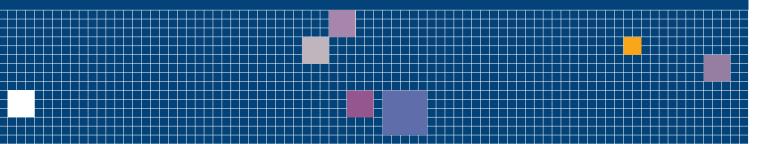
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9.15–10.00 Registration, coffee

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10.05–10.30 INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT Ilmārs Rimšēvičs, Governor, Latvijas Banka

10.30–11.15 HOW LATVIA CAN ESCAPE FROM THE CRISIS *Anders Åslund*, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics

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## **RETURN TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (Moderator: Juris Kravalis, Head of International

Department, Latvijas Banka)

*Elena Flores Gual*, Director, Directorate for Economies of the Member States II, European Commission THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT MACROECONOMIC SITUATION AND PROSPECTS IN LATVIA

*Tilman Seibert*, Director of the Baltic Sea Department, Directorate for Operations in the European Union and Candidate Countries, European Investment Bank INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY – A PRECONDITION FOR A RETURN TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**Olegs Tkačevs**, Senior Economist, Macroeconomic Analysis Division, Monetary Policy Department, Latvijas Banka **SUSTAINABILITY OF FISCAL POLICY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EURO INTRODUCTION** 

Questions and discussion

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## **PROMOTION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP:** A **PRECONDITION FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY** (Moderator: **Uldis Rutkaste**, Deputy Head of the Monetary Policy Department, Latvijas Banka)

**Elīna Egle**, Director General, Employers' Confederation of Latvia EMPLOYERS' ASSESSMENT OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN OVERCOMING THE CRISIS

Andris Ozoliņš, Chairman of the Board, JSC DnB NORD Banka

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING: THE ROLE AND OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY THE BANKING SECTOR

**Ģirts Greiškalns**, Executive Director, Foreign Investors' Council in Latvia **FOREIGN INVESTORS' PERCEPTION – OPPORTUNITIES, RISKS, CHALLENGES** 

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