

Seminar Digital Agenda for Europe Going Local event in Latvia 2012

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Rīga City Council, Rātslaukums 1, Rīga

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Programme

12 September (Wednesday)

9.00-9.30 **Registration and coffee**

9.30-11.30 **Session I**

Moderator: Pdraig Kenny

Economic impact of Internet and ICT use on GDP and economic growth

Dr. David R. Dean, Senior Partner and Managing Director, Boston Consulting Group (BCG)

Opening

Daniels Pavļuts, Minister of Economics of Latvia

Dr. Signe Bāliņa, President of Latvian Information and Communications Technology Association (LIKTA)

Dr. Gundars Strautmanis, President of Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Dr. Inna Šteinbuka, Head of European Commission representation office in Latvia

Keynote speeches

Towards an inclusive and fair information society

Anna Maria Darmanin, Vice-President for communications, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Priorities and challenges of DG Communications Networks, Contents and Technology in meeting the ambitious goals of the Digital Agenda
Pēteris Zilgalvis, Going Local Ambassador for Latvia, Head of Unit, Health and Well Being, DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT), European Commission

Questions and panel discussion

11.30-12.00 **Coffee break**

12.00-13.15 **Session II**

Moderator: Pdraig Kenny

Themes

- Digital Agenda for Europe progress in Latvia
Arnis Daugulis, Deputy State Secretary for ICT, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia
- Digital literacy and ICT skills as catalyser of inclusion and empowerment of citizens and competitiveness of SMEs
Jakub Christoph, Regional Development – Central and Eastern Europe, ECDL Foundation
- Initiatives and support of Lattelecom for Latvian population and entrepreneurs to improve digital skills
Kerli Gabriloviča, Lattelecom Commercial Director, Member of the Board
- Public Libraries: the Digital Third Place – Latvia's Success
Armands Magone, Director of State Agency Culture Information Systems

Panel discussion & debate, conclusions by moderator

13.15-14.30 **Lunch**

14.30-15.30 **Session III**

Moderator: Pdraig Kenny

Themes

Digital champions in Latvia

IT to support transparency and democratic processes
Anita Dūdiņa, Head of the Saeima Information department
Romans Lapiņš, Exigen Services Latvia

Government E-services – more effective way to communicate with society
Solvita Zvidriņa, Director of State Regional Development Agency

Rīga municipality system's architecture towards Cloud principle
Ēriks Zēgelis, Director of Information Technology Centre, Rīga City Council

Discussion and contributions

15.30-16.00 **Conclusion and next steps**

16.00-18.00 **Site visits**

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