



TAIEX OFFICE

**Technical Assistance Information Exchange Office
DG Enlargement
European Commission**

Seminar on EU Integration

For Members of the Latvian Parliament

Brussels, 24 and 25 March 2003

This Seminar is organised in co-operation with the European Parliament.

Programme

Day 1 – Monday, 24 March 2003

1st Session: Workshop on EU integration

- Venue:** TAIEX premises at the IPC Building
5th floor, room Beethoven
1, Bld. Charlemagne
1000 Brussels
- 9.15 Registration
- 9.30 Welcome
Ms. Sabine FASCHING, DG ELARG / TAIEX
- 9.40 The development of the European Union
Mr. Charis XIROUCHAKIS, Head of Public Relations, Council
- 10.30 The EU institutions and the decision-making process with particular emphasis on the role of the European Commission
Mr. Gerard BERSCHEID, Legal Service of the European Commission
- 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.45 The Convention on the Future of Europe
Ms. Floriana SIPALA, Task Force "Future of the Union", Secretariat General, European Commission
- 12.45 Lunch

2nd Session: Visit to the European Parliament

- Venue:** European Parliament
Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)
Rue Wirtz, 60
1047 - Brussels
- Meeting Room ASP 3E3
- Welcome *Mrs Aneta POPESCU-BLACK, Division for Relations with the National Parliaments and Interparliamentary Assemblies*

- 14.30 Meeting with *Mr Alfred GOMOLKA*, MEP, Chairman of the EU-Latvia Joint Parliamentary Committee
- 15.30 Attendance of the Information Seminar on "National Constitutions of the New Member States of the European Union" - Meeting Room ASP 1 E 3

Day 2 – Tuesday, 25 March 2003

- 09.00 Arrival of the Latvian Delegation
- 9.30 Meeting with *Mrs Helle THORNING-SCHMIDT*, MEP, Group of the Party of European Socialists (ASP 3E3), Vice-Chairman of the JPC EU-Latvia
- 10.15 Meeting with *Mrs Elspeth ATTWOOLL*, MEP, Group of the Liberal, Democrat and Reform Party (ASP 3E3) - Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
- 11.00 Meeting with *Mr Michael SHACKLETON*, DG II, Conciliation Committee (ASP 3E3)
- 12.30 Lunch hosted by the European Parliament: "Renaissance" Restaurant, Rue du Parnasse, 19 - Brussels
- 15.00 Meeting with *Mr Jan Marinus WIERSMA*, MEP, and *Mr Bill MILLER*, MEP, Group of the Party of European Socialists (ASP 15G310)
- 15.30 Meeting with *Mr Hans-Gert POETTERING*, MEP, Chairman of the European Peoples' Party and European Democrats (EPP-ED) (ASP 3E3)
- 15.30 Meeting with *Mrs Elisabeth SCHROEDTER*, MEP, the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance (ASP 08 G 310)
- 16.30 Meeting and photoshoot with *Mr Pat COX*, President of the European Parliament (PHS Building)
- 17.30 Meeting with *Mr Hannes SWOBODA*, MEP, Group of the Party of European Socialists (ASP 15 G 342)
- End of Seminar

~ 18⁰⁰ -