



International seminar

**"Quality jobs: From minimum wage to an innovation Economy
and new employment Trends in the Baltic States in contrast to other
European countries."**

PROGRAMME

June 8-10, 2017

Latvian Christian Academy

Thursday, June 8

ARRIVALS.

15.00.	Registration and coffee.	
15.30 – 16.00	Welcome to participants and introduction.	Dr., Prof. Skaidrīte Gūtmane, Rector of LChrA (Latvia); Mr. Bartho Pronk, President of EC EZA (Germany); Dr.phys. Māris Ēlerts, (Senior expert, Innovation policy division of the Innovation Department, Ministry of Economics - Latvia).
16.00 – 16.30	"Productivity and efficiency: Open innovation and role of Trade Unions for the Social capital."	Aimar Altosaar (expert from Estonian Trade Union of Industrialists – Estonia).
16.30 – 17.00	"Innovation system of Latvia and government support for it's development."	Dr. phys. Māris Ēlerts (Senior expert, Innovation policy division of the Innovation Department, Ministry of Economics - Latvia).
19.00.	DINNER.	

Friday, June 9

9.00	Morning prayer and welcome of the day.	Mr. Valters Dolacis (LChrA).
9.15 – 10.00	"Quality innovations, individualization and employment relations: comparison of the Trade Unions' role development in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia."	Mr. Pēteris Krīgers (Ex President of Free Trade Union of Latvia - Latvia).
10.00 – 10.30	"Employee share ownership in the Baltic States: the benefits for innovative organizations."	Remigijus Civinskas (Vytautas Magnus University, Vilnius Lithuanian Confederation of industrialists – Lithuania).

10.30.	COFFEE BREAK.	
11.00 – 10.30	“Challenges Faced to the Promotion of Social Innovation in Latvia: Economic Perspective.”	Dr.oec.,ass.prof. Gunta Grīnberga (expert, senior researcher at Latvia University of Agriculture – Latvia).
11.30 – 12.00	„The role of knowledge management for the support of innovations in multicultural context. Importance of Life-long learning.”	Dr., Prof. Elvyra Aciene (expert, Klaipeda University – Lithuania).
12.00 – 12.30	“Innovative economy and the Trade Unions’ role: The Netherlands experience.”	Sir Leen la Riviere (ret. member of the Board of the Christian Trade Unions of The Netherlands).
12.30 – 13.00	“Labor market innovations and the role of new technologies: criteriology and assessment aspects for Trade unionists.”	Dr.soc. Juris Osis (expert, Latvian Christian academy, LBAS – Latvia).
13.00 – 14.30	LUNCH.	
15.00	Field trip to UAV FACTORY (UNMANNED PLATFORMS AND SUBSYSTEMS) – high performance composite airframe design and manufacture for the unmanned industry. The company was awarded with the “Innovations Award 2016” by the Ministry of Ecomics, Latvia. – Mrs. Corina Safaler, Marketing director / Open discussion on the role of workers’ representation on the enterprise level, innovation economy and new employment trends with the participants, mainly members of different Trade unions.	
17.00 – 18.00	Seminar evaluation and final words (Mr. Bartho Pronk, President of EC EZA; prof. Skaidrīte Gūtmane, LChrA; Pēteris Krīgers, Ex-President of LBAS).	
19.00.	DINNER.	
DEPARTURES.		

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