



European Economic and Social Committee



Latvian Presidency
of the Council of the
European Union

Group III extraordinary meeting in Riga – 25 March 2015

FINAL

CONFERENCE

8.30 – 9.00/ Registration
09.00 – 9.45 - <i>OPENING SESSION</i>
Luca Jahier - President of the Various Interests Group of the EESC
Dana Reizniece Ozola - Minister of Economy Latvia
09.45 – 10.45 - <i>KEY SPEECHES</i>
Andris Piebalgs – Ex EU Commissioner, Advisor to the President – <i>The Economic growth and social progress in Latvia – influence of the energy sector</i>
Anželika Berķe-Berga - professor of Riga Stradina University - <i>Latvian crisis management: economic, social and communication aspects</i>
10.45 – 11.15 / Coffee Break
11.15 – 13.00 - <i>SESSION I - Chair : Armands Krauze</i> BOOSTING RURAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INCREASING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AT LOCAL LEVEL
Mārtiņš Cimermanis – Director of the rural advisory service - <i>Goals and steps towards regional development in Latvia</i>
Liesma Ose - Latvian Community Initiatives Foundation - <i>Making democracy work at the local scale with rural and urban communities</i>
Roman Haken – EESC Member, <i>Community Led Local Development (CLLD) as a tool of Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 for local, rural, urban and peri-urban development</i>
Rinalds Muciņš - Director of the State Regional Development Agency - <i>Support measures for balanced regional development in LV</i>
Edgars Treiberis - Agricultural Organizations Cooperation Council – <i>The agricultural infrastructure in Latvia towards free market economy</i>
13.00 – 14.30 / Lunch break
14.30 – 15.30 - <i>SESSION II - Chair : Gunta Anča</i> TOOLS FOR CHANGES : THE INVOLVEMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY OF LATVIA
Ariane Rodert, Vice-President of EESC Group III – <i>Social economy as way out of the social and economic crisis</i>
Viesturs Kleinbergs - Samaritan Association of Latvia - <i>Strengthening of volunteer work for the common good</i>
Zane Bojāre - Co-founder-and-manager of the Latvian social enterprise Lude – <i>Less waste, more joy</i>
15.30 – 15.45 / Coffee Break
15.45 – 17.00 - <i>SESSION III - Chair : Andris Gobiņš</i> TOOLS FOR CHANGES - COMMUNICATING NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN ISSUES
Rasma Pīpiķe - Latvian Civic Alliance - <i>Role of civil society in decision-making</i>
Ask Løvbjerg Abildgaard – EESC Member and Policy Officer at the Disabled Peoples Organisations Denmark (DPOD) – <i>Civil society conveying its message and agenda at European level</i>
Ruta Beināre – President of Klubs Māja – Jaunatne vienotai Eiropai (JEF – Latvia) – <i>Youth organisations and policy making</i>
Richard Adams – EESC Member, Rapporteur on "Governance system / 2030 climate and energy framework" - <i>Civil society engagement in EU energy policy and implementation</i>
17.00 – 17.30 : <i>CONCLUSIVE SESSION - Chair : Luca Jahier</i>

