## **Annual Economic Meeting**



# DRAFT PROGRAM – 08<sup>th</sup> November 2013

9:30-10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00-10:30	Opening Ceremony  • Daniels Pavluts – Minister of Economic development, Republic of Latvia*  • Alexander Veshniakov- Ambassador of Russian Federation in Latvia*  *to be confirmed
10:30-12:00	<ul> <li>Plenary session</li> <li>SME of Russia and EU: to export or to invest?</li> <li>Valters Kaže, Commercial director, SPI Group</li> <li>Calin Anton, Chairman Committee of Industrial Constructions, Association of Industrial Parks</li> <li>Dmitry Chemakin Minister of industry, Kaliningrad region</li> <li>Alexey Savinskiy, SME Departament for the Russian Federation, German Committee on Easter European Economic Relations</li> <li>Ieva Johnsson, Export director, NP Foods Ltd.</li> <li></li> <li>Moderator: Yevgeny Yuriev*, Minister of the Russian Federation on the Open Government</li> <li>*tbc</li> </ul>
12:00-13:00	Coffee-break \ Press briefing Exhibition Official Opening \ B2B \ G2B meetings

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13:00-14:30

#### Panel session 1:

Doing business in Russsia for European SME.

Open dialogue between SME from EU and the authorities.

- Alexander Menshikov, Deputy Chairperson of the Administration of Tver region
- Bernard Schmitz, First Vice-president marketing and sales, Lindab Buildings
- **Denis Tikhonov,** First Deputy Chairperson of the Administration of *Tula region*
- Igor Ryabikov, Deputy General Director, Ulyanovsk Region Development Corporation
- Timur Kulbuzhev, President, Profil AG
- Andrey Zolotovsky, Head of the department for investment policy, Yaroslavl region
- Ilya Veselov, General director, Investment development agency, Kaluga region

Moderator: Vladislav Luchian - Managing director STRATEGY Links

#### **Topics**

- Localization of production of SME in Russian regions(1-5 hectars)
- Setting up a production: difficulties and how to overcome them
- Key factors for success in doing business in Russia
- Common mistakes of SME when entering the Russian market
- The importance of Government Relations when doing business in the Russian regions
- What one should know when opening a business in Russia
- Support measures from the regional governments to SME from Europe
- Participation of European suppliers in tendering for state contracts in Russia
- And other

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14:30-15:30

#### Lunch

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15:30-17:00

Panel Session 2:

Doing business in Europe for SME from Russia

Are Russian investors expected in Western and Northern Europe?

- Deniss Kairans, Managing Director, Partner, Colliers International
- Igor Kiyashko, Representative in Baltics , Aeroflot
- Anastasia Nekrasova, Managing Director, Intelligent Mindsets
- **Sergey Orihanov,** Chairman of the Expert Council for Industrial Development and Infrastructure, *Guild of Managers and Developers*

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• Tatjana Lutinska, Head of International Tax Planning & Business Structuring, *Prime Consulting* 

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Moderator: Vladimir Sidorov, Deputy Director, Center of PPP Vnesheconombank

#### **Topics for discussion:**

- How to open a business and set a production in Europe for Russian SME
- Legal aspects of doing business in Europe
- Obstacles and the way to solve them
- Case studies of Russian companies
- Recruiting personnel in EU. Cultural difference
- Financial instruments to support Russian investment projects in Europe. Double taxation.
- Rent or buy commercial RE property (office, warehouse, production facilities, apartments)
- Other topics

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17:00-18:00 Master class: topic to be confirmed (Sponsor session)

18:00-23:00 Networking
Gala – Cocktail