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German-Lithuanian Economic Forum

Monday, 31 May, 2021

A virtual business event on exchanging ideas and cross-border opportunities

2021 is a special year for cooperation between Lithuania and Germany as it marks 30 years of renewal of diplomatic relations. Moreover, [German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce](#) has been creating connections and building bridges between Germany and Lithuania for 25 years already.

On this occasion, German Lithuanian Economic Forum is being held to outline the path for the future partnerships in these challenging times. The Forum aims to bring together Lithuanian and German politicians, business and academics to engage in debating about sustainability, digitization, real time economy and gene therapy – the areas that disrupt our policies and shape the future of our businesses.

Opportunities to make new connections is an important part of the event. The German Lithuanian Economic Forum aims to provide you with network needed to encourage cross-border cooperation. Our speaker line-up includes top minds from both countries to help you to navigate your business in the right direction with the best partners.

This event is free, but advance registration is required.

Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation and sign in instructions to the Forum's platform on Brella networking tool within 3 business days.

[Registration](#)

B2B meetings – make new connections throughout the day!

9:00 AM-5:00 PM CET (Central European Time) | 10:00 AM-6:00 PM EEST (Eastern European Summer Time)

The German-Lithuanian Economic Forum invites to seize the opportunity to strengthen and expand your business network. All registered companies are encouraged to schedule and actively participate at B2B meetings prior and after the Forum. In one day you can make more than 20 new connections and develop business relationships, discuss lessons learned and best practices!

On the Forum's platform you will be able:

- to find matches based on mutual interests and the goals you want to achieve
- to book 1:1 meetings with top matches
- to have a power meetings that lasts up to 20 minutes each.

Let's connect!



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Agenda of the Forum

2:00 PM-5:00 PM CET (Central European Time) | 3:00 PM-6:00 PM EEST (Eastern European Summer Time)

All times below – CET

2:00-2:50 PM	<p>Opening</p> <p>Moderator: Florian Schröder, CEO of German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome speech: <i>Aušrinė Armonaitė, Lithuanian Minister for Economy and Innovation</i> Keynote speech: <i>Claudia Dörr-Voss, State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy</i> Keynote speech: <i>Dr. Jovita Neliupšienė, Lithuanian Vice-Minister of the Economy and Innovation</i> Keynote speech: <i>Dr. Volker Treier, Deputy CEO by DIHK</i>
2:50-3:50 PM	<p>Panel discussion: Sustainability as a chance for German-Lithuanian Cooperation</p> <p><i>The “European Green Deal” provides an action plan to boost the efficient use of resources by moving to a clean & circular economy, restore biodiversity and cut pollution. The panel will address success stories and potential of German-Lithuanian economic relations in the transformation of the economy toward greater sustainability.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Florian Schröder, CEO of German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Vidmantas Janulevičius, President of Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists</i> <i>Christof Schminke, Managing Director of Trafi Gmbh</i> <i>Romualda Stragienė, Managing Director of BLOK LAB</i> <i>Shayan Ali, Managing Director of Continental Automotive Lithuania</i> <i>Holger Matthiesen, Head of Offshore Wind Development Scandinavia, Poland & Baltics at RWE AG</i>
3:50-4:50 PM	<p>Separate panel discussions (60 min) (happening at the same time)</p>
	<p>Future Talk 1. Life Science: Genetic engineering and gene therapy</p> <p><i>In Lithuania, the world-class technology of CRISPR-Cas is being developed, and a large Lithuanian company Northway Biotech aims to build a gene therapy R&D complex. Meanwhile Germany has stepped forward in receiving the gene therapy treatment. Patients of gene therapy get a partial reimbursement by the state. What kind of future could there be in Lithuania, what issues does Germany face, what we</i></p>



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	<p><i>should pay attention to when strengthening the gene engineering and therapy industry in Lithuania?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Daina Kleponė, Managing Director at Enterprise Lithuania (TBC)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prof. Dr. Virginijus Šikšnys, Chief Scientist and Head of Department of Protein - DNA Interactions, Vilnius University (TBC)</i> • <i>Prof. Vladas Algirdas Bumelis, CEO and Chairman Of The Board, Northway Biotech</i> • <i>Agnė Vaitkevičienė, Executive Director and Vice-president, Lithuanian Biotechnology Association</i> • <i>Prof. Dr. Horst Domdey, Managing Director of BioM Biotech Cluster Development GmbH</i>
	<p>Future Talk 2. IT: Real Time Economy</p> <p><i>Discussion will focus on how business and governments can gain competitive advantage using technology and digitization. Participants will share real time examples, practices, principles and benefits of transformation from analog to digital, from long latency to real time.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Katharina von Knop, <i>Digital Trust Analytics</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mindaugas Ubartas, CEO, INFOBALT</i> • <i>Aurelijus Norkūnas, CEO, FrontIT</i> • <i>Dovydas Zinkevičius, CEO, Columbus IT</i> • <i>Dr Bernhard Rohleder, CEO of Bitkom</i>
	<p>Future Talk 3. Engineering and technology: Digitization and supply chain strengthening</p> <p><i>European companies are investing in innovations, increasing digitization, automation solutions and robotization. Pandemic-driven digitization will remain the driving force of the industry even after the virus is controlled. Panelists will discuss about ideas for manufacturing sector which can let stay companies in global manufacturing sector competitive.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dominic Otto, Deputy CEO of German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Giedrius Valuckas, Board Member at LINPRA-Engineering Industries Association of Lithuania, President of Free Economic Zones of Lithuania Association, CEO of PBS</i> • <i>Raimundas Petrauskas, CEO of Schmitz Cargobull</i> • <i>Žilvinas Dubosas, CEO of Baltic vairs</i>