

**NEW IMPRESSIONS AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS**  
**AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE BALTIC SEA REGION STATES**  
February 24-25, 2020

**INNOVATION – POWER OF THE OF 21ST CENTURY**



## Draft Agenda

February 24

### Conference “Innovation – Power of the 21st century”

Venue: House of Science of the University of Latvia, Jelgavas street 3, Riga

**10:00** Coffee, registration, networking

**11.00 – 11.30** Opening of the conference, Introduction, Welcome speeches

Video about the Baltic Sea countries, RIS3 and the innovation investment platform.

**11.30 – 15.00** Topic: **Development and specialisation of the 3S strategies of the Baltic Sea region. Cooperation in research, technological development and innovation. Major challenges for the region and common challenges.**

**11.30 – 12.00** Vaira Vīķe - Freiberga - President of the Republic of Latvia (1999-2007), patroness of the conference.

**Main challenges and common problems of the region. Questions and answers.**

**12.00 – 12.30** Marc d’Hooge, European Investment Bank.

**Regional innovation platforms: an instrument for technological development and innovation. Examples of platforms, governance, financing. Questions and answers.**

**12.30 – 13.00** Prof. Andrejs Ērglis, Vice-President of the Latvian Academy of Science, Chair of the UL Strategy Council.

**Creating an Innovation Partnership platform in the Baltic Sea region. Partners and Action Plan. Questions and answers.**

**13.00 – 13.30** Prof. Risto Nieminen, president of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters.

**How is it to be among the world leaders in the field of innovation. Questions and Answers.**

**13.30 – 14.00** Prof. Juras Banys, President of Lithuanian Academy of Science. **Innovations in Lithuania. Questions and answers.**

**14.00 – 15.00** Lunch, media issues.

**15.00 – 17.30** Topic - **The objectives of the European Union in the field of research and innovation.**

**15.00 – 15.30 Lina Stanionyte, European Commission, DG JRC Territorial Development Unit.**  
Smart specialisation, EU macro-regions perspective. Questions and answers.

**15.30-16.00 Representative of the European Commission**

The European Union's objectives for promoting innovations during the 2021-2027 programming period. EFSI as driver of innovation. Achievements and challenges. Questions and answers.

**16.00 – 16.30 Prof. Sergei Kilin, Deputy Chairman of Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.**  
*International cooperation: Belarus perspective.* Questions and answers.

**17.00 – 17.30 Representative of the Ministry of Finance.**

Next planning period challenges in the research and innovation for Latvia, expected funding. Questions and answers.

**February 25**

**Conference “Innovation - Driver of XXI century”**

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**9.00 – 9.30** Coffee, registration, networking.

**9.30 – 9.50** Evija Feldberga, Director of Department of Industry Policy ,Ministry of Economics.

**Smart specialization as a platform for Latvia’s growth. Future perspectives. Questions and answers.**

**9.50-10.10** Dmitrijs Stepanovs, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Science.

**Development of the human capital in the research and innovations. Questions and answers.**

**10.10-10.30** Prof. Taina Tukiainen, Aalto University.

**Smart-up BSR objectives and achievements, involvement of the project partners in the BSR Innovation Partners Platform. Questions and answers.**

**10.30-10.45** Prof. Johannes Ziehr, Potstdam University.

**Concept of the project Potstdam International Transfer collaboration Hub (PITCH). Questions and answers.**

**10.45-11.00** Markku Markkula, Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions.

**EU innovation policy creating solutions for the 21st Century. Questions and answers.**

**Break**

**11.00 – 14.00 The Baltic Sea region under the influence of the next wave of technological development.**

**11.00 – 11.30** Prof. Eugene Eteris, Expert of European Commission.

**Smart specialisation platform. The macro regions of European Union and their specialisation. Questions and answers.**

**11.30 – 12.00** Prof. Indriķis Muižnieks, University of Latvia.

**Development of technology and changes in the society, region, environment. The next wave of technological development and how to prepare for it. Questions and answers.**

**12.30 – 13.00** Prof. Ojārs Spārītis, president of the Latvian Academy of Sciences.

**The victory march of the technologies and their exponential rise. Jump in science, production, education and other areas of life. Questions and answers.**

**13.00-14.00** Lunch

**14.00 - 14.30** Prof. Ivars Kalviņš, Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis.

**The role of Academies of Science in the ecosystem of innovation and development. Questions and answers.**

**14.30-15.00** Representatives of Ernst & Young Baltic and University of Latvia.

**House of Technology - the pilot project of innovation.**

**15.00 – 15.30** Discussion of the protocol of the intentions of the National Academy of Sciences of the Baltic Sea Region. Media conference. Questions and answers.

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**11.00 – 16.00** Smart-up BSR: Work at innovation challenges

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**13.00 – 14.00** Lunch

**14.00 – 16.00** Work at innovation challenges II

**16.00 – 17.00** Summary of the work at the challenges, conclusions, recommendations

**17.15 – 18.15** Tour of University of Latvia Academic Centre

**19.15 – 21.00** Smart-up BSR dinner

**February 26**

**9.45 – 10.00** Coffee

**10.00 – 12.30** Smart-up BSR partner meeting.

**12.30 – 13.30** Lunch

**13.30 – 15.00** Excursion to the Botanical garden of the University of Latvia

**15.10 – 17.00** Tour to an innovative company (to be confirmed)