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## 30 YEARS OF THE SINGLE MARKET: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PITFALLS

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### Organizers:

Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists  
Representation of the European Commission in Lithuania  
Ministry of Economy and Innovation of Republic of Lithuania

### Partners:

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Embassy of Sweden to the Republic of Lithuania

## PROGRAMME

08.30–09.15 **Registration / welcoming coffee**

09.15–10.00 **Opening session:**

**Mr Vidmantas Janulevičius**, President of the Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists (LPK)

**Mr Virginijus Sinkevičius**, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, European Commission

**Ms Aušrinė Armonaitė**, Minister of Economy and Innovation, Republic of Lithuania

**H.E. Ms Inger Linnea Buxton**, Ambassador of Sweden to the Republic of Lithuania

**Moderated by: Mr Gintaras Morkis**, Deputy Director General, LPK, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

10.00–11.30 **Thematic session 1: The construction of the single market continues: are we doing everything right?**

*The session will focus on: the achievements of the EU in building the single market and also on identifying the areas where the single market is not functioning as we want; the cases where the process has taken the opposite direction and the costs to the EU economy; appropriate ways of responding to the massive subsidies of the US as well as China's aggressive and protectionist actions against the EU and ways of protecting the international rules-based system; preservation of the level playing field within the single market and ensuring EU global competitiveness; and overcoming challenges in building the Energy Union.*

**Key-note speaker:** **Dr. Ramūnas Vilpišauskas**, Jean Monnet Chair Professor, VU, Institute of International Relations and Political Science (TSPMI)

**Speakers:**

**Ms Ieva Valeškaitė**, Vice-Minister of Economy and Innovation, Republic of Lithuania

**Ms Charlotte Sammelin**, Head of Department for International Trade Policy and the EU Single Market, Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union

**Dr. Agnė Margevičiūtė**, Chair of the Board of the International Transport and Logistics Alliance

**Ms Indrė Genytė Pikčienė**, Chief Economist, INVL Asset Management

**Mr Alain Coheur**, President of the section Single market, Production and Consumption (INT), European Economic and Social Committee

**Moderated by: Mr Marius Vaščega**, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Lithuania

Q&A and discussion

11.30–11.45

**Coffee break**

11.45–13.15

**Thematic session 2: Thirty years of moving forward and overcoming obstacles**

*The session will focus on the future work of the European Commission to ensure that the single market achieves its full potential, supporting the resilience and competitiveness of the European economy; and on practical aspects of how companies share good and not-so-good experiences as they try relentlessly to reap the benefits of the Single market.*

**Key-note speaker:** **Giulia del Brena**, Head of Unit of the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) of the European Commission

**Speakers:**

**Mr Martynas Barysas**, Director of Single market Department, BusinessEurope

**Ms Rima Balanaškienė**, President of the National Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry

**Ms Cemille Ustun**, EU Single Market expert, Svenskt Näringsliv - Swedish Enterprise

**Mr Tomas Andrejauskas**, President of the Lithuanian Biotechnology Association, CEO UAB Fitodenta

**Ms Kristina Krupavičienė**, Chairperson, Lithuanian Trade Union "Solidarumas", Member of the European Economic and Social Committee

**Mr. Ignas Stasiukonis**, CEO, STATICUS UAB

**Moderated by: Ms Rasa Uždavinytė**, Head of Lithuanian Business Representation in Brussels

Q&A and discussion

13.15

**Lunch**