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## **"Lisbon Treaty: a look forward".**

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**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia, Kr. Valdemāra street 3  
(Provisions of the new Treaty amending the Treaty on European Union and the  
Treaty establishing the European Community)**

9.00 - 10.25- *Opening Plenary*

9.00 - 9.15 Welcome speeches from organisers

9.15 - 9.40 Mr. *Dick Roche*, Minister for European Affairs, Ireland, "The  
Lisbon Treaty: a work in progress"

9.40 – 10.25 Prof. Dr. E. Levits, Latvian Judge at the ECJ, Keynote speech  
”Lisbon Treaty – changes, possibilities, perspectives”

10.25. - 12.00. ***Session 1 - General EU constitutional changes stemming from the Lisbon Treaty and their implications on member states, Moderated by K. Krūma, Judge at the Constitutional Court of Latvia***

- 10.25 - 10.45 Mr. *Giorgio Maganza*, Director in the Council Legal Service, “The EU Institutional Setting after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty”
- 10.45 - 11.05 Ms. *Muriel Heller*, Member of the Commission’s Legal Service, “Infringement Procedure in the Light of the Lisbon Treaty”
- 11.05 - 11.25 *Peter Gjørtler*, Associate Professor at the Riga Graduate School of Law, “Supremacy of EU Law under the Lisbon Treaty”
- 11.25 – 11.45 *Solvita Harbaceviča*, Referendaire of Latvian Judge at the General Court of the EU, “EU Courts and the Lisbon Treaty”
- 11.45 – 12.15 Remarks, discussion

12.15 - 12.30 - **Coffee break**

12.30 - 14.00 ***Session 2 - Augmentation of the role of the European Parliament and of the National Parliaments provided by the Lisbon Treaty and practical consequences in Latvia, Moderated by Dr. Daunis Auers, Department of Political Science, University of Latvia***

- 12.30 - 12.50 *Vaira Paegle*, Chairman of the EU Affairs Committee of Latvian Parliament "The Lisbon Treaty and Legislative Empowerment: Political Theory or Practice?"
- 12.50 - 13.10 *Thomas Helm*, CDU/CSU group consultant, the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Germany, “How does the Lisbon Treaty influence the relations between the EP and the National Parliaments (e.g. German Bundestag)?"
- 13.10 - 13.30 *Marek Cichocki*, Programme Director of Natolin European Centre, “New Role of Parliaments under the Lisbon Treaty – is the EU to be parliamentarised. The Polish perspective”
- 13.30 - 13.50 *Kristian Knudsen*, Head of Legislative Planning and Coordination Unit of the EP Directorate of Legal Acts, “Legislative procedures: EP and participative democracy“
- 13.50 - 14.00 Remarks, discussion

14.00 - 15.00 - **Lunch Break** (room 140)

15.00 - 16.00 *Session 3 - Fundamental Rights Protection in the EU stemming from the Lisbon Treaty, Moderated by Aleksejs Dimitrovs, Adviser on fundamental rights, justice and home affairs, The Greens/EFA, European Parliament*

- 15.00 - 15.20 Prof. Dr *Thomas Schmitz*, "A new fundamental rights regime for the European Union - the Charter of Fundamental Rights"
- 15.20 - 15.30 Prof. Dr. *Ineta Ziemele*, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, "European Union accession to the European Convention on Human Rights and the principle of autonomy of the EU law"
- 15.30 - 15.50 *Inga Reine*, Representative of the Government of Latvia before International Human Rights Organizations (Government Agent), "European Union accession to the European Convention on Human Rights and its impact on protection of fundamental rights"
- 15.50 - 16.00 Remarks, discussion

16.00 - 16.10 - **Coffee break**

16.10 - 17.30 *Session 4 - Changes in present EU "pillar" structure and their practical implementation, Moderated by Kristīne Drēviņa, Representative of the Government of Latvia before the European Court of Justice*

- 16.10 - 16.35 *Kęstutis Laurinavičius*, Senior Legal Counsel, Legal Services of the European Central Bank "Enlargement of the euro area and the Treaty of Lisbon"
- 16:35 – 16.55 Dr. iur. cand. *Juris Gromovs*, Member of Odysseus research network for asylum and immigration issues, "Future Development of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice: Major Issues"
- 16.55 - 17.15 *Raivo Raudzeps*, Senior Associate, Law Firm "Sorainen", "EU Competency to conclude International Treaties after the Lisbon Treaty"
- 17.15 - 17.30 - Remarks, discussion.

17.30 - 18.00 *Closing plenary*

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