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Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Economic and Digital Affairs

19–20 April 2015
Riga

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 19 April 2015

- 14:00–19:00 Arrival of delegations and registration for the event at the hotels
- 18:40 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Architecture and Media Centre H₂O 6
- 19:00 Dinner hosted by **Mr Romāns Naudiņš**, Chairman of the Economic, Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Policy Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
Venue: Architecture and Media Centre H₂O 6, Ūdens iela 6
- 22:00 Return to the hotels by bus

Monday, 20 April 2015

- 8:15 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Saeima
- Coffee and registration for the event (for those not yet registered)
Venue: Grand Vestibule, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11

9:00–9:30

OPENING SESSION

Venue: Plenary Chamber, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11 (entrance from Klosterā iela)

Welcome address by **Ms Ināra Mūrniece**, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia (tbc)

Introductory remarks by **Mr Romāns Naudiņš**, Chairman of the Economic, Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Policy Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia



9:30–11:00

SESSION I

Big Data and Cloud Computing – Resources for a Digital Economy

Mr Günther Oettinger, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society (tbc)

Mr Kaspars Gerhards, Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia

Mr Bernd Becker, Chairman of the EuroCloud Europe (tbc)

Debate

11:00

Coffee break

Red Room

SESSION II

11:30–13:00

Security and Privacy in Digital Space

Mr Claude Moraes, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament (tbc)

Mr Andris Ambainis, Professor at the Faculty of Physics and Mathematics of the University of Latvia

Mr Zoran Stančič, Deputy Director-General of the Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology of the European Commission

Debate

13:00

Family photo

Plenary Chamber

13:15

Lunch

Cafeteria of the Saeima

SESSION III

14:30–16:00

Education and Employment in a Digital Economy

Ms Dana Reizniece-Ozola, Minister for Economics of the Republic of Latvia

Ms Neelie Kroes, Special Envoy for Start-ups in the Netherlands (tbc)

Ms/Mr XXXX, entrepreneur (tbc)

Debate



16:00

End of the Meeting

16:15

Press conference

Voting Room

Optional – guided tour of the National Library of Latvia (tbc)

Return to the hotels by bus

Departure of delegations

