

State Visit to Latvia *Official Trade Mission*

Riga

March 13th to 15th, 2023

Business Program

Proposed flights:

13.03.2023

07:30 – 08:35 Flight LG 8011 from Luxembourg (LUX) to Paris (CDG)

09:35 – 13:20 Flight BT 692 from Paris (CDG) to Riga (RIX)

15.03.2023

17:35 – 19:35 Flight BT 273 from Riga (RIX) to Vienna (VIE)

20:50 – 22:35 Flight LG 8858 from Vienna (VIE) to Luxembourg (LUX)

Bus transfers are organized according to the proposed flights. Participants travelling on other flights will arrange their own transfers from and to the airport.

Please note that Latvia is in time zone GMT+2

Each participant is personally responsible for her/his flight reservations. In a global context where health conditions are still subject to instability, we highly recommend that all participants book a reservation that can be changed/refunded.

Monday, March 13th: Luxembourg - Riga

07:30 Departure from Luxembourg Airport to Riga via Paris

13:20 Arrival at Riga International Airport

13:45 [Transfer by bus to the hotel](#)

Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga

Aspazijas bulvāris 22, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1050, Latvia

- 15:30 Transfer by bus from the hotel to Mikrotik
Meeting Point: Lobby of Kempinski Hotel
- 16:00 **Company visit: [Mikrotik](#)**
MikroTik is a security and innovation focused router software and hardware manufacturer from Latvia. Their products are used by ISPs, individual users, and companies for building data network infrastructures all around the world.
- Transfer by bus from Mikrotik to the National Library of Riga
- 18:00 **Informal Welcome Drink / Get-together for Business Delegation**
Venue: [National Library of Riga](#)
- 20:00 Transfer by bus back to the Kempinski hotel
- Free evening**

Tuesday, March 14th: Riga

- 10.00-10.35 I. **Opening session** Room: Grand Ballroom I & II
- ✓ **Welcome remarks** by H.R.H. the Grand Duke of Luxembourg
 - ✓ **Remarks** by the President of Latvia, H.E. Mr Egils LEVITS
 - ✓ **Speech of the Minister of the Economy of Luxembourg**, Mr Franz FAYOT
 - ✓ **Speech of the Minister of Economics of Latvia**, Ms Ilze INDRIKSONE
 - ✓ **Luxembourg-Latvia video**
- 10.35-11.10 II. **Economic seminar on “Digital and Sustainable Economy”**
- ✓ **Opening speech**, Mr Carlo THELEN, Director General of the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce
 - ✓ **Luxembourg’s economic strategy “Our Economy of Tomorrow”**, Mr Christian TOCK, Deputy Director General for Industry, New Technologies and Research of the Luxembourg Ministry of the Economy
 - ✓ **Latvia’s economic strategy**, Mr Raimonds LAPINS, Deputy State Secretary of the Latvia Ministry of Economics
- 11.10-12.00 III. **Panel Discussions on “Sustainability in the Digital Age”**

- ✓ **Intro/moderation** by Ms Jenny HALLEN HEDBERG, Head of International Business Development of Luxinnovation
- ✓ **Metaverse :**
 - **Riga - Metacity Vision**, Mr Toms ZUNNA, 5G Techritory, the Electronic Communications Office of Latvia, MetaCity Project Leader & Ms Madara KALNMALE, 5G Techritory, the Electronic Communications Office of Latvia, MetaCity Project Senior Advisor
 - **Digital Twin Project Luxembourg**, Dr. German CASTIGNANI, Digital Twin Innovation Center Manager of the LIST
- ✓ **Manufacturing :**
 - **Warden Machinery**, Mr Mike KIRIUKHIN, CEO & Co-founder
 - **Stugalux**, Mr Joel SCHONS, Owner
- ✓ **Construction :**
 - **Vidzeme University** of Applied Sciences, Ms Gunita KIESNERE, Architecture & Construction Program Director
 - **Neobuild**, Mr Francis SCHWALL, Director
 - **Spacetime**, Mr Shahriar AGAAJANI, Founder & CEO

12:00 – 13:00

Networking Lunch

Venue: [Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga](#)
Room: [Grand Ballroom III](#)

13:30 – 16:00

B2B Matchmaking Meetings

The B2B matchmaking are pre-arranged meetings; according to the requests per registration.

Venue: [Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga](#)
Ground Floor [Grand Ballroom II](#)

In parallel
14.00 - 17.00

Breakout session on Wood sector

Room: Andante + Allegro 2nd floor

14.15-14.30

- ✓ **Welcome and Introduction**
- ✓ **Presentation Luxembourg Wood Cluster**, Mr Ralf KÖHLER, Wood Cluster Manager Luxinnovation and Mr Georges SCHAAF, Sustainability Manager Luxinnovation
- ✓ **Presentation Latvian Wood Construction Cluster**, Mr Kristaps CEPLIS, Latvian Wood Construction
- ✓ **Presentation Green Tech Cluster Latvia**, Mr Imants MARTINSONS, Green Tech Cluster

- 14.30-15.30 ✓ Presentations on selected **Products & Services**
15.30-17.00 ✓ **B2B Networking**

18:15 Transfer by bus to Latvian National Museum
Meeting point: Lobby of Kempinski Hotel

18:30 **Official reception in honour of H.E. the President of Latvia hosted by H.R.H. the Grand Duke of Luxembourg (Dress code: Smoking/ Evening Dress)**
Venue: Latvian National Museum of Art
Jaņa Rozentāla laukums 1, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1010, Latvia

21:00 Transfer by bus to the Kempinski Hotel

Wednesday, March 15th : Riga - Luxembourg

09:30 **Hotel Check-out before Tour**
Important: bring your luggage onto the bus for it to be transferred to the airport alongside the delegation if you are joining the organized bus transfer from the company visit to the airport
Meeting point: Lobby of Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga

10:00 – 15:00 **Tour of Riga and Explanation of Investment Opportunities** (Lunch included)

10:00 – 11:00 **The Wagner Theatre of Riga**
Tour and presentation by the founder of the “Riga Richard Wagner Society” former Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia Mr Maris Gailis

11:30 – 12:15 **VEFRESH - smart city innovation district**
VEF district in Riga gets its name from the former electronics giant “Valsts Elektrotehniskā Fabrika” and has historically been the home of technology innovations in Latvia as well as a substantial economic force in the region. It is no surprise that 100 years after its foundation, the district has yet again become a hotspot of Latvia’s main technology companies.

12:30 – 13:00 **VERDE – an outstandingly green Class A office building in Riga**
The project has embodied “green thinking” in a purpose-built, sustainable, and modern architectural solution by award-winning Latvian architects Andris Kronbergs and Jānis Zvejnieks (Arhis Architects). It has brought to life through Class A energy efficiency and smart building management solutions. On top it offers unmatched green landscaping and tenant services.

- 13:30 – 15:00 **Fabrikas Restorans Lunch**
Fabrikas Restorans is a restaurant that has become an integral part of the UNESCO World Heritage site, Ķīpsala. The restaurant is located on a reformed gypsum factory which has been converted into two exclusive apartment complexes. Fabrikas Restorans offers a spectacular view of the river Daugava as well as a panorama of Rīga.
- 15:00 [Bus Transfer to Riga International Airport](#)
- 17:35 – 16:25 Flight to Luxembourg via Vienna International Airport
- 22:35 Arrival at Luxembourg International Airport

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