
POLITICAL PARTIES: WELCOME TO THE 21ST CENTURY

Forum of ideas organised by PROVIDUS
Friday, 25 November, Hotel Monica, Elizabetes Street 21, Riga

Register: bit.ly/ProvidusForum

AGENDA

10.00 - 11.45 **What should a 21st century political party look like?** *(English with Latvian translation)*

Panelists: **Tarmo Juristo** (Head of Management Board, think-tank Praxis, Estonia), **Doru Frantescu** (Director of Vote Watch Europe), **Andris Piebalgs** (Chair of *Vienotība*), former European Commissioner for Development), **Smári McCarthy** (Member of Parliament, Pirate Party, Iceland) **Nico Lange** (Head of Policy and Consultations Department, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Germany), **Vita Matiss** (visiting Professor at Riga Graduate School of Law).

Moderator: **Krista Baumanė**, Director of PROVIDUS

Coffee break

12.15 - 13.30 **Preconditions for well functioning political parties in Latvia** *(Latvian with English translation)*

Panelists: MEP **Artis Pabriks** (*Vienotība*), **Aigars Rostovskis** (Chair of the Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry), **Inguna Sudraba** (*No Sirds Latvijai*), **Juris Pūce** (*Latvijas Attīstībai*), **Sergejs Dolgopolovs** (*Saskaņa*), **Inga Bērziņa** (*Kuldīgas novadam*).

Moderator: **Iveta Kažoka**, Senior Researcher at PROVIDUS

Lunch

14.30 - 16.00 **Constructive interaction between political parties and media (following screening of clips from TV series Borgen)** *(Latvian)*

Panelists: **Mārtiņš Bondars** (*Latvijas Reģionu apvienība*, Chairperson of parliamentary group), **Aleksandra Gluhiha** (Journalist, DELFI Latvia), **Ivo Leitāns** (Head of Latvian Journalism Association), **Nelliņa Ločmele** (Editor in chief, magazine *IR*), **Andrejs Panteļejevs** (Parliamentary secretary for Ministry of Defence), **Valdis Zatlers** (former President of Latvia)

Moderator: **Aidis Tomsons**, Latvian Public Radio

Coffee break

16.30 - 18.30 **How to encourage public demand for better, evidence-based policy making?** *(Latvian)*

World Cafe format (7 discussion tables)

Topics include:

- How to attract more members to political parties?
- How to increase society's resistance to populism?
- What kind of information should be available to voters prior to elections?

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