

Workshop venue:
Tallink Hotel Riga, Elizabetes street 24
9:30-13:00

Lunch venue:
Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Riga,
Berga bazars, Marijas street 13/3
13:00-14:00

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**MATCHMAKING
BETWEEN NORDIC AND
BALTIC SMES AND
CLUSTERS FOR JOINT
EXPORTABILITY
IN CENTRAL ASIA**



Target Audience: Nordic and Baltic SMEs and clusters working in e.g. clean-tech, 'waste to energy', smart city concept, green IT.

Goals: The goal of the matchmaking event is to foster cluster and SME collaboration between Baltic and Nordic regions, as well as consider exportability of energy solutions outside the Nordic and Baltic regions, namely Central Asia. Ideally this matchmaking in Riga should lead to joint visit of Kazakhstan Expo 2017 and thematic events in Tashkent, Uzbekistan and Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan in the autumn of 2017.

Conference languages English and Russian. Simultaneous translation will be provided from English to Russian/ Russian to English.

FIRST PART

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9:30-10:00 WELCOME NOTES

- Ms Anna-Mari Hämäläinen, First secretary of the Embassy of Finland to Latvia
- Mr Afzalhon Artikov, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Latvia
- Ms Zhazyra Mirzakasimova, Consul of Kazakhstan in Latvia
- Mr Erkinbek Isakov, Vice-mayor of Bishkek, city, Kyrgyzstan
- Mr Narzullo Hamdamov, Vice-mayor of Bukhara city, Uzbekistan (tbc)

10:00-10:30 Project: Fostering Nordic-Baltic Innovation for Sustainability in the Russian speaking market (Central Asia) – aim, activities, opportunities for collaboration

- Ms Maija Kāle, Adviser / Sustainability, Innovation & Research, Nordic Council of Minister's Office in Latvia
- Ms Evija Pudāne, Managing Director, CLEANTECH LATVIA

10:30-12:00 Status Quo in Central Asia

ENERGY SECTOR

Energy sector policy and development challenges in Kyrgyzstan

Mr Marat Cholponkulov, Head of the Electric Power Industry Department, State Committee for Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use of the Kyrgyz Republic (tbc)

Renewable energy research in Uzbekistan

Mr Smagul Karazhanov, Senior researcher, Institute for Energy Technology, Norway

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Infrastructure development perspectives and challenges in Bishkek city

Mr Erkinbek Isakov, Vice-mayor of Bishkek, city, Kyrgyzstan

Infrastructure development perspectives and challenges in Bukhara

Mr Narzullo Hamdamov, Vice-mayor of Bukhara city, Uzbekistan

Priorities for investments in infrastructure development projects in Uzbekistan

Mr Jamshed Sharipov, Director, National Coordinating Unit for EU TA, Uzbekistan

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12:00-12:45 Funding Options & Nordic Baltic Collaboration

Nordic Innovation on Nordic Sustainable cities – systemic solutions & their exportability

Mr Hans Fridberg, Senior innovation adviser, Nordic Innovation

NEFCO and NOPEF funding for feasibility studies in Central Asia

Mr Mikael Reims, Senior Manager, Head of Origination and Communications Unit, Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO)

UPB and CLEANTECH LATVIA experience in Central Asia

Mr Uģis Grīnbergs, Member of the Board, UPB and Ms Evija Pudāne, Managing director, CLEANTECH LATVIA

12:45-13:15 Wrap-up

IFIs and NORDIC financing institution views on future cooperation perspectives

CLEANTECH and SMART CITY clusters vision towards development of further cooperation with Central Asia

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SECOND PART

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B2B matchmaking

Thematic round tables on development of new collaboration projects

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(workshop venue & lunch venue):

