

Conference
“Sustainability for Economic Resilience”

Date and Time: 31 October 2025, 13:30

Venue: Saeima (Jēkaba iela 11, Riga), Baltic Hall

Organisers: Saeima in cooperation with the Latvian Corporate Social Responsibility Platform (CSR Latvia) and the Foreign Investors' Council in Latvia (FICIL)

Conference: Latvian (live translation not available)

Objective: The aim of the conference is to agree on joint action for the inclusion of sustainability issues in Latvia's strategic development documents and related legislation, in order to achieve a skilful balance between economic development, social well-being, and environmental sustainability, without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same.

Sustainability is a fundamental component of national security, development, and financial policy planning across all aspects of the public and private sectors. Resilience and sustainability are built through knowledge and evidence-based decision-making, as well as active measures in the fields of demography, education, health, the economy, public administration, budget planning, and investment attraction.

Agenda

13.00 – 13.30 Participant registration, coffee

Part one

13.30 – 13.40 Opening addresses
Daiga Mieriņa, Speaker of the Saeima
Uģis Mitrevics, Chair of the Saeima Sustainable Development Committee.

Introductory presentations

13.40 – 14.00 **“Latvia 2050 Strategy – Development Scenarios for Latvia's Sustainability”** representative of Latvia 2050 (tbc)

Vision, economic structure, comparative analysis, demography, outline of challenges, and how to implement the vision.

- 14:00 – 14:10 Structured national sustainability strategy and human capital**
- Agnese Alksne-Bensone***, Chair of the Board, CSR Latvia, and ***Dace Cīrule***, Chair of FICIL Energy and Green Economy Work Group
- How entrepreneurs view the implementation of the vision, with a focus on the sustainability component.
- 14:10 – 14:30 Financial sector and sustainability, *Edvards Kušners* (Bank of Latvia)**
- The views of the FCMC, Bank of Latvia, and the financial sector on the need for sustainability data, targets, and plans. Not only because the EU requires it, but because it is essential for us – to understand how to shape policy and regulatory frameworks so that the economy respects not only profit goals but also environmental and social impacts.
- 14:30 – 14:40 Financial instruments and investments for sustainability, *FICIL* (*Māris Vainovskis*)**
- 14:40 – 15:00 Governance and data challenges, *Līga Kurevska*, State Secretary of the Ministry of Climate and Energy**
- 15:00 – 15:10 Sustainability governance and data, CSR Latvia (*tbc*)**
- 15:10 – 15:30 Coffee break**

Part two

Discussions on proposals for action

- 15.30 – 16.10 “Sustainability strategy and human capital”**
- Topics: Sustainability as a component of Latvia’s economic development strategy; sectoral sustainability goals – in the context of climate adaptation and human capital development.
- Moderator:
- Antra Birzule***, CSR Latvia representative
- Participants:
- Viktors Valainis***, Minister of Economics
- Skaidrīte Ābrama***, Member of the 14th Saeima

Anita Skudra, Chair of the Board, SIA Rīgas meži, CSR Latvia representative

Inna Šteinbuka, Representative of the Fiscal Discipline Council

16:10 – 16:50

“Sustainability governance, data and finance”

Topics: Evidence-based decision-making; allocation of responsibilities and cooperation in sustainability issues; implementation of sustainability and resilience measures; data collection, processing and disclosure; financing resilience and sustainability – EU funds; new instruments; advantages in accessing and attracting sustainability financing.

Moderators:

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Participants:

Olga Bogdanova, Deputy State Secretary for International and Climate Policy, Ministry of Climate and Energy

Kaspars Briškens, Chair of the Saeima Economic, Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Policy Committee

Arturs Evarts, Board Member, CSR Latvia

Association of Latvian Commercial Banks (tbc)

Part three

Summary / proposals for action

16.50 – 17.00

Uģis Mitrevics, Chair of the Saeima Sustainable Development Committee

Forum livestream available at: www.saeima.lv