



**Mechanical Engineering in Latvia – striving for  
excellence  
Forum  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**Venue: Liepaja Concert Hall “Lielais Dzintars ([www.greatamber.lv/en](http://www.greatamber.lv/en))  
Address: Radio street 8, Liepaja, Latvia**

**Preliminary Programme  
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**Wednesday, February, 1<sup>st</sup>**

From 16:00 Arrival in Liepaja

19:00 Networking event for an exclusive circle of thought leaders,  
influencers and entrepreneurs. Inspiring Talks. Networking at  
Top Level

**Thursday, February, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration to the Forum**

*Moderator:  
Mr Gatis Ginters,  
Head of the Representative Office in Norway,  
Investment and Development Agency of Latvia*

09:00 – 09:10 **Opening of the Forum**

*Mr Andris Ozols,  
Director of the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia,  
Mr Arvils Ašeradens  
Minister of Economics of the Republic of Latvia,  
(t.b.c.)*

09:10 – 09:40 **Competitive advantages for establishing the business in  
Liepāja**  
Liepāja – the attractive hub of establishing businesses  
Business Opportunities for Mechanical Engineering in Liepāja

*Mr Uldis Sesks,  
Head of the Liepāja City Council*

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09:40 – 10:00

**Come for price, get a quality**  
*Internationally successful, based in Latvia*  
*Consider Europe/Baltics, choose Latvia*  
*We came, we experienced, we conquered*

10:00 – 10:20

**Mechanical engineering – statistics, insights, perspectives and challenges of mechanical engineering today and beyond**

*Mr Māris Balodis,*  
*Member of the Advisory Board,*  
*Association of the Mechanical Engineering and Metalworking Industries of Latvia (MASOC),*  
*or Andris Alksnis,*  
*Senior Project Manager, Export Promotion Division, Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA)*

10:20 – 10:40

**Innovative, cosmopolitan, high-performant mechanical engineering**  
*Disruptive trends that will transform the engineering industry*  
*Crucial trends and business potential in the limelight*  
*Does Latvia has a potential to enter the global sourcing network*

**Key Speaker, t.b.c.:**

10:40 - 11:00

**Coffee Brake**

11:00 – 12:30

**Panel Discussions and Q&A Session**

Competitive advantages for establishing the business in Latvia  
Reasons to invest in Latvia  
Expand your business in Latvia  
Solutions for Mechanical Engineering

11:00 – 11:20

**Education**

Mechanical engineers - forefront of future technologies  
The land of mechanical engineers

*Speakers t.b.c.:*  
*Riga Technical University, vice-rector for education*

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11:20 - 11:40

**Human Resources**

Advancement for Mechanical Engineers  
Competitive Human Recourses  
The cooperation of Human Resources and Technology  
Strengths of Latvian engineering labour

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11:40 - 12:00

Financial Support and co-funding of regional, national and international programmes

*Speakers, t.b.c.:*

*Mr Andris Ozols,*

*Director of the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia*

*Mr Raimonds Aleksejenko,*

*Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Economics of Latvia*

12:00 - 12.30

Logistics

The Trends of Road Strategy

Rail Traffic Management Europe - Asia

Latvian Corridor

Connect for success

Road of the future – Rail Baltic

Rail Traffic Management

*Speakers t.b.c.:*

*"Stena Line" presentation*

*Freeport of Liepaja*

*Liepaja Free Economic Zone*

12.30 -13.30

**Lunch**

13:30 - 18:00

**B2B Meetings**

## Friday, February, 3<sup>rd</sup>

09:00 – 15:00

**Visits to companies in Liepaja and the Liepaja region**

### **Group No 1 – mechanical engineering**

SIA Tosmāre, Liepāja

SIA Caljan Ritte Hitte, Liepāja Business Park (BP)

SIA Trelleborg Wheel Systems, Liepāja Business Park (BP)

### **Group No 2 – metalworking**

SIA Metālmeistars, Liepāja

SIA RK Metāls, Grobiņa

SIA Medzes Components, Medzes pagasts

SIA Silkeborg Spaantagning Baltic, Liepāja Business Park (BP)

SIA Lesjofors Springs, Liepāja Business Park (BP)

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### Group No 3 – associated branches

SIA Baltic RIM, Liepāja Business Park (BP)  
SIA Interspiro Production, Liepāja Business Park (BP)  
Röchling, Liepāja Business Park (BP)  
SIA Aile

### Group No 4 – investors network

KVV Liepājas Metalurģs  
Liepāja Airport  
Liepāja Port  
Liepāja Free Economic Zone

From 15:00 – Leave Liepāja

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