



“Role of the competition and corporate governance in the state-owned enterprises in Latvia”

April 11, 2011, at 17:00 – 19:00

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Discussion is organized by Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance (BICG) with support of The European Commission Representation in Latvia

The debate is organized as open exchange of opinions amongst the main stakeholders: private and public sector professionals, government officials, politicians and independent experts. It aims at gathering the leading practitioners and opinion-leaders to discuss the fragile border between the role of the government as the owner (or co-owner) of the most influential enterprises that often enjoy the status natural monopolies and ministries' main constitutional purpose of governance and support of the overall development of the economy and particular industries according to the general requirements for open competition and anti-monopoly policies. Can corporate governance of state owned enterprises become the answer to the obvious conflict these two roles bare?

Program:

17:00 *Welcome by* **Valdis Zagorskis, Deputy Head of European Commission Representation in Latvia**

17:05 – 17:25 *Introductory session: setting up the context.*

- Governance of state-owned enterprises in Latvia, **Indars Aščuks, Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance (BICG)**
- Competition and corporate governance in the state-owned enterprises in Latvia, **Tālis Putniņš, Riga Stockholm School of Economics**
- State-owned enterprises: status quo in Lithuania, **Adomas Audickas, Advisor to the Minister of Economics of Lithuania**

17:25 – 19:00 *Round-table discussion*

Moderator: **Vjačeslavs Dombrovskis**, Baltic International Center for Economic policy Studies, Riga Stockholm School of Economics

Working language: Latvian/English

19:30 – *Dinner at restaurant “Neiburgs”, Jauniela 25/27*

Invited: **Indars Aščuks**, Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance

Adomas Audickas, Advisor to the Minister of Economics of Lithuania

Kristian Kaas Mortensen, President of Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance

Valdis Zagorskis, Political Affairs Manager and Deputy Head of The European Commission Representation in Latvia

Juris Pūce, State Secretary, Ministry of Economics



List of invitees:

Please note that the list of invitees is subject to changes. Final participants list will be published on April 08, 2011.

Parliament of Latvia:

- Klāvs Olšteins, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Economics, Member of Parliament (Vienotība)
- Augusts Brigmanis (ZZS) **tbc**
- Edgars Zalāns (PLL) **tbc**
- Einārs Cilinskis (TB/LNNK VL)
- Jānis Urbanovičs (SC) **tbc**

Ministries:

- Juris Pūce, State Secretary, Ministry of Economics
- Andris Vilks, Minister of Finances **tbc**
- Džaneta Innusa, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Transport
- Jānis Miķelsons, Advisor on economics and finances to Prime Minister

European Commission in Latvia:

- Valdis Zagorskis, Political Affairs Manager and Deputy Head of The European Commission Representation in Latvia
- Gatis Eglītis, General Directorate of Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance (BICG):

- Kristian Kaas Mortensen, President of Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance

Other state institutions:

- Inguna Sudraba, Auditor General of State Audit Office
- Ieva Jaunzeme, Chairperson of the Competition Council **tbc**
- Iveta Zalpētere, Chairman of the Executive Board of Latvian Privatisation Agency **tbc**
- Ivars Zariņš, Public Utilities Commission



Non-governmental Organisations, Experts and Academics:

- Ahmed Sharkh, Chairman of the Executive Board, Foreign Investors' Council in Latvia
- Jerry Wirth, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board, The Foreign Investors' Council in Latvia
- Vitālijs Gavrilovs, President of Employers' Confederation of Latvia, Member of the BICG Corporate Governance Council **tbc**
- Raita Karnīte, Economic Forecast center
- Tālis Putniņš, Riga Stockholm School of Economics
- Vjačeslavs Dombrovskis, Baltic International Center for Economic policy Studies, Riga Stockholm School of Economics

Business:

- Āris Žīgurs, CEO at state energy monopoly "Latvenergo",
- Aivar Tihane, Chairman of the Board of Estonian energy company "Esti Energia" representative in Latvia "Enefit"
- Guntars Kokorevičs, "Dalkia Latvia"
- Baiba Zūzena, Private owned commercial TV "TV3"
- Jānis Bokta, Chairman of the Board, Latvian Radio and Television Center
- Aldis Greitāns, "Itella Information"
- Māris Rēvalds, Private clinic, "Health Center 4" **tbc**
- Juris Binde, CEO "Latvijas Mobilais telefons", Member of the BICG Corporate Governance Council **tbc**
- Uldis Biķis, CEO AS "Latvijas Finieris", Member of the BICG Corporate Governance Council
- Igors Rodins, Partner at Deloitte, Freelance Advisor to the Prime Minister for Finance Affairs

Foreign experts:

- David Moore, IMF Resident Representative
- Adomas Audickas, Advisor to the Minister of Economics of Lithuania

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