



The 20th anniversary of the 2004 EU enlargement Freedom of movement for workers and the EURES network – the Baltic States' perspective

23 May 2024

National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas iela 3, Riga, Latvia

AGENDA

- 09:30 – 10:00 Registration/welcome
- 10:00 – 10:20 Opening session / Welcome messages from:
- **Uldis Augulis** – Minister for Welfare, Latvia
 - **Cosmin Boiangiu**, Executive Director, European Labour Authority
- 10:20 – 10:50 Benefits and challenges of the freedom of movement for workers and access to the Single Market since the Baltic States joined the EU
- **Dr. Mihails Hazans**, University of Latvia
- 10:50 – 11:00 Interactive questions/discussion
- 11:00 – 11:30 The future of the Baltic labour market
- **Uldis Rutkaste**, Head of Monetary Policy Department, Bank of Latvia
- 11:30 – 12:00 Networking & Coffee
- 12:00 – 12:45 Labour mobility from and to the Baltic States: common challenges
- 12:00 – 12:15
- **Vita Baliukevičienė**, Head of Labour Law Division, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania
- 12:15 – 12:30
- **Annika Sepp**, Advisor, Department of Employment, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia
- 12:30 – 12:45
- **Ilze Zvīdriņa**, Deputy Director of Labour Market Policy Department, Ministry of Welfare, Latvia
- 12:45 – 13:15 The contribution of the European Labour Authority to fair labour mobility within the EU. Cooperation of the Baltic States and ELA.
- **Federico Pancaldi**, Head of Cooperation and National Liaison Officers' Office, European Labour Authority

- **Iveta Suraka**, National Liaison Officer for Latvia, European Labour Authority
- **Airine Dobuzinskiene**, National Liaison Officer for Lithuania, European Labour Authority
- **Mariliis Proos**, National Liaison Officer for Estonia, European Labour Authority

13:15 – 14:40 Networking lunch (including group photo and National Library guided tour)

14:40 – 15:00 The contribution of EURES services to promoting labour mobility and growth in the Baltic States and Europe

- **Irene Mandl**, Head of Information and EURES Unit, European Labour Authority

15:00 – 15:45 20 years of the EURES Network in the Baltic States

15:00 – 15:15 - **Līga Baufale**, EURES coordinator, Deputy Director of Labour Market Department, State Employment agency, Latvia

15:15 – 15:30 - **Monika Toiger-Kruusvald**, EURES Service Manager, Estonian Unemployment Insurance Fund

15:30 – 15:45 - **Agnė Peciukevičienė**, Head of EURES National Coordination Unit, Lithuanian Public Employment Service

15:45 – 16:45 High-level panel discussion: Labour mobility future perspectives, solutions for tackling the emerging issues

- Moderator **Māris Badovskis**, Director of the Labour Relations and Labour Protection Policy Department, Ministry of Welfare, Latvia; ELA Management Board Member
- **Irene Mandl**, Head of Information and EURES Unit, ELA
- **Elīna Celmiņa**, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Welfare, Latvia
- **Vytautas Šilinskas**, Vice minister, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania
- **Ulla Saar**, Deputy Secretary-General of Labour, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia
- **Egīls Baldzēns**, President, Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia
- **Kaspars Gorkšs**, Director General, Employers' Confederation of Latvia

16:45 – 17:00 Closing remarks

- **Elīna Celmiņa**, Ministry of Welfare, Latvia
- **Federico Pancaldi**, European Labour Authority

17:00 Networking & Cocktail

