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Monthly Business Luncheon

Political Debate on the upcoming EU Parliament elections

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The American Chamber of Commerce in Latvia is honored to host a special luncheon featuring a political debate on the upcoming EU Parliament elections.

On May 1, 2009 Latvia marked five year anniversary of EU accession. The next generation of EU-decision makers will be elected on June 6th, 2009 and AmCham is making sure the business world is prepared.

The program will involve remarks from each speaker, followed by a question and answer session. The discussion will moderated by Romans Baumanis, Vice President of AmCham Latvia.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS, representing major political parties:



BORISS CILEVICS,
candidate from Saskaņas Centrs
(Harmony Center).



AGNIS VIKMANIS,
candidate from Jaunais Laiks
(New Era) party.



ATIS LEJINS,
candidate from LSDSP
(Latvian Social Democratic
Workers' Party).



ROBERTS ZILE,
candidate from TB/LNNK
(Union for Fatherland and
Freedom/LNNK).



JURIS OZOLINS,
candidate from Libertas.lv.

The candidates for EU parliament will explore their priorities and their opinions on the first term of Latvia in EU Parliament, specifically, on the lessons learned and missed opportunities of lobbying.

- Why and how to lobby in the EU?
- What impact do EU funds have on Latvia's economy?
- Have we made progress?
- What mistakes have been made?
- What challenges lie ahead?
- How can I voice the concerns of my business to EU decision makers?
- How can my business benefit from the huge European market?