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March 7-9 | 2025

**Innovation and Ethical
Responsibility in a Globalized
Digital Economy**

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF



Ministry of Economics
Republic of Latvia

AGENDA OF THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FORUM

LOCATION LATVIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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Riga, LATVIA

DATE 7-9 MARCH 2025

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The **7th International Economic Forum**, organized in collaboration with the **Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia**, aims to explore the intersection of innovation and ethical responsibility in the quickly progressing digital economy. Building on the success of the previous six forums, this year's event will focus on how ethical considerations can shape technological advancements, ensuring they contribute to sustainable growth and global well-being.

The reason **innovation** and **ethical responsibility** are the keywords of this International Economic Forum and of our time lies in their interdependence. Innovation without ethics can lead to mistrust, inequality, and harm, undermining the very progress it seeks to achieve. Conversely, ethics without innovation may result in stagnation and an inability to address emerging challenges effectively. It is the synergy of these two that will determine our ability to navigate the complexities of the digital age successfully. We can ensure that our progress is inclusive, sustainable, and beneficial for all members of society only by prioritizing ethical considerations alongside technological advancement.

The successful practice of six previous Economic Forums is continuing, that the **Forum serves as a platform for the exchange of experience and cooperation** of educators, scientists, teachers, entrepreneurs, and politicians, stimulating the entry of local and foreign investment and the development of an innovative economy in the long term. As a platform for dialogue and cooperation, the Forum will bring together experts from diverse fields, including technology, finance, academia, and policy. These participants will share their experiences and insights through a series of plenary sessions, roundtable discussions, and interactive workshops.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Latvian Academy of Sciences in March!

7TH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FORUM INNOVATION AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY IN A GLOBALIZED DIGITAL ECONOMY

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DAY 1 | 7TH MARCH 2025

Location PORTRAIT HALL

3rd Floor of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

Date Friday, 7 March 2024

AGENDA

Time	Description
9:00 - 10:00	Registration & Early Morning Coffee
10:00 - 10:40	<p>OPENING CEREMONY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Musical Performance• Address of the Member of the European Parliament, Committees on Economic and Monetary Affairs & Environment, prof., Dr. Inese Vaidere• Address of the Minister of Economics of the Republic of Latvia Viktors Valainis• Address of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia Anda Caksa• Address of the President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences prof., Dr. Ivars Kalvins• Address of the Director of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, assoc. prof., Dr. Nina Linde
10:40 - 12:30	<p>PLENARY SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovation in the Global World: Best Practice (Speaker: Dr. Solomon Darwin, Director of the Garwood Centre for Corporate Innovation and Centre for Growth Markets, University of California - Berkley, USA) [under request]• Digital Education at the forefront of innovation: the importance of European initiatives in bridging didactic gaps, fostering societal inclusion and boosting citizens' engagement (Speaker: Gianluca Coppola, President of the European Digital Learning Network ETS, Italy)• Now is the Time for Open Innovation (Speaker: Dr. Kannan Vishwanath, <i>Dr.h.c.</i> of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, International Trade Specialist in Pharmaceuticals, Chemical Engineer, Corporate Research Scientist, Latvia)• Business Intuition as a Source of Innovations (Speaker: M.Sc. Pamela Bernabei, President of the A. Meneghetti Scientific and Humanistic Research Foundation, Switzerland)• Innovation's best results in the Baltic States (Speaker: MBA Cyril Golub, Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Latvian Business Angel Network (LatBAN), Latvia)• Innovations and Economic Development: What is the Evidence? (Speaker: Dr. Janis Priede, Professor of Economics at the University of Latvia, the Head of the Department of Economics, the Editor of Economics at the National Encyclopaedia of Latvia, the Head of the Scientific board of the Productivity Council of Latvia)
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch and Coffee Break, B2B, B2S, S2S meetings
13:30 - 15:00	<p>PANEL EXPERTS DISCUSSION</p> <p>Moderated by GERALD HOPPSTAEDTER, Entrepreneur, Adviser to the Director of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia / Austria</p>

- Exploring the six core EU values at the basis of our society: Insights and recommendations on "Work inclusion of disadvantaged people" 2024 European digital learning network research
- The (un)expected impact on the field of Education & Training from the disruptive digital transformation: roundtables and discussions around the 3rd edition of the Dlearn survey "Future of Digital Education in EU 2024"
- Innovations for Development of Baltic countries and beyond

15:00 - 15:30

Coffee Break, B2B, B2S, S2S meetings

15:30 - 17:00

INTRODUCTION OF THE PARALLEL SESSIONS

1. EMPOWERING SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Moderated by:

- Prof., Dr. habil. oec. **BAIBA RIVZA**, Academician of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia

2. INNOVATION & ETHICS IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR

Moderated by:

- prof., Dr. oec. **JELENA TITKO**, Vice-Rector for Science and International Relations of the University of Applied Sciences (EKA), Latvia

3. A NEW ERA FOR EUROPEAN CO-FUNDED PROJECTS - THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN PREPARING AND IMPLEMENTING EUROPEAN INNOVATION PROJECTS: CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW TRENDS

Moderated by:

- **GIANLUCA COPPOLA**, President of European digital learning network, Italy

4. EMPOWERING CITIZENS IN THE DIGITAL AGE: CONNECTIVITY, GOVERNANCE, INCLUSION

Moderated by:

- **RENARS RAUBISKIS**, Head of International Relations and Project Management, Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia
- **LENA OSTLUND**, Project Officer, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Switzerland

5. ACHIEVEMENTS & INNOVATIONS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY SOCIETY

Moderated by:

- Dr. **SHAHLO TURDIKULOVA**, Vice-President of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences, Director of the Center of Advance Technologies "Uzbekistan"
- Dr. habil. chem. **IVARS KALVINS**, President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

6. GLOBAL SPACE ECONOMY: STRATEGY & TRENDS

Moderated by:

- **TBC, Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia**, Latvia)

7. ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMANISTIC POTENTIAL OF THE INDIVIDUAL

Moderated by:

- M.Sc. **PAMELA BERNABEI**, President of the Scientific and Humanistic Research Foundation, Switzerland
- Dr. **NINA LINDE**, Director of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

17:00

End of Day 1

DAY 2 | 8TH MARCH 2025

Location PORTRAIT HALL

3rd Floor of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

Date Friday, 8 March 2024

AGENDA

Time	Description
10:00 - 11:00	Registration & Early Morning Coffee
11:00 - 12:00	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AWARD SESSION In collaboration with the EQUALS Global Partnership, ITU and GSMA.
12:00 - 14:00	WORK IN PARALLEL SESSIONS 1. EMPOWERING SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP Moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof., Dr. habil. oec. BAIBA RIVZA, Academician of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia 2. INNOVATION & ETHICS IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR Moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">prof., Dr. oec. JELENA TITKO, Vice-Rector for Science and International Relations of the University of Applied Sciences (EKA), Latvia 3. A NEW ERA FOR EUROPEAN CO-FUNDED PROJECTS - THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN PREPARING AND IMPLEMENTING EUROPEAN INNOVATION PROJECTS: CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW TRENDS Moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">GIANLUCA COPPOLA, President of European Digital Learning Network, Italy
14:00 - 14:30	Lunch and Coffee Break, B2B, B2S, S2S meetings
14:30 - 16:30	WORK IN PARALLEL SESSIONS 1. EMPOWERING CITIZENS IN THE DIGITAL AGE: CONNECTIVITY, GOVERNANCE, INCLUSION Moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">RENARS RAUBISKIS, Head of International Relations and Project Management, Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, LatviaLENA OSTLUND, Project Officer, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Switzerland 2. ACHIEVEMENTS & INNOVATIONS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY SOCIETY Moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. SHAHLO TURDIKULOVA, Vice-President of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences, Director of the Center of Advance Technologies "Uzbekistan"Dr. habil. chem. IVARS KALVINS, President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences 3. GLOBAL SPACE ECONOMY: STRATEGY & TRENDS

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16:40 - 17:00

End of Plenary Sessions

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20:00 - 00:00

GALA DINNER

- *FINAL REMARKS: Main Recommendations for Policy Makers, Entrepreneurs and Scientists & Conclusions of the Forum and its Sections Discussion*
- *B2B, B2S, S2S discussions*
- *Latvian folk songs & dance*
- *Certificates for participants & other surprises 😊*

DAY 3 | 9TH MARCH 2025

Location PORTRAIT HALL

3rd Floor of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

Date Friday, 9 March 2024

AGENDA

Time	Description
10:00 - 11:00	CULTURAL PROGRAM
12:00 - 14:00	WORK IN PARALLEL SESSION 8. ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMANISTIC POTENTIAL OF THE INDIVIDUAL Moderated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M.Sc. PAMELA BERNABEI, President of the Scientific and Humanistic Research Foundation, Switzerland• Dr. NINA LINDE, Director of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

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