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**Mechanical Engineering in Latvia – striving for
excellence
Forum
February 2nd, 2017**

**Venue: Liepaja Concert Hall “Lielais Dzintars (www.greatamber.lv/en)
Address: Radio street 8, Liepaja, Latvia**

**Preliminary Programme
(Version: 21.11.2016)**

Wednesday, February, 1st

From 16:00 Arrival in Liepaja

19:00 Networking event for an exclusive circle of thought leaders,
influencers and entrepreneurs. Inspiring Talks. Networking at
Top Level

Thursday, February, 2nd

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration to the Forum**

*Moderator:
Mr Gatis Ginters,
Head of the Representative Office in Norway,
Investment and Development Agency of Latvia*

09:00 – 09:10 **Opening of the Forum**

*Mr Andris Ozols,
Director of the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia,
Mr Arvils Ašeradens
Minister of Economics of the Republic of Latvia,
(t.b.c.)*

09:10 – 09:40 **Competitive advantages for establishing the business in
Liepāja**
Liepāja – the attractive hub of establishing businesses
Business Opportunities for Mechanical Engineering in Liepāja

*Mr Uldis Sesks,
Head of the Liepāja City Council*

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09:40 – 10:00

Come for price, get a quality
*Internationally successful, based in Latvia
Consider Europe/Baltics, choose Latvia
We came, we experienced, we conquered*

10:00 – 10:20

Mechanical engineering – statistics, insights,
perspectives and challenges of mechanical engineering
today and beyond

*Mr Māris Balodis,
Member of the Advisory Board,
Association of the Mechanical Engineering and Metalworking
Industries of Latvia (MASOC),
or Andris Alksnis,
Senior Project Manager, Export Promotion Division, Investment and
Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA)*

10:20 – 10:40

Innovative, cosmopolitan, high-performant mechanical
engineering

*Disruptive trends that will transform the engineering industry
Crucial trends and business potential in the limelight
Does Latvia has a potential to enter the global sourcing network*

Key Speaker, t.b.c.:

10:40 - 11:00

Coffee Brake

11:00 – 12:30

Panel Discussions and Q&A Session

Competitive advantages for establishing the business in Latvia
Reasons to invest in Latvia
Expand your business in Latvia
Solutions for Mechanical Engineering

11:00 – 11:20

Education

Mechanical engineers - forefront of future technologies
The land of mechanical engineers

*Speakers t.b.c.:
Riga Technical University, vice-rector for education*

11:20 - 11:40

Human Resources

Advancement for Mechanical Engineers
Competitive Human Recourses
The cooperation of Human Resources and Technology
Strengths of Latvian engineering labour

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11:40 - 12:00

Financial Support and co-funding of regional, national and international programmes

Speakers, t.b.c.:

Mr Andris Ozols,

Director of the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia

Mr Raimonds Aleksejenko,

Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Economics of Latvia

12:00 - 12.30

Logistics

The Trends of Road Strategy

Rail Traffic Management Europe - Asia

Latvian Corridor

Connect for success

Road of the future – Rail Baltic

Rail Traffic Management

Speakers t.b.c.:

"Stena Line" presentation

Freeport of Liepaja

Liepaja Free Economic Zone

12.30 -13.30

Lunch

13:30 - 18:00

B2B Meetings

Friday, February, 3rd

09:00 – 15:00

Visits to companies in Liepaja and the Liepaja region

Group No 1 – mechanical engineering

SIA Tosmāre, Liepāja

SIA Caljan Ritte Hitte, Liepāja Business Park (BP)

SIA Trelleborg Wheel Systems, Liepāja Business Park (BP)

Group No 2 – metalworking

SIA Metālmeistars, Liepāja

SIA RK Metāls, Grobiņa

SIA Medzes Components, Medzes pagasts

SIA Silkeborg Spaantagning Baltic, Liepāja Business Park (BP)

SIA Lesjofors Springs, Liepāja Business Park (BP)

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Group No 3 – associated branches

SIA Baltic RIM, Liepāja Business Park (BP)
SIA Interspiro Production, Liepāja Business Park (BP)
Röchling, Liepāja Business Park (BP)
SIA Aile

Group No 4 – investors network

KVV Liepājas Metalurģs
Liepāja Airport
Liepāja Port
Liepāja Free Economic Zone

From 15:00 – Leave Liepāja

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