

Practical information

International conference

„Trade union role in promotion of sustainable growth and quality jobs creation”

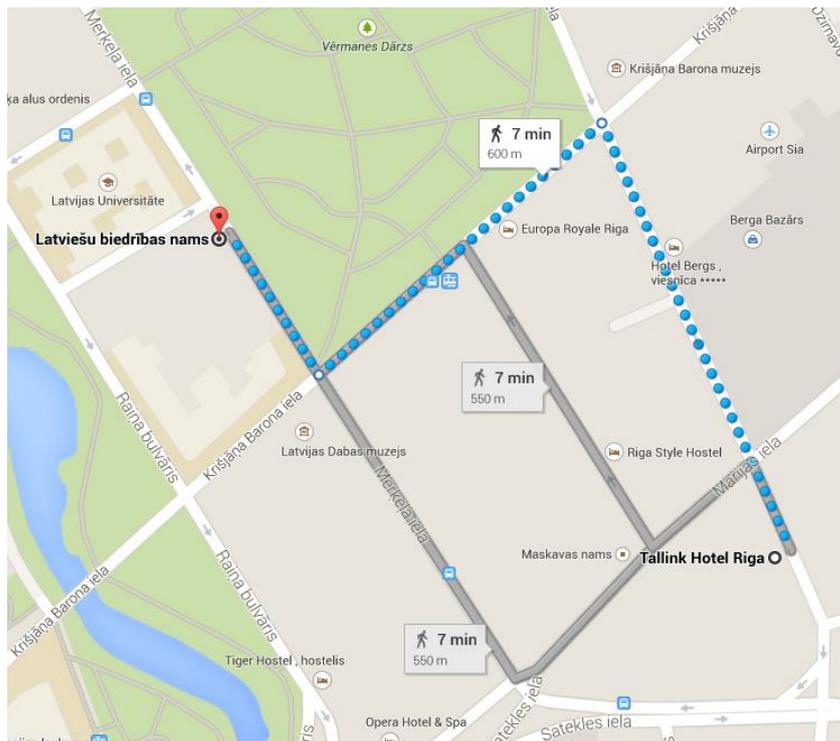
Getting to the conference

Accommodation booked in Tallink Hotel Riga, Elizabetes Street 24, Riga

Venue: Riga Latvian Society House, Merkela Street 13, Riga

The hotel is only a 7 minute walk away from the conference. To get to the venue a left exit on the *Elizabetes street* from the hotel has to be made, walk down the street till *Krišjāņa Barona street* (corner of the *Vērmanes Dārzs* park) where a left turn has to be made, cross the next intersection (*Merķeļa street/ Krišjāņa Barona street*) and turn right, continue along the Merķeļa street until you reach **Riga Latvian Society House (*Rīgas Latviešu Biedrības Nams*)** you will see it on your left hand.

Please see a map of the possible routs as well as link to the interactive map bellow.



Interactive online map: <http://goo.gl/jbVyn3>

The venue

The Riga Latvian Society (RLS) is a voluntary, independent public cultural organization, founded in 1868, whose activities have been resumed on January 14, 1989.

You can find more information about Riga Latvian Society House and Riga Latvian Society on their homepage: <http://rlb.lv/index.php?langs=1510>

Registration and badges

Registration and badges will be available at the conference venue, prior to the opening of the conference. Any questions during the conference can be asked to the LBAS staff who will be designated by “*Organizators*” badge

Wi-fi access

User: wifi0203921

Password: dfuip

For more information on the venue and other issues please contact us at ieva.freiborne@lbas.lv, or call +371 67035907

Getting around

Arrival by air

Riga International Airport (RIX) is located just 10 km from the city centre and is easily accessible by public transport or taxi. It offers routes to 83 destinations, including most European capitals and transfer hubs. Getting to the city centre from the airport takes ~25-30 minutes.

[Riga International Airport](#)

RIGA Airport 10/1

Mārupes novads

Riga, LV-1053, Latvia

Airport inquiries service: +371 29311817

From the airport to the city

- **Taxi** services are available at Riga airport 24 hours a day and are located outside the arrivals area. The average fare from the airport to the city centre (Old Town) is € 15-20. The fare depends on both distance and time. Green *BalticTaxi* and red *Riga Cab* taxi services are available and recommended.
 - **Airport Express hotel shuttle** operated by *AirBaltic* (green minibuses). This runs every 30 minutes and picks up passengers near the exit of the Schengen arrivals hall (Arrival E). It costs € 4.99 (cash only) for a one-way journey and takes passengers to the following hotels: *Islande Hotel*, *Maritim Park Hotel*, *Opera Hotel*, ***Tallink Hotel***, *Radisson Blu Latvija*, *Albert Hotel*, *Monika Centrum Hotel*.
 - **Public transport bus No 22 and minibus No 222** connect the airport with the city centre. The bus stop is located behind car park P1 opposite Arrival E. The services operates up to every 15 minutes from Mondays to Fridays and up to every 20 minutes on Saturdays and Sundays. It can take up to 30 minutes to reach the centre. For fares, see the *Transportation around Riga* section. [Schedule for the bus No 22](#) and [schedule for the minibus No 222](#).
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Transportation around Riga

Riga has a frequent and extensive public transport network of buses, minibuses, trams and trolleybuses which run around the Old Town and across the bridge, with a stop close to the main venue - National Library of Latvia.

- **How much?**



Single journey tickets can be bought from the driver and cost € 2.00 (cash only).

It is also possible to buy a transport card (e-talons) with number of journeys and time limit. 1 of more journeys - € 1.15 each; 24 hours - € 5.00; 3 days - € 10.00; 5 days - € 15.00

- **Where to buy?** The tickets can be bought at *Narvesen* kiosks (mini-shops) or from vending machines at a number of public transport stops, including at the airport.
- **What to do?** Ticket must be validated each time you board a vehicle.

For more information about public transport in Riga, please visit the web site of [transport provider "Rigas Satiksme"](#)

Power supply

The power supply in Latvia is 220V AC at 50 Hz. An adaptor for the (European standard) round two-pin sockets may be required.



About Riga

Riga is the capital and the largest city of Latvia. With 643,368 inhabitants (January 2014), Riga is the largest city of the Baltic states and home to more than one third of Latvia's population. The city lies on the Gulf of Riga, at the mouth of the Daugava. Riga's territory covers 307.17 km² and lies between 1 and 10 metres (3.3 and 32.8 ft) above sea level, on a flat and sandy plain. Riga was founded in 1201 and is a former Hanseatic League member. Riga's historical centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, noted for its Art Nouveau/Jugendstil architecture and 19th century wooden architecture.

More information about Riga can be found in <http://www.liveriga.com/en/>

About Latvia

Latvia is a country in the Baltic region of Northern Europe, one of the three Baltic states. It is bordered by Estonia, Lithuania, Russia, Belarus and by a maritime border to the west with Sweden. Latvia has 2,070,371 inhabitants and a territory of 64,589 km² (24,938 sq mi). The country has a temperate seasonal climate.

Weather

Latvian geographical location makes it possible to enjoy the differences of four pronounced seasons. The climate is temperate and humid. Winter lasts from mid-December until mid-March, with an average temperature of around -6°C. January and February are the coldest months of the season when the temperature may drop to -25°C. Spring with the average temperature of 0°C comes at the end of March. April is sunny but can be unpredictable with the possibility of late snow, as well as temperatures of +25°C. May is usually sunny and warm, as in June. For the latest forecast please visit: www.metero.lv/en/laiks/

Language: Latvian is the official language of Latvia. English is widely spoken.

Local time: Latvia Time is GMT +2 (from late March until late October Latvia participates in Western European summer time scheme: GMT +3)

Currency: Latvia's currency is euro (€). Other currencies can be exchanged for euros at most banks and exchange offices located in the city centre and at the airport.

ATMs and credit cards: There are many automatic teller machines (ATMs) in the city and all major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

Useful numbers

- Dial code: +371
- Emergency call: 112

Alternatively, call:

- Police: 110 or 112
- Medical services: 113
- Fire services: 112
- Gas emergency: 114