



Rail Baltica Governance Conference 2016

Rail Baltic/Rail Baltica is the most ambitious transportation project in North-East Europe to date: to build a European gauge trans-national railway that will establish direct links between the Baltic Countries and the European railroad network, thereby facilitating regional integration by linking Tallinn, Riga, Kaunas, Warsaw and Berlin. With significant European Union support, the high speed railway will be a key element of the North Sea-Baltic Transportation Corridor, ensuring strong connections to the economic, administrative and cultural centres of Western Europe.

RB Rail AS, a multi-national joint venture of the Republics of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia has been established to implement Rail Baltic/Rail Baltica - the first pan-Baltic infrastructure project of its kind. The Rail Baltica Governance Conference 2016 will focus on various challenges in the project, what we can learn from other cross-border infrastructure projects and how internationally recognized governance practice can foster efficiency, accountability and integrity in the project.

Date & Time: Friday, April 29 2016, 10:00 -16:15, registration and coffee from 09:30

Location: Riga, The European Union House, 28 Aspazijas blvd (<http://goo.gl/P5yGeP>)

Format: Pan-Baltic conference. Working language – English. Live web stream from the conference

Conference participants (invitations only)

- Decision-makers and officials from EC, national governments
- Representatives from RB Rail / Railways companies from Baltic Countries
- Representatives from business sector involved in the project implementation
- Experts, state audit and public procurement officials from Baltic Countries
- Stakeholders from Poland and Finland

Organizers:

- Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance (www.bicg.eu)
- KPMG Baltics (<http://www.kpmg.com/lv>)
- Ministry of Transport in Latvia (www.sam.gov.lv)
- The European Commission Representation in Latvia (<http://ec.europa.eu/latvia>)



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Agenda

Moderator: RYTIS AMBRAZEVIČIUS, Vice President, Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance

09:30	Registration and coffee
10:00	Opening remarks Ms. INNA ŠTEINBUKA, Head of the European Commission Representation in Latvia Mr. PAULIUS MARTINKUS, President, Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance Mr. DAINIUS BUDRYS, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, RB Rail
10:30	EU perspective of Rail Baltica project Mr. HERALD RUIJTERS, Head of Unit, DG MOVE B1, Trans-European Transport Network, European Commission
10:50	Economical perspective of Rail Baltica Mr. ARNIS KAKULIS, Director, Baltic Region, AECOM Mr. NAURIS KLAVA, Executive Director Advisory Services, Ernst & Young
11:10	Expectations from Rail Baltica in corporate governance Mr. ANDRIS GRAFS, Country Manager Latvia, Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance
11:30	Coffee break
12:00	Lessons learned from cross-border infrastructure projects Mr. JAMES STEWART, Chairman, KPMG International's Global Infrastructure Practice, KPMG United Kingdom
12:20	Case study: Brenner Base Tunnel Project Mr. KONRAD BERGMEISTER, CEO, BBT SE
12:40	Further steps in implementation of Rail Baltica Ms. BAIBA RUBESA, Chairperson of the Management Board and CEO, RB Rail
13:00	Lunch break
14:00	Panel discussion #1 Moderator: Mr. PAULS RAUDSEPS, journalist Mr. DINS MERIRANDS, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Transport of Latvia / Management Board member, SIA "Eiropas dzelzceļa līnijas", Latvia Mr. Kristjan Kaunissaare, Rail Baltic coordinator, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia Mr. VAIDOTAS BALYNAS, Member of the Supervisory Board, RB Rail
15:00	Panel discussion #2 Moderator: Mr. PAULS RAUDSEPS, journalist Mr. ĢIRTS BRAMANS, Head of Development Planning Unit, Latvian Railways Mr. JUHANI TERVALA, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Transport Policy Department, Finland Mr. KAI RINTALA, Director, Infrastructure & Projects Group, KPMG Oy Ab, Finland Mr. TALIS LINKAITS, Head of Secretariat, VASAB
16:00	Closing remarks Mr. DINS MERIRANDS, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Transport of Latvia
16:15	Closing coffee