. Arnis Sauka**, Associate Professor at SSER

10:20 – 11:00 Presentation of the report, **Ms Ilze Berga**, Tax Senior Manager at KPMG, and
Mr Steve Austwick, Tax and Legal Partner at KPMG

11:00 – 11:10 Comment, **Ms Ināra Pētersone**, Director General of the State Revenue Service

11:10 – 11:20 Comment, **Mr Mārtiņš Krieviņš**, Head of the State Chancellery

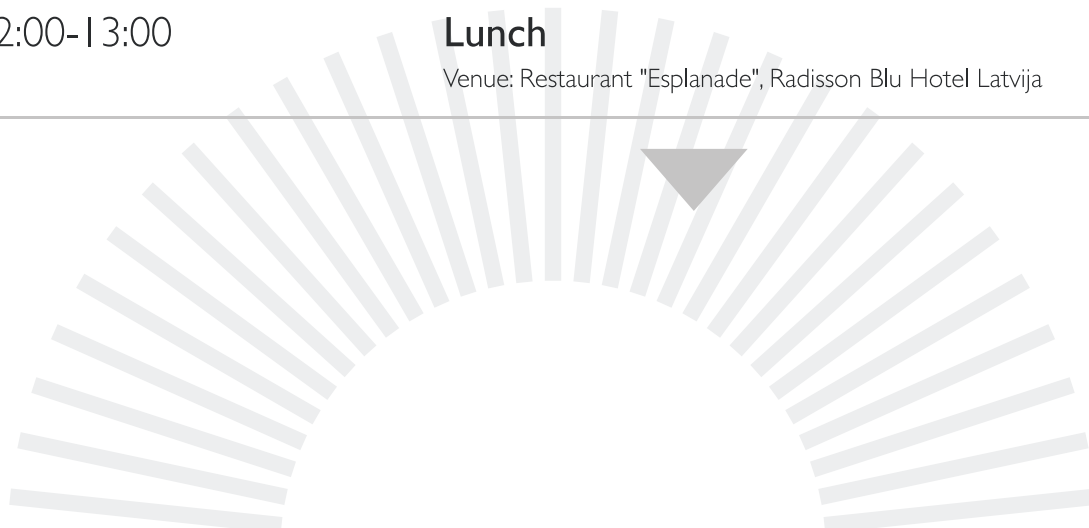
11:20 – 11:30 Comment, **Mr Eric Trusiewicz**, Director of Strategic Planning & Administration
at CEMEX Latvija

11:30 – 12:00 Q&A

12:00-13:00

Lunch

Venue: Restaurant "Esplanade", Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija



13:00-17:15

Public panel discussion “Back to the Future”

Venue: Hall Beta, 2nd floor, Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija

13:00-13:30 Introduction by **Ģirts Greiškālns**, FICIL Executive Director

13:30-14:35 **Panel I - Rule of Law - an Essential Prerequisite for Economic Growth**

Moderator: **Mr Māris Vainovskis**, Lead of the FICIL Court System Efficiency and Investment Protection Work Group, Eversheds Bitāns Senior Partner

- **Mr Dzintars Rasnačs**, Minister for Justice of the Republic of Latvia
- **Mr Stephen Oldfield**, FICIL Honorary Chairman, PwC UK Partner
- **Dr. iur. Jānis Neimanis**, Judge of the Department of Administrative Cases of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Latvia
- **Mr Robert Kirkup**, Vitol S.A., Chairman of the Management Board at Vitol Baltics, Ventspils nafta and Latvian Shipping Company

14:35-15:40 **Panel II - Tackling Latvia's Labour Force Challenge: Business Perspective**

Moderator: **Mr Kaspars Kauliņš**, Lead of the FICIL Labour Issues Work Group, "Pedersen&Partners" Country Manager

- **Mr Arvils Ašeradens**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Economics of the Republic of Latvia
- **Ms Baiba Rubess**, "RB Rail" Chairperson of the Board, former Chairperson of the FICIL Board
- **Mr Uldis Rutkaste**, Head of Monetary Policy Department at the Bank of Latvia
- **Mr Valts Ābols**, FICIL Board Member, Lead of the FICIL Healthcare Work Group, "GlaxoSmithKline Latvia" Board Member

Coffee break

16:00-17:05 **Panel III - Latvia's Pass to OECD**

Moderator: **Ms Zlata Elksniņa-Zaščirinska**, FICIL Chairperson of the Board, "PricewaterhouseCoopers Latvia" Chairperson of the Board

- **Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
- **Mr Mārtiņš Kazāks**, "Swedbank" Chief Economist in Latvia
- **Ms Daiga Auziņa-Melalksne**, "Nasdaq Riga" CEO
- **Mr Norbert Siebels**, FICIL Board Member, "Klasmann-Deilmann Group" Managing Director

17:05 Closing remarks

18:00-20:00

Reception hosted by Mr Stephen Oldfield, Honorary Chairman of the Foreign Investors' Council in Latvia

Venue: Restaurant "Biblioteka No1", 2 Terbatas Street

≈ 18:30 Welcome address by Mr Stephen Oldfield and HE Mr Māris Kučinskis, Prime Minister of Latvia



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Cabinet of Ministers, 36 Brivibas Blv., 2nd floor

8:35-8:55

Gathering in the lobby of the State Chancellery

9:00-9:20

Opening Address

Mr Māris Kučinskis, Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia, Honorary Co-Chair of the High Council Meeting

Mr Stephen Oldfield, Honorary Co-Chair of the High Council Meeting, Partner, PwC UK

9:20-10:20

FICIL presentation “Back to the Future”:

Ms Zlata Elksniņa-Zaščirinska, FICIL Chairperson of the Board / PwC Latvia

Mr Māris Vainovskis, Lead of the FICIL Court System Efficiency and Investment Protection Work Group / Eversheds Bitans

Mr Valts Ābols, FICIL Board Member, Lead of the FICIL Healthcare Work Group / GlaxoSmithKline

Ms Zlata Elksniņa-Zaščirinska, FICIL Chairperson of the Board / PwC Latvia

Ms Armine Movsisjana, KPMG Managing Partner

10:20-11:10

Intermission

- Group photo in the Lobby of the Cabinet of Ministers

- Coffee Break, 3rd floor, Hall of the Prime Minister

11:10-11:30

Presentation by the Ministry of Economics

Mr Arvils Ašeradens, Minister for Economics

11:30-12:25

High-level discussion

12:25-12:30

Approval of the Communiqué

12:30-13:30

Farewell conversations. Coffee and snacks

Venue: 3rd floor, Hall of the Prime Minister



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