

## FORUM PROGRAMME

# International Forum of China and Central and Eastern European Countries Enhanced Connectivity for Common Advancement

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Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia  
K.Valdemāra street 3, Riga

8.30.-9.00 *Coffee and registration*

**9.00-9.20 *Opening remarks***

- **Andris Sprūds**, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Professor at Rīga Stradiņš University
- **Huang Ping**, Director General of the Institute of European Studies, Secretary General of China and CEEC Think Tanks Network, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

**9.20-10.00 *Keynote addresses***

- **Valdis Zatlers**, Former President of Latvia
- **Wang Weiguang**, President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

10.00-10.30 *Coffee break*

**10.30-12.00 *Panel 1: China – CEEC (“16+1”) cooperation format as a bridge between China and the European Union***

Panelists:

- **Ellis Mathews**, Head of Division, European External Action Service
- **Kong Tianping**, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China
- **Long Jing**, Deputy Director of the Center for European Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, China
- **Schőberl Márton**, Director of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary
- **Aap Neljas**, Senior Researcher at the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute, Former Member of the Parliament, Estonia

Moderator: **Māris Andžāns**, Research Fellow at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Assistant Professor at Rīga Stradiņš University

12.00-13.00 *Lunch break*

**13.00-14.30 *Panel 2: Trans-European networks and transportation chains in the Europe – Asia context***

Panelists:

- **Matthew Baldwin**, Deputy Director General of the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission
- **Chen Xin**, Senior Research Fellow, Director of the Division of European Economics, Institute of European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China
- **Mladen Nakić**, Director of the Center for International Studies, Croatia

- **Radosław Pyffel**, Alternate Director on behalf of Poland at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Senior Fellow and Former President of the Poland Asia Research Centre, Poland
- **Andris Maldups**, Director of Transit Policy Department, Ministry of Transport of Latvia, Director of CEEC-China Secretariat on Logistics Cooperation

Moderator: **Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova**, Research Fellow at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Director of Rīga Stradiņš University Confucius Centre

14.30-15.00      *Coffee break*

**15.00-16.30      *Panel 3: China – CEEC (“16+1”) people-to-people cooperation***

Panelists:

- **Cheng Jian**, President of the International Business Research Institute of CEEC, Hebei University of Economics and Business, Hebei Province, China
- **Liu Zuokui**, Director of the Department of Central and Eastern European Studies, Director of the China and CEEC Think Tanks Network Secretariat Office, Institute of European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China
- **Tatjana Koķe**, Vice-Rector of Rīga Stradiņš University, Former Minister of Education and Science, Latvia
- **Tamás Matura**, Assistant Professor at the Corvinus University of Budapest and President of the Central and Eastern European Center for Asian Studies, Hungary
- **Bojan Lalic**, Head of the Department for Industrial Engineering and Management, Faculty of Technical Sciences, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

Moderator: **Kārlis Bukovskis**, Deputy Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

**16.30      *Concluding remarks***

- **Andris Sprūds**, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Professor at Rīga Stradiņš University
- **Huang Ping**, Director General of the Institute of European Studies, Secretary General of China and CEEC Think Tanks Network, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

*Farewell snacks, coffee, wine*

