



LATVIA'S FISCAL DISCIPLINE LAW: THE FIRST THREE YEARS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

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Working languages – Latvian and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

10:00	Registration, coffee
10:30	Opening keynote by Prof., Dr.hab.oec. Inna Šteinbuka , Head of European Commission Representation in Latvia
10:45	Latvia's Fiscal Discipline Law in the European Landscape Jānis Platais , Chairman of Latvian Fiscal Discipline Council
11:00	First session: Was the Fiscal Discipline Law a success? Is there something to be changed? Moderated by Morten Hansen , Head of Economics Department at Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Member of Latvian Fiscal Discipline Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Evolution of the Latvian Fiscal Discipline Law</i>, Nils Sakss, Director of the Fiscal policy department, the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia• <i>EU Economic Governance Perspective: Evolution of Fiscal Surveillance Framework</i>, Ingrid Toming, representative of the European Commission• <i>Parliamentary Oversight of the Fiscal Policy</i>, Edgars Putra, representative of Parliamentary Budget and Finances (Taxes) Committee of the Republic of Latvia, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia• <i>Latvia's Track Record of Fiscal Discipline – Before and After Fiscal Discipline Law</i>, Mārtiņš Bitāns, Deputy Head of Monetary Policy Department, Bank of Latvia
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Second session: Latvia's Fiscal Discipline Law – has it served its purpose, what are the lessons learned and what is the way forward? Moderated by Andžs Ūbelis , an Expert on Public Financial Management, Member of Latvian Fiscal Discipline Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Role of Fiscal Discipline Councils in Strengthening the Fiscal Governance</i>, Independent Fiscal Institutions representatives:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Andrus Alber, Vice-chairman of Estonian Fiscal Council➤ Saulė Iždonaitė-Karalevičienė, Macroeconomics Expert, State Audit Office of Lithuania➤ Seppo Orjasniemi, Principal Economist, National Audit Office of Finland• <i>Public Perception of Fiscal Discipline, Communication Channels, Opinion Leaders</i>, Māris Zanders, Daily Newspaper <i>Diena</i>, Portal <i>satori.lv</i>, TVRīga 24• <i>Awareness of Fiscal Policy Issues, Lessons Learned</i>, Jānis Hermanis, Expert on Economic Issues, Employers' Confederation of Latvia
15:30	Coffee break
15:45	<i>Continuation of the discussion</i>
16:45	Concluding remarks

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