

# Challenges for the New Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

An Academic and Policy Debate

2nd joint EU Cohesion Policy Conference  
Riga, 4-6 February 2015



## Programme

Version: 3 February 2015

### Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015

14.00-18.00	Study Trip (optional) – Guided Riga City tour and site visit to the OlainFarm, pharmaceutical company and EU co-funded project
19.00-21.00	<p><b>Welcome Reception:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Edgars Šadris</b>, Director of the EU Funds Strategy Department, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia</li> <li>• <b>Peter Berkowitz</b>, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Professor Andrew Beer</b>, Chair of the Regional Studies Association &amp; the University of Adelaide</li> <li>• <b>Professor Mārcis Auziņš</b>, Rector of the University of Latvia</li> </ul> <p>Venue: SemaraH Hotel Metropole, Aspazijas bulvāris 36/38, Riga</p>

### Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015

8.00-9.00	Registration and welcome coffee			
9.00-10.30	<p><b>Opening Plenary</b> Moderated by Professor Andrew Beer, Chair of the Regional Studies Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jānis Reirs, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Latvia</li> <li>• Video message by Corina Crețu, Commissioner for Regional Policy</li> <li>• Dr Walter Deffaa, Director-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</li> <li>• Professor John Bachtler, European Policies Research Centre</li> </ul>			
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break			
11.00-12.45	Parallel workshop sessions – round 1			
<p><b>Workshop 1</b> Small Hall Economic Geography and Cohesion Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Adrian Healy, Cardiff University</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Lewis Dijkstra, European Commission</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 2</b> OPEN Auditorium Europe 2020 and Smart Specialisation (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Kevin Richardson, Higher Education Funding Council for England</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Katja Reppel, European Commission</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 3</b> Great Hall Assessing the Reform of Cohesion Policy for the 2014-2020 Period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Marjorie Jouen, Notre Europe - Jacques Delors Institute</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Piotr Zuber, Ministry of Infrastructure and Development, Poland</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 4</b> Room 104 Improving the Leverage of European Territorial Cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Colin Wolfe, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Silke Haarich, Haarich Regional Research and Development</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 5</b> Room 258 What works in Cohesion Policy? The Performance of the Funds (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Klaudius Maniokas ESTEP Vilnius</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Ángel Catalina Rubianes, European Commission</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kathryn Pain et al.:</b> Europe as a Global Macro-Region: How</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marta Dobrzycka:</b> Smart Specialization – the New Concept of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Peter Berkowitz:</b> A more Effective and Efficient Policy?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Urszula Roman-Kamphaus:</b> How to Achieve Successful</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grzegorz Gorzelak:</b> Cohesion Policy and Regional</li> </ul>

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<p>is Economic Geography Changing the Cohesion Policy Challenge?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ugo Fratesi et al.:</b> Territorial Capital and the Impact of European Cohesion Policy</li> <li>• <b>Jurijs Spiridonovs:</b> Developing Regional Infrastructure in the Baltic Region</li> <li>• <b>Paola Annoni et al.:</b> Analysing the Main Factors of Regional Economic Growth: Implications for EU Cohesion Policy</li> </ul>	<p>Cohesion Policy in 2014-2020 to Boost Regional Innovation. The Case of Poland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Judit Kalman et al.:</b> Coordinated Policies (Lisbon/EU2020) and Cohesion Policy: Their Relationship and Impact on the Member States</li> <li>• <b>Viktoriiia Panova et al.:</b> Understanding the Operational 'Logics' of EU 'Smart Specialisation' and the Implementation Choices for Regions in Europe</li> <li>• <b>Alise Vitola et al.:</b> Smart Work for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth in Regions</li> </ul>	<p>Assessing the Implementation of the Reform of Cohesion Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Willem Molle:</b> Cohesion and Growth: Is the EU System Fit to Face the Challenges beyond 2020?</li> <li>• <b>Wolfgang Petzold:</b> What if Regions and Cities Governed EU Regional and Urban Policy?</li> <li>• <b>Domenico Gullo et al.:</b> Shifting in Economic Priorities</li> </ul>	<p>European Territorial Cooperation? – Lessons from the Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes in Central-Eastern Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Iruma Kravale:</b> Improving the Visibility of Results from European Territorial Cooperation Programmes and Projects</li> <li>• <b>Adi Weidenfeld:</b> Policy Implications for Overcoming Cultural Barriers to Cross Border Knowledge Transfer</li> </ul>	<p>Development in Poland – First Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Biagio Perretti:</b> Italy's Mezzogiorno: 2007-2013 EU Cohesion Policy's Main Failure. Did we Learn Anything Useful for the 2014-2020 Period?</li> <li>• <b>Ramona Frunza et al.:</b> EU Eastern Periphery: An Evaluation of Cohesion Policy in Romania and Bulgaria</li> </ul>
12.45-14.00		Lunch		
14.00 –15.45		Parallel workshop sessions – round 2		
<p><b>Workshop 6</b> <b>Small Hall</b> <b>What works in Cohesion Policy? The Performance of the Funds (3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Veronica Gaffey, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Richard Brooš, Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 7</b> <b>OPEN Auditorium</b> <b>Modelling the Impact of Cohesion Policy (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Daina Belicka, EY Latvia</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Ugo Fratesi, Politecnico di Milano</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 8</b> <b>Room 258</b> <b>Integrated Territorial Approaches – ITIs and CLLD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Aleksandra Zakrzewska, Ministry of Infrastructure and Development, Poland</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Arno van der Zwet, University of Strathclyde / European Policies Research Centre</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 9</b> <b>Room 104</b> <b>Accountability and Good Communication in Cohesion Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Wolfgang Petzold, Committee of the Regions</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Tim Goodship, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, United Kingdom</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 10</b> <b>Great Hall</b> <b>What works in Cohesion Policy? The Performance of the Funds (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Pasi Rantahalvari, Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finland</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Grzegorz Gorzelak, University of Warsaw</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John Bachtler et al.:</b> The Long-Term Achievements of EU Cohesion Policy</li> <li>• <b>Andrzej Paczoski:</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nicola Pontarollo:</b> The Impact of European Structural Funds in Objective 1 Regions: Between</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marlène Siméon:</b> Integrated Sustainable Development in the Hand of Local and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maaïke Damen:</b> Cohesion Policy in the Netherlands: Is There a Situation of Good</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aleksandrs Dahs:</b> Measuring Demographic Impact of the 2007-2013 Regional and</li> </ul>

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<p>Creating an Effective Cohesion Policy in the Context of Europe 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Silke Haarich:</b> How to Evaluate Intangible Achievements in Cooperation and Governance? A New Methodology.</li> <li>• <b>Nicoleta Carmen Olteanu:</b> The Achievements of the 2007-13 Cohesion Policy in the Baltic Sea Region</li> </ul>	<p>Cohesion Policy and Lisbon Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Danute Burakiene:</b> The Use of Evaluation as a Result-Based Management Tool: Lithuanian Case</li> <li>• <b>Giuseppe Francesco Gori et al.:</b> A Macroeconomic Impact Assessment of the 2007-2013 EU Cohesion Policy in Tuscany</li> <li>• <b>Jerzy Pienkowski et al.:</b> Econometric Assessments of Cohesion Policy Growth Effects - How to Make them more Relevant for Policy Makers?</li> </ul>	<p>Regional Governments: The Use of Integrated Territorial Investments in Cohesion Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ivan Tosics:</b> Integrated Territorial Investment - A Missed Opportunity?</li> <li>• <b>Jarosław Hawrysz:</b> Polish Example: Lessons learned on Local Initiatives Implementation and Future Challenges from the EC Perspective.</li> </ul>	<p>Accountability?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nata Lasmane:</b> Accountability of EU Funds Administration</li> <li>• <b>Karolina Wrona:</b> Seeing is Believing? Methodological Implications from the Evaluation Study on Good Practices in Communicating Cohesion Policy</li> </ul>	<p>Cohesion Policy Actions in Latvia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adrian Healy et al.:</b> Building Resilient Economies: Lessons from the Crisis for EU Cohesion Policies</li> <li>• <b>Benedict Wauters et al.:</b> Where did the Well-Being go in ESIF?</li> </ul>
<p>15.45-16.15</p>		<p>Coffee break</p>		
<p>16.15-18.00</p>		<p>Parallel workshop sessions – round 3</p>		
<p><b>Workshop 11</b> <b>Great Hall</b> <b>Administrative Capacity and the Governance of Cohesion Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Ann-Kerstin Myleus, <i>European Commission</i></li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Mascha Möbius, <i>Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs &amp; Energy, Germany</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 12</b> <b>Small Hall</b> <b>Modelling the Impact of Cohesion Policy (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Duarte Rodrigues, <i>Cohesion and Development Agency, Portugal</i></li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Janusz Zaleski, <i>Wroclaw University of Technology</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 13</b> <b>OPEN Auditorium</b> <b>Integrated Territorial Approaches and Urban Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Stephen Fox, <i>Panliska</i></li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Martijn De Bruijn, <i>European Commission</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 14</b> <b>Room 104</b> <b>Policy Targeting and more Efficient Management in Implementing the Funds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Carol Sweetenham, <i>Department for Communities and Local Government, United Kingdom</i></li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Liga Baltina, <i>University of Latvia</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 15</b> <b>Room 258</b> <b>Using Cohesion Policy to address Youth Unemployment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Olegs Krasnopjorovs, <i>Bank of Latvia</i></li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Resa Koleva, <i>European Commission</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lewis Dijkstra:</b> Quality of Government and Economic and Social Development in EU Regions</li> <li>• <b>Neculai-Cristian Surubaru:</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elita Jermolajeva et al.:</b> The Helix Model as a Tool for Improved Performance and Achievements of the Cohesion Policy Results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arno van der Zwet et al.:</b> Towards a Europe of the Localities? Integrated Place-Based Approaches in Cohesion Policy in 2014-20 and Beyond</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andrey Demidov:</b> Efficient Implementers and Partners - What do we Miss in our Understanding how Cohesion Policy Administrators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Olga Starineca:</b> Cohesion Funds and Youth Employment in Latvia</li> <li>• <b>Joan Ganau et al.:</b> Youth Employment, Migrations and the Construction of a</li> </ul>

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20.00

Gala dinner

## Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015

8.30-9.00

Registration and welcome coffee

9.00-9.30

### Opening Speech

Moderated by **Dr Walter Deffaa**, *Director-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission*

- **Iskra Mihaylova**, *Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Regional Development (REGI) Committee*

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<p><b>Workshop 16</b> <b>Great Hall</b> <b>Economic Governance and Cohesion Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Ernst Holzinger, Federal Chancellery of Austria</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Iain Begg, London School of Economics</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 17</b> <b>OPEN Auditorium</b> <b>Europe 2020 and Smart Specialisation (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Conceição Moreno, Cohesion and Development Agency, Portugal</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Alise Vitola, Cross-Sectoral Coordination Centre</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 18</b> <b>Small Hall</b> <b>Regional Imbalances and the Impact of Cohesion Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Andrew Beer, Regional Studies Association &amp; University of Adelaide</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Nicola Pontarollo, University of Verona</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 19</b> <b>Room 104</b> <b>Financial Instruments – Lessons from Implementation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Chris Poppe, Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Carla Leal, Cohesion and Development Agency, Portugal</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 20</b> <b>Room 258</b> <b>Youth Unemployment and Social Exclusion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Resa Koleva, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Judit Kalman, Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Simone Reinhart:</b> Macroeconomic Conditionality - the Link between Economic Governance and Cohesion Policy from an Inter-Institutional Perspective</li> <li>• <b>Aleksandra Zakrzewska:</b> Mutual Relationships Between the EU Cohesion Policy and Economic Governance</li> <li>• <b>Marjorie Jouen:</b> Linking ESIF to Sound Economic Governance, the Story of a Triple Punishment for Local and Regional Authorities</li> <li>• <b>Stijn Verhelst:</b> Macroeconomic Conditionality: In Search of a Balanced Approach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Henning Kroll:</b> The Policy Challenge in Smart Specialisation</li> <li>• <b>Kevin Richardson et al.:</b> Smart Specialisation: From Concept &amp; Strategies to Delivery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Piotr Rosik et al.:</b> Evaluation of the Impact of Construction of Motorways and Expressways in Poland in the Years 2004-15 on Accessibility and Cohesion</li> <li>• <b>Ángel Catalina Rubianes et al.:</b> Why Economic Imbalances Matter for Regional Development</li> <li>• <b>Eduardo Medeiros:</b> EU Cohesion Policy in Iberian Peninsula: Main Territorial Impacts (1989-2013) and Challenges for a More Efficient New Programming Period (2014-2020)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andrea Di Anselmo et al.:</b> Early Stage Funds and ERDF Co-Financing: Lesson learned from the Experience of the Ingenium Funds in Italy</li> <li>• <b>Daina Belicka et al.:</b> How to Use Financial Instruments for Cohesion and for Which Interventions? Theory and Practice with a Case Study on the Situation in the Baltic States</li> <li>• <b>Gyorgyi Nyikos:</b> The Role of Financial Instruments in Improving Access to Finance in Less-Developed Regions - Combined Microcredit in Hungary</li> <li>• <b>Fiona Wishlade et al.:</b> Financial Instruments in 2014-20: Learning from 2007-13 and Adapting to the New Environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Katharina Zimmerman:</b> Social Inclusion Funded by Europe? The Impact of the European Social Fund on Local Social and Employment Policies</li> <li>• <b>Olegs Krasnopjorovs:</b> How to Overcome Youth Unemployment: Education vs. Temporary Employment</li> <li>• <b>Ireneusz Jazwinski:</b> Changes in Social Cohesion in the Member States of the European Union in Crisis Conditions</li> </ul>
11.15 - 11.30	Coffee break			

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11.30-13.00		Parallel workshop sessions – round 5		
<p><b>Workshop 21</b> <b>Room 258</b> <b>Management and Implementation of the Funds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Willem Molle, Erasmus University Rotterdam</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Katri Seier, Ministry of Finance, Estonia</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 22</b> <b>OPEN Auditorium</b> <b>Youth Unemployment and Equal Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Maaïke Damen, University of Twente</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Peter Wells, Sheffield Hallam University</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 23</b> <b>Small Hall</b> <b>Cohesion Policy and Regional Innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Edmunds Valantis, Ministry of Economics, Latvia</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Marta Dobrzycka, Warsaw School of Economics</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 24</b> <b>Room 104</b> <b>Administrative Practice and Reform in the Management of the Funds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Mina Shoylekova, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Ulrich Graute, Senior Adviser/Consultant</li> </ul>	<p><b>Workshop 25</b> <b>Great Hall</b> <b>Territorial Cohesion and Territorial Impacts of Cohesion Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Didier Michal, General Commission for Territorial Equality, France</li> <li>• <b>Discussant:</b> Urszula Roman-Kamphaus, University of the West of Scotland</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Theodora Stathoulia:</b> Re-Inventing Policies and Practices in Regional Strategy</li> <li>• <b>Liga Baltina et al.:</b> What Institutional Arrangements for Coherent EU Cohesion Policy Planning and Implementation?</li> <li>• <b>István JánosTóth:</b> The Missing Link? Corruption Risks in EU Funded Public Procurement Tenders</li> <li>• <b>Carol Sweetenham:</b> Balancing the Demands of Localism and Compliance: Setting up the New ERDF Programme in England</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jale Tosun et al.:</b> The Absorption of Structural and Investment Funds and Youth Unemployment: An Empirical Test</li> <li>• <b>Leaza McSorley et al.:</b> Whatever Happened to Gender Mainstreaming? Lessons for the 2014-20 European Structural and Investment Funds</li> <li>• <b>Daiva Repeckaite:</b> Patchwork of Projects or Coherent Strategy? Equal Opportunities in the Implementation of EU Structural Assistance in Lithuania</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Niall MacKenzie:</b> From 'Technium' to 'Emptium': Innovation Policy and Structural Funds in a Weaker EU Region</li> <li>• <b>Jose Mella-Marquez et al.:</b> Cohesion Policy and Innovation: How Can Resources be Used Most Effectively</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Josip Mihalic:</b> Public Actor Constellations in Formulation of Operational Programmes: Differentiation by the Policy Networks Theory</li> <li>• <b>Mark A. Langley:</b> Administrative Reform, Capacity-Building and Cohesion Policy</li> <li>• <b>Savina Mihaylova-Goleminova:</b> Is a Change Necessary in the Coordination and Management System for Assistance Granted from the Structural and Cohesion Funds of the European Union in Bulgaria?</li> <li>• <b>Stefan Telle:</b> Governing Soft Spaces with Fuzzy Boundaries: Regional Polarization, Democratic Accountability, and Strategic-Selectivity in Cohesion Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tomasz Komornicki:</b> The Concept of Territorial Cohesion as Understood and Practiced by Polish Regions</li> <li>• <b>Gergo Medve-Balint:</b> Supporting the Rich and the Politically Loyal: How the Structural Funds May Contribute to Rising Regional Disparities in Eastern Europe</li> <li>• <b>Purushottam Kesar:</b> "Territorial Cohesion" in the Emerging Economic Geography of Europe: Examining Cohesion Policy Architecture for the New Financing Period (2014-20)</li> </ul>



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13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	<p><b>Closing Session – Future Research Agendas</b> <b>Moderated by Professor John Bachtler, <i>European Policies Research Centre</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr Walter Deffaa, <i>Director General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</i></b></li><li>• <b>Professor Iain Begg, <i>London School of Economics</i></b></li></ul> <p><b>Closing remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Andris Piebalgs, <i>Advisor to the President of the Republic of Latvia, Former Commissioner of the European Commission</i></b></li></ul>