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RETURN TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND STABILITY IN LATVIA





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9.15–10.00
Registration, coffee

10.00–10.05
Opening of the conference

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

11.15–11.45
Coffee break

11.45–13.30
PANEL DISCUSSION I

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

Oļegs 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

13.30–14.30
Lunch

14.30–16.30
PANEL DISCUSSION II

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

Questions and discussion