

# Circularity

 Nordic Council of Ministers'  
Office in Latvia

## Nordic-Baltic Energy and Climate Challenge

### Mobility and Circularity

**18th October 2018,**

ALTUM Conference Hall  
(Dome Square 4, Riga, Latvia)

# Mobility

Circular economy and smart mobility are increasingly popular concepts which also feature in the new EU economic models, as they can offer a better framework for environmentally friendly economic activities.

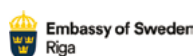
Nordic and Baltic cities are comparatively modest in size, but they seem to be offering exactly the kind of balance between nature and urbanity that the interconnected modern world needs. For the average-sized cities to become attractive for modern living, they must constantly change. Cities that generate waste and CO2 emissions will stay in the past – replaced by future cities that are willing to make their own contribution to solving the challenges of climate change and environmental pollution.

The conference aims to contextualise Baltic and Nordic cities in a regional framework, highlighting the ongoing changes in urban development due to the EU regulations as well as the latest technical solutions. The target audience is primarily municipal and national policy-makers and the private sector – i.e., visionaries and developers of the future cities.

On 19th October, the second day of the conference, the International Exhibition of Energy Efficiency and Environmental Technologies *Environment & Energy 2018* is open for attendance. The exhibition opening will be followed by cluster presentations and B2B networking.

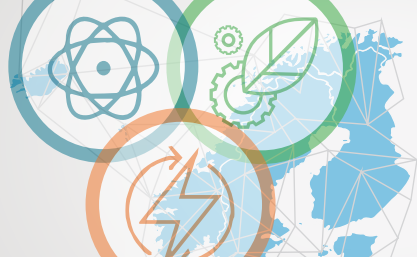
Moderator: Edijs Bošs, journalist and lecturer

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## AGENDA

**8:30-9:00 Registration & coffee**

**9:00-9:20 Opening speeches**

Represented institutions: Nordic Council of Ministers' Office in Latvia, Riga City Council, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, Latvian Association of Local Governments

## POLICIES

**9:20-9:35 "New EU Directives to Influence Mobility and Circularity in Latvia" – Mārtiņš Zemītis, European Commission Representation in Latvia**

**9:35-9:50 "Latvian National Energy and Climate Plan for 2021-2030", Janis Patmalnieks, Deputy State Secretary at the Ministry of Economics**

**9:50-10:00 "Future Cities, Present Challenges" – Neils Balgalis, MadCity founder**

**10:00-10:20 Panel discussion "Baltic perspective"**

- Raimond Tamm, Vice-mayor at Tartu City
- Dr Visvaldas Varžinskas, Kaunas Technical University, member at the EU Urban Agenda Circular Economy partnership

**10:20-11:00 Panel discussion "Bumpy Road to Urban Change in Latvia"**

**Participants:**

- Jānis Baiks, Valmiera City Council
- Mārtiņš Tīdens, Liepāja City Council
- Inga Bērziņa, Kuldīga City Council
- Jurijs Strods, Jelgava City Council

**11:00-11:30 Coffee break**

## MOBILITY

**11:30-11:50 "Energy-Conscious Mobility and Beyond: Oslo Example – Failures and Successes" by Svend Søyland, Senior Adviser, Nordic Energy Research**

**11:50-12:10 "The Norwegian Electric Vehicle Success" by Silje Fines Wannebo, The Norwegian Electric Vehicle Association**

**12:10-12:30 "Sharing Mobility and Transportation in Circular Economy – How to Highlight Sustainable Benefits Through Strategic Urban Planning" – Dr. Michael Johansson, Transport & Roads Research Group, Lund University, Sweden**

**12:20 – 13:00 Panel discussion "Transformation to Smarter Mobility"**

- Līga Pakalna, Baltic Environmental Forum
- Aivars Rubenis, TransfoElectric
- Juris Pūce, 4SmartStreets
- Jānis Turlajs, chief editor of "Jana Seta Map Publishers"
- Vladimirs Reskājs, Carguru

**13:00-14:00 Lunch**

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**14:00-14:15** "Circular Economy and Mobility Solutions for Latvia at Policy Level: Current Challenges and Future Outlook" – Rudīte Vesere, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia

**14:15-14:30** "Circular Economy in Service Sector: Nordic and Baltic Cities as a Testbed" – Dr. Kyösti Lempa, Senior Adviser, NordForsk

**14:30-14:45** "The Circular Economy and the Bioeconomy" – Dr. Mieke De Schoenmakere, Project manager Integrated Policy Analysis, European Environment Agency

**14:45-15:30** "Transformation to Smarter Circularity"

**Panel discussion (in English and Latvian, with simultaneous interpreting). Participants:**

- Selīna Vancāne, Head of Bankwatch, Green Liberty
- Kristaps Ročāns, Latvian High Added Value and Healthy Food Cluster
- Jana Simanovska, Eco-Design Competence Centre

**15:30-16:00** "Wrapping up: the best solutions for Baltic and Nordic countries – major takeaways from the conference" – prof. Torleif Bramryd, Department of Service Management and Service Studies, Lund University, Sweden

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