



Preliminary Program

**The Great Guild in Riga, Latvia
Tuesday, June 5, 2012**

“Conference is by invitation only, but it will be webcast live here”

10:30 – Registration, welcome coffee

11:30

Welcoming remarks by Andris Bērziņš (President, Republic of Latvia) and [Christine Lagarde](#) (Managing Director, IMF)

11:30

Session I: Crisis Management and Recovery in Latvia and the Baltics

The first session will examine the causes of the crisis and the challenging policies taken to address it – fiscal, financial sector, and structural reforms.

Moderator: Jens Henriksson (Nasdaq OMX)

Speakers:

11:45 –

13:00 Valdis Dombrovskis (Prime Minister of Latvia)

Anders Borg (Minister of Finance, Sweden)

Ingrida Šimonytė (Minister of Finance, Lithuania)

[Olivier Blanchard](#) (Chief Economist, IMF)

Gabriele Giudice (Mission Chief for Latvia, EC)

13:00 –

14:30 **Buffet Lunch**

Session II: The Remaining Challenges

14:30 –

16:00 *As Latvia and the other Baltic countries emerge from the crisis and aim at (or succeed in) euro adoption, what policies are needed to strengthen the recovery and*

to secure competitiveness and growth under the fixed exchange rate or common currency?

Moderator: Pauls Raudseps (Ir.lv)

Speakers:

Jurgen Ligi (Minister of Finance, Estonia)

Andris Vilks (Minister of Finance, Latvia)

Giancarlo Corsetti (Professor of Macroeconomics, University of Cambridge)

Cecilia Hermansson (Chief Economist, Swedbank)

Mark Griffiths (Mission Chief for Latvia, IMF)

16:00 –
16:30

Coffee Break

Session III: High-Level Panel—Lessons for European Policymakers

What lessons should European policymakers draw from the adjustment experience of Latvia and the Baltics?

Moderator: Chrystia Freeland (Reuters)

16:30 – Christine Lagarde (Managing Director, IMF)
18:00

Jörg Asmussen (Executive Board Member, ECB)

Olli Rehn (EC)

Sharan Burrow (General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation)

Ilmārs Rimšēvičs (Governor, Bank of Latvia)