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# German-Lithuanian Economic Forum

Monday, 31 May, 2021

## *A virtual business event to exchange ideas and to discuss cross-border opportunities*

2021 is a special year for cooperation between Lithuania and Germany. This year the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the renewed diplomatic relations between the two states is being marked. Moreover, [German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce](#) has been creating connections and building bridges between Germany and Lithuania for the last 25 years and marks its own anniversary.

At the backdrop of these two occasions, and to outline the path for future partnerships, German-Lithuanian Economic Forum is being held. The Forum aims to bring together Lithuanian and German politicians, businesses and academics, to engage in debating sustainability, digitization, real-time economy and gene therapy – the areas that dominate our policies and shape the future of our businesses.

Opportunity to make new connections is an important part of the event. The German-Lithuanian Economic Forum aims to provide with a network needed to encourage cross-border cooperation. Speaker line-up of the event includes top minds from both countries and is equipped to help to navigate businesses in the right direction with the most relevant partners.

This event is free of charge, however, advance registration is required.

Upon registration, within 3 business days, participants will receive a confirmation and sign-in instructions to the Forum's platform on *Brella* network.

[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.

## 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

<p><b>2:00-2:50 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Florian Schröder</b>, CEO of German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome speech: <b>Aušrinė Armonaitė</b>, Minister of Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania;</li> <li>• Keynote speech: <b>Claudia Dörr-Voß</b>, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy of the Federal Republic of Germany;</li> <li>• Keynote speech: <b>dr. Jovita Neliupšienė</b>, Vice-Minister of the Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania;</li> <li>• Keynote speech: <b>dr. Volker Treier</b>, Deputy CEO, Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2:50-3:50 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Panel discussion: Sustainability as a chance for German-Lithuanian Cooperation</b></p> <p><i>The “European Green Deal” provides an action plan to boost the efficient use of resources by moving to a clean &amp; circular economy, restore biodiversity and cut pollution. The panel will address success stories and potential of German-Lithuanian economic cooperation in the transformation of the economy toward greater sustainability.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Florian Schröder</b>, CEO of the German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vidmantas Janulevičius</b>, President of the Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists;</li> <li>• <b>Indrė Blauzdžiūnaitė</b>, Senior Sustainability Manager of Trafi GmbH;</li> <li>• <b>Romualda Stragienė</b>, Managing Director of BIOD LAB;</li> <li>• <b>Shayan Ali</b>, Managing Director of Continental Automotive Lithuania;</li> <li>• <b>Holger Matthiesen</b>, Head of Offshore Wind Development Scandinavia, Poland &amp; Baltics at RWE AG;</li> <li>• <b>Fritz Homann</b>, Managing Director, Homann Holzwerkstoffe GmbH</li> </ul>
<p><b>3:50-4:50 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Separate panel discussions (60 min) (happening at the same time)</b></p>
	<p><b>Future Talk. Life Science: Genetic engineering and gene therapy</b></p> <p><i>In Lithuania, the world-class technology of CRISPR-Cas is being developed. A large Lithuanian company “Northway Biotech” aims to build a gene therapy R&amp;D complex. Meanwhile Germany has stepped forward in receiving the gene therapy treatment.</i></p>



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	<p><i>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 should pay attention to when strengthening the gene engineering and therapy industry in Lithuania?</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Daina Kleponė</b>, <i>Managing Director at Enterprise Lithuania</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Dr. Virginijus Šikšnys</b>, <i>Chief Scientist and Head of Department of Protein - DNA Interactions, Vilnius University;</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Dr. Stefan Dübel</b>, <i>Professor of Biotechnology and Director of the Biotechnology Department at the Technische Universität Braunschweig;</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Vladas Algirdas Bumelis</b>, <i>CEO and Chairman of the Board, Northway Biotech;</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Dr. Horst Domdey</b>, <i>Managing Director of BioM Biotech Cluster Development GmbH;</i></li> <li>• <b>Agnė Vaitkevičienė</b>, <i>Executive Director and Vice-President, Lithuanian Biotechnology Association;</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Joerg Knäblein</b>, <i>Head of Technology Scouting, Bayer AG</i></li> </ul>
	<p><b>Future Talk. Real Time Economy</b></p> <p><i>Discussion will focus on how businesses 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: <b>Dr. Katharina von Knop</b>, <i>Founder and CEO, Digital Trust Analytics</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mindaugas Ubartas</b>, <i>CEO of INFOBALT;</i></li> <li>• <b>Rebekka Weiß</b>, <i>Head of Trust &amp; Security, Bitkom e.V.;</i></li> <li>• <b>Mindaugas Glodas</b>, <i>CEO of NRD Companies;</i></li> <li>• <b>Hauke Gierow</b>, <i>Head of Corporate Communications, GData;</i></li> <li>• <b>Dovydas Zinkevičius</b>, <i>CEO of Columbus IT;</i></li> <li>• <b>Matthias Lais</b>, <i>Founder &amp; Managing Director of Main incubator, Commerzbank Gruppe</i></li> </ul>



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## Future Talk. Engineering and technology: Digitization and supply chain strengthening

*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 help companies in global manufacturing sector to remain competitive.*

Moderator: **Dominic Otto**, Deputy CEO of German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK)

Panelists:

- **Giedrius Valuckas**, Board Member at LINPRA-Engineering Industries Association of Lithuania, President of the Free Economic Zones of Lithuania Association, CEO of PBS;
- **Tobias Pohlschmidt**, Managing Director, Hella Lithuania
- **Rokas Latkauskas**, Manager of Digital Industries at Siemens OY Lithuanian branch;
- **Christoph Schelzke**, General Manager, Mikron Kaunas
- **Kęstutis Kasakaitis**, Country Sales Manager, SAP Lithuania