



## **Workshop (WS) 02-20:**

“New EU Port and Customs Policy, Impact on Ports: What Will the Future Bring for the Trade with non-EU Countries?”



## Dear Partners:

Following is a brief Manual of information you need to know having arrived in Riga for the planned PORT-NET workshop in end November.

## Currency

One of the first things to do after you have landed at the Riga International Airport and gone through the passport control is getting some cash in local currency (lats). We recommend getting some cash at the airport for paying a taxi although electronic cards are sometimes accepted too (the exchange rate 1 EUR = 0.71 LVL).

The currency exchange rate is somewhat better in the city. Payment cards are widely accepted in all hotels, stores, restaurants, bars, etc.

## Transportation

In order to get from the Riga International Airport to the hotel “*Domina Inn*” (Address Pulkveža Brieža 11, <http://www.dominahotels.com>) you can use a taxi or public transportation. The distance from the Airport to city center is about 15 km.

A normal fare for a taxi would be LVL 8-10 and the drive lasts approx. 20 minutes.

You can also take a bus (No 22 A). The fare is LVL 0.35 and it takes 30-40 minutes to get to the final stop *Katedrāle* (Orthodox Russian Cathedral) from where you can walk (10 min) to the hotel (see the city map).

## Weather conditions

We suggest you dress warmly and have coats with you coming to Riga in late November. Air temperature can vary from +5 C to –5 C. Hopefully, we have a spell of warm weather during seminar days!

## Hotel

*Domina Inn* Riga is conveniently located in the quiet centre of Riga- in the Art Nouveau and embassies’ neighborhood, within a walking distance to the Old Town and to main landmarks of the City. The Hotel presents its historical beauty through contemporary elegance and prides itself on its professional and friendly service,

offering elegance with a touch of Italian style. It represents the ideal retreat for trips for business and pleasure.

which is located opposite to the *Kronvalda Park* and is in 2 minutes walking distance from the Freeport of Riga Authority.

#### Address

Domina Inn Riga  
Pulkveža Brieža 11, Riga  
tel. +371 67631800



#### Venue

The PORT-NET workshop “*New EU Port and Customs Policy, Impact on Ports: What Will the Future Bring for the Trade with non-EU Countries?*” will take place at the premises of the Freeport of Riga Authority - just a 2-minute walk away from the hotel.

#### Address

Freeport of Riga Authority  
Kalpaka Blvd. 12, Riga  
tel. 00-371-7-030-800 (switchboard)



#### Contact persons at the Freeport of Riga Authority:

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## **SEMINAR PROGRAMM**

### **Wednesday, November 28**

**Afternoon / evening: arrival of participants**

**19:00**

Meeting of participants at the hotel lobby and walk (5 min) to the Freeport of Riga Authority (FRA)

(Kalpaka Boulevard 12, Riga)

**19:30-21:00**

Welcome drink at the main lobby of the FRA

### **Thursday, November 29**

**09:15**

Arrival and registration of participants for the workshop

(Main lobby of the FRA, O. Kalpaka blvd.12)

**09:30-09:40**

Official opening of the seminar by Mr. Vladimirs Makarovs (Director of the Strategic Planning and Project Management Department, the FRA)

(Conference Hall)

**09:40-10:20**

*The New EU Port Policy and Issues Affecting Trade with non-EU Countries*, by European Commission representative (not yet confirmed)

**10:20-11:00**

*New EU Port Policy: an Independent Expert's View of the Subject Matter*, Mr. Willy Winkelmans, representing the University of Antwerp

**11:00-11:30**

Coffee break

(Main lobby of the FRA)

**11:30-12:10**

*Latvian Transport Strategy in view of Port Developments in the Baltic Countries*, by Andris Maldups, Director of Transit Department, The Ministry of Transportation of the Republic of Latvia



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**12:10-12:40**

*Latvian Perspective of EU Customs Code: Advantages in Transportation and Logistics*, by Mr. Normunds Krūmiņš, Central Euro Asia Gateway

**12:40-14:00**

Lunch

(Winter Garden, the FRA)

**14:00-14:40**

*Third Countries Perspective: Russian Transport Strategy and Customs Issues in Relation to trade with the EU* (not yet confirmed)

(Fireplace Room)

**14:40-15:20**

*The new EU Customs Code and its Consequences for Ports and Trade*, by Mr. Michael Stange, BWA, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

**15:20-16:00**

*The New EU Port Policy: the British Perspective*, by Mr. Richard Morton, Haven Gateway, the UK

**16:00-16:15**

Summarizing session (discussions, comments)

**16:15**

End of Seminar Day 1

Time available for individual scheduling

**18:30**

Departure (walk) from the hotel to the restaurant in the Old City

**19:00-22:00**

Dinner hosted by the FRA at the restaurant *Melnie Mūki (Black Monks)*

**Friday, November 30**

**09:15**

Arrival and registration of participants for the workshop

(Central lobby of the FRA)



**09:15-09:50**

Private Sector Perspective of the Port Policy and Customs Issues, by Mr. Ivan Bogdanov, Chairman of the Board, TFS Trans (a new container train operator Riga - Moscow)  
(Fireplace Room)

**09:50-10:30**

Experience of the Port of Valencia in Simplifying Customs Procedures to Improve the Efficiency of Cargo Flows, by Mr. Miguel Llop, Valencia Port Foundation, Spain  
(Fireplace Room)

**10:30-11:30**

Steering Committee Meeting on PORT-NET 2  
(Fireplace Room)

**11:30-11:45**

Coffee break

**11:45-12:45**

Steering Committee Meeting on PORT-NET 2 (continued)  
(Fireplace Room)

**12:45-13:00**

Seminar final conclusions and recommendations

**13:00-14:30**

Lunch  
(Winter Garden of the FRA)

**End of Port-Net workshop 02-7**

<http://www.port-net.net/>

**Friday evening / Saturday morning: departure of participants**

## List of seminar participants

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## List of Seminar Speakers

No	Name	Position, company / institution	Country
1.	Mr.	Official representing the European Commission	Latvia
2.	Prof. Willy Winkelmans	University of Antwerp	Belgium
3.	Mr. Andris Maldups	Ministry of Transportation of the Republic of Latvia	Latvia
4.	Mr. Normunds Krūmiņš	Central Euro Asia Gateway	Latvia
5.	Mr.		Russia
6.	Mr. Michael Stange	Ministry for Economics of Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg	Germany
7.	Mr. Richard Morton	Haven Gateway	United Kingdom
8.	Mr. Ivan Bogdanov	SIA TFS Trans- (operator of a new container train Riga – Moscow)	Latvia
9.	Mr. Miguel Llop	Port of Valencia	Spain
10.	Mr. Hans Ulrich Wolff	Uniconsult, (PORT-NET Project Manager)	Germany





### Map of Riga (PORT-NET Seminar Venue and Hotel Location)







