



**European Economic and Social Committee**

***Baltic Organised civil society Forum***

25–26 September 2008

***PROGRAMME***

<b><u>25 September</u></b>	
14h	Registration and welcome coffee
14h30 – 15h15	Introduction address by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dimitris DIMITRIADIS, EESC President</li><li>- Iveta PURNE, Minister of Labour of Republic of Latvia</li><li>- Vitalijs GAVRILOVS, President, Employers' Confederation of Latvia (LDDK)</li></ul>
15h15 – 15h30	Coffee break
15h30 – 16h30	<p><u>Panel discussion 1</u> <i>The Baltic business landscape: evolutions and perspectives within the EU and with neighbouring countries</i></p> <p>Chairman: Antal CSUPPORT, EESC member</p> <p>Rapporteur: Gintaras MORKIS, EESC member</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Marianne NATI-STOFFEL, Secretary General, Luxembourg Economic and Social Council</li><li>- Ton van der WIJST, Dutch Economic and Social Council</li></ul>
16h30 – 17h30	<p><u>Panel discussion 2</u> <i>Flexicurity and social protection in the Baltic Countries. How to improve workers' representation and how to enhance sectoral social dialogue?</i></p> <p>Chairman: Thomas JANSON, EESC member</p> <p>Rapporteur: Algirdas KVEDARAVICIUS, EESC member</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Peteris KRIGERS, President, Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia (LBAS)</li></ul>

17h30 – 18h30	<p><u>Panel discussion 3</u> <i>Civil dialogue in the Baltic countries</i></p> <p>Chairman: Kaul NURM, EESC member</p> <p>Rapporteur: Meelis JOOST, EESC member</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rasma PIPIKE, Director of Civic Alliance Latvia</li><li>- Mykolalas ALELIUNAS, Vice-President, Director General, Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists</li></ul>
19h	Official Reception offered by the EESC President, Mr DIMITRIADIS
<b><u>26 September</u></b>	
9h30 – 10h30	Presentation of the discussions' proposals by rapporteurs
10h30 – 11h00	Discussion time
11h00 – 11h30	Coffee break
11h30 – 11h45	Final recommendations
11h45 – 12h30	Closing statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Laima Liucija ANDRIKIENE, MEP from Lithuania</li><li>- Avo ÜPRUS, Adviser to the Estonian Minister of Regional Affairs, responsible for relations with civil society</li><li>- Gundars DAUDZE, Speaker of the Saeima, Latvia</li></ul>
12h30	End of the conference Buffet lunch offered by the National Tripartite Co-operation Council (NTCC)
	<p><b><u>Languages:</u></b> <b><u>You can speak EN + FR + LT + LV + EE</u></b> <b><u>You can listen to EN+LT+LV+EE</u></b> <b><u>Documents: EN only</u></b></p>