

**Information Course in LATVIA for European Commission Officials  
Riga, 19-23 September 2005**

- Sunday  
18 September Individual arrival of the Course participants.
- Monday  
19 September Welcome and introduction to the Course (MFA)
- Introduction on Latvia
  - Basics of public administration
  - Turning-points of Latvian history in the 20th century
  - Old Riga tour (including visit to the Museum of Occupation)
- Informal reception hosted by the MFA*
- Tuesday  
20 September
- Priorities of the Latvian foreign policy in the European and global context
  - Meeting/discussion with senior officials of the MFA on the issues of foreign policy
  - Visit to the Saeima (Parliament) and European Affairs Committee
  - A view from the Commission's Representation in Latvia (*with a following reception at the Commission's Office*)
- Wednesday  
21 September
- Visit to Jelgava
    - *Local municipality*
    - *University of Agriculture of Latvia;*
    - *Farm or tourist guest house (that has received funding from the SAPARD or Structural funds)*
    - *Rundale Palace*
  - Regional reform/development
  - Implementation of EU funds
- Optional cultural event*
- Thursday  
22 September
- Overview of Latvia's economy
  - Monetary policy
  - Infrastructure projects (energy, transport)  
(Visit to Riga Port)
  - Communication with society - role of media, NGO, trade-unions  
(*EU Information Agency*)
- Friday  
23 September
- Latvian society today (discussion with participation of students of Riga School of Economics)
  - Winding up of the Course (MFA)
- Individual departure of the Course participants.  
*If necessary, bus available to airport Rīga*