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AGENDA OF THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FORUM

LOCATION LATVIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Akademijas Square 1
Riga, LATVIA

DATE 7-9 MARCH 2025

The **7th International Economic Forum**, organized in collaboration with the **Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia**, aims to explore the intersection of innovation and ethical responsibility in the quickly progressing digital economy. Building on the success of the previous six forums, this year's event will focus on how ethical considerations can shape technological advancements, ensuring they contribute to sustainable growth and global well-being.

The reason **innovation** and **ethical responsibility** are the keywords of this International Economic Forum and of our time lies in their interdependence. Innovation without ethics can lead to mistrust, inequality, and harm, undermining the very progress it seeks to achieve. Conversely, ethics without innovation may result in stagnation and an inability to address emerging challenges effectively. It is the synergy of these two that will determine our ability to navigate the complexities of the digital age successfully. We can ensure that our progress is inclusive, sustainable, and beneficial for all members of society only by prioritizing ethical considerations alongside technological advancement.

The successful practice of six previous Economic Forums is continuing, that the **Forum serves as a platform for the exchange of experience and cooperation** of educators, scientists, teachers, entrepreneurs, and politicians, stimulating the entry of local and foreign investment and the development of an innovative economy in the long term. As a platform for dialogue and cooperation, the Forum will bring together experts from diverse fields, including technology, finance, academia, and policy. These participants will share their experiences and insights through a series of plenary sessions, roundtable discussions, and interactive workshops.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Latvian Academy of Sciences in March!

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DAY 1 | 7TH MARCH 2025

Location PORTRAIT HALL

3rd Floor of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

Date Friday, 7 March 2025

AGENDA

Time	Description
9:00 - 10:00	Registration & Early Morning Coffee
10:00 - 10:40	<p>OPENING CEREMONY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Musical Performance• Address of the Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, prof., Dr. Inese Vaidere• Address of the Minister of Economics of the Republic of Latvia Viktors Valainis• Address of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia Anda Caksa (under request)• Address of the President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences prof., Dr. Ivars Kalvins <p>Moderator: Director of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Dr. Nina Linde</p>
10:40 - 12:30	<p>1st PLENARY SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities Created by Technological Development in Latvia: Results of the Feasibility Study (Speaker: <i>Dr. habil. chem. Ivars Kalvins</i>, President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia)• Innovation in the Global World: Best Practice (Speaker: <i>Dr. Solomon Darwin</i>, Director of the Garwood Centre for Corporate Innovation and Centre for Growth Markets, University of California - Berkley, USA)• Trust-Based Financial Solutions for Ethical and Innovative Growth (Speaker: <i>Dr. Pamela Bernabei</i>, President of the A. Meneghetti Scientific and Humanistic Research Foundation, Switzerland)• Innovation's best results in the Baltic States (Speaker: <i>MBA Cyril Golub</i>, Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Latvian Business Angel Network (LatBAN), Latvia)• Empowering Sustainable Rural Development through Higher Education and Youth Leadership (Speaker - Section 1 moderator: <i>Dr. habil. oec. Baiba Rivza</i>, Academician of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia) <p>Moderator: Head of International Relations of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Renars Raubiskis</p>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch and Coffee Break, B2B, B2S, S2S meetings
13:30 - 15:00	<p>PANEL EXPERTS QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION by following experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. habil. chem. Ivars Kalvins</i>, President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia

- **Dr. Solomon Darwin**, Director of the Garwood Centre for Corporate Innovation and Centre for Growth Markets, University of California - Berkley, USA
- **Dr. Pamela Bernabei**, President of the A. Meneghetti Scientific and Humanistic Research Foundation, Switzerland
- **MBA Jelena Buraja**, Chairman of the Board at Rietmu Banka, Latvia

Moderated by **GERALD HOPPSTAEDTER**, Entrepreneur, Adviser to the Director of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia / Austria

15:00 - 15:30

Coffee Break, B2B, B2S, S2S meetings

15:30 - 17:00

2nd PLENARY SESSION

- **Innovations and Economic Development: What is the Evidence?** (Speaker: **Dr. Janis Priede**, Professor of Economics at the University of Latvia, the Head of the Department of Economics, the Editor of Economics at the National Encyclopaedia of Latvia, the Head of the Scientific board of the Productivity Council of Latvia)
- **Innovation & Ethics in the Financial Sector** (Speaker - Section 2 moderator: **Dr. oec. Jelena Titko**, Vice-Rector for Science and International Relations, University of Applied Sciences (EKA), Latvia)
- **Digital Education at the forefront of innovation: the importance of European initiatives in bridging didactic gaps, fostering societal inclusion and boosting citizens' engagement** (Speaker - Section 3 moderator: **Gianluca Coppola**, President of the European Digital Learning Network ETS, Italy)
- **Global Space Economy: Strategy & Trends** (Speaker - Section 4 moderator: **Angelina Bekasova**, Senior Expert, Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia, Latvian Space Industry Association, Latvia)
- **Empowering Citizens in the Digital Age: Connectivity, Governance, Inclusion** (Speakers - Section 5 moderators: **Renars Raubiskis**, Head of International Relations and Project Management, Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia; **Lena Ostlund**, Project Officer, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Switzerland)
- **Innovative Minds: Understanding the Science behind Creativity** (Speaker - Section 6 co-moderator: **Dr. Shahlo Turdikulova**, Vice-President of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences, Director of the Center of Advanced Technologies, Uzbekistan)
- **Innovation and Ethics for Circular Economy** (Speakers - Section 7 moderator: **Edgars Cerkovskis**, European Commission Expert, Director of Circular Economy Master study programme, EKA University of Applied Sciences, Latvia)
- **Ethics and Responsibility in the Development of Humanistic Potential of the Individual** (Speakers - Section 8 moderators: **Dr. Pamela Bernabei**, President of the A. Meneghetti Scientific and Humanistic Research Foundation, Switzerland; **Dr. Nina Linde**, Director of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia)

17:00

End of Day 1

DAY 2 | 8TH MARCH 2025

Location PORTRAIT HALL

3rd Floor of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

Date Saturday, 8 March 2025

AGENDA

Time	Description
10:00 - 11:00	Registration & Early Morning Coffee
11:00 - 12:00	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AWARD SESSION In collaboration with the Rietumu Banka, EQUALS Global Partnership, ITU and GSMA.
12:00 - 14:00	<i>SIDE EVENTS</i> Section 1. EMPOWERING SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT Moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. habil. oec.</i> BAIBA RIVZA, Academician of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia• <i>Dr. oec.</i> DZINTRA ATSTAJA, corresponding member of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia• <i>Dr. oec.</i> DAMYAN KIRECHEV, Chief Assistant of the Department of Agricultural economics, University of Economics - Varna, Bulgaria Section 2. INNOVATION & ETHICS IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR Moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. oec.</i> JELENA TITKO, Vice-Rector for Science and International Relations of the University of Applied Sciences (EKA), Latvia Section 3. A NEW ERA FOR EUROPEAN CO-FUNDED PROJECTS - THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN PREPARING AND IMPLEMENTING EUROPEAN INNOVATION PROJECTS: CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW TRENDS Moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GIANLUCA COPPOLA, President of European Digital Learning Network, Italy Section 4. GLOBAL SPACE ECONOMY: STRATEGY & TRENDS Moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANGELINA BEKASOVA, Senior Expert, Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia, Latvian Space Industry Association, Latvia
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch and Coffee Break, B2B, B2S, S2S meetings
15:00 - 17:00	<i>SIDE EVENTS</i> Section 5. EMPOWERING CITIZENS IN THE DIGITAL AGE: CONNECTIVITY, GOVERNANCE, INCLUSION Moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RENARS RAUBISKIS, Head of International Relations and Project Management, Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia

- **LENA OSTLUND**, Project Officer, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Switzerland

Section 6. ACHIEVEMENTS & INNOVATIONS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY SOCIETY

Moderated by:

- *Dr. **SHAHLO TURDIKULOVA***, Vice-President of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences, Director of the Center of Advance Technologies “Uzbekistan”
- *Dr. habil. chem. **IVARS KALVINS***, President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

Section 7. INNOVATION AND ETHICS FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Moderated by:

- **EDGARS CERKOVSKIS**, European Commission Expert, Director of Circular Economy Master study programme, EKA University of Applied Sciences, Latvia

Section 8. ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMANISTIC POTENTIAL OF THE INDIVIDUAL

Moderated by:

- *Dr. **PAMELA BERNABEI***, President of the Scientific and Humanistic Research Foundation, Switzerland
- *Dr. **NINA LINDE***, Director of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

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19:00 - 23:00

GALA DINNER

- *FINAL REMARKS: Main Recommendations for Policy Makers, Entrepreneurs and Scientists & Conclusions of the Forum and its Sections Discussion*
- *B2B, B2S, S2S discussions*
- *Latvian folk songs & dance*
- *Certificates for participants & other surprises 😊*

DAY 3 | 9TH MARCH 2025

Location OLD RIGA

Date Sunday, 9 March 2025

AGENDA

Time	Description
12:00 - 16:00	GUIDED CULTURAL PROGRAM with B2B, B2S, S2S networking <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit to MeIngalvju Nams and Digital Art House• Riga Balsam Excursion• Excursion around Old Riga with Guide

WORKING LANGUAGE ENGLISH

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