

61st Economic Policy Panel Meeting

Hosted by the Bank of Latvia
17-18 April 2015, Riga

1. Conference venue

The EP Panel meeting is being held at the Bank of Latvia Conference Centre which is situated across the street from the main Bank Headquarters.

Address:

K. Valdemāra iela 1B
Rīga, LV-1010

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Your local contact from CEPR is Nicola Steele

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Registration: Starts at 8am. **IMPORTANT:** All participants must bring their ID in order to collect their delegate badges from security. You must display your badge at all times. Here participants collect their badge, their name plaque, programme and list of participants. All papers will be online to access.

Password-protected Wi-Fi is available in the conference room. You can pick up a password at the centre.

2. Accommodation

Accommodation for all participants who have asked for this has been booked at the following:

Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija

Elizabetes iela 55

Riga, LV-1010

Tel: +371 67772222

Fax: +371 677 72221

Email: info.latvija.riga@radissonblu.com

Website: <http://www.radissonblu.com/latvijahotel-riga>

The Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija is the largest business hotel in the Baltic region. A superior class single room has been reserved for you unless otherwise requested. For those participants whose accommodation is funded, the rooms have been booked and paid for you in advance. This includes breakfast, taxes, Wi-Fi and access to the Fitness Studio at ESPA Riga from 06:00 AM – 9:00 AM daily (<http://www.radissonblu.com/latvijahotel-riga/wellness>). **All other extras will need to be settled direct with the hotel so they may still ask you for a credit card for pre-authorisation upon check-in.**

For those participants whose accommodation is not funded, rooms have been reserved for you, but you will need to pay for your room directly with the hotel at check-in/check-out. A discounted rate of €130 per room per night (including breakfast and taxes) has been agreed.

Check-in time: 15:00

Check-out time: 12:00 (late check-in up to 18:00 – subject to availability – can be requested with the hotel reception)

Free Wi-Fi is available in all rooms and communal areas.

3. AV

IMPORTANT: All presentations must be in 16:9 ratio format in order to fit the screens in the conference room. Guidelines on how to do this via .ppt and beamer can be found [here](#).

The conference room comes equipped with standard AV facilities including screen and projector with the main centre computer showing .ppt and .pdf slides. Due to the number of expected participants, the room will be set up in theatre style with a top table for presenters / discussants. These will have goose-neck mics and for audience participation there will be three roving mics. The entire meeting will be audio recorded by the venue.

Could participants please ensure they forward any presentation slides to Amanda Vincent-Rous at avincenrou@cepr.org by midday Wednesday 15 April, so they can be uploaded prior to the conference.

Wi-fi is free in the conference room.

4. Directions

The main airport is Riga International, 15km from the city centre. To travel from the airport to the hotel:

- **Bus:** this is the most cost-effective means of travelling to the city centre. A ticket for unlimited trips, valid for 24 hours, costs €5.

A regular one-way trip bought from the bus driver is €2 however if you buy your ticket from the airport services and tourism information bureau “Welcome to Riga”, the cost goes down to €1.15.

Route 22 runs every 10-30 minutes with a journey time of around 30 minutes. When you leave the departures terminal you will be on the 2nd level. To get the bus, look for the bus stop located opposite the terminal behind car park P1.

Take the bus heading towards Abrenes iela and alight at Melnsila iela (takes 14 minutes), walk to Kapseļu iela (2 minutes away) to catch the trolley bus no. 25 (towards Brīvības iela) to Mākslas muzejs (takes 10 minutes). Elizabetes iela where the hotel is located is 1 minute walk from there.

You can plan your journey around Riga here: <https://www.rigassatiksmeliv/en/>
Airport is “Lidosta Rīga”; Hotel is “Elizabetes iela”; Conference venue is “Krišjāņa Valdemāra iela”

- **Taxi:** SIA "Baltic Taxi" and AS "Rīgas Taksometru parks" (**Red Cab**) cabs service the airport and city centre.

Journey time to the centre of Riga city is approximately 15 minutes.

Average cost per trip by taxi to Riga city centre: **11.38 EUR - 14.23 EUR**. Taxi tariffs

are published on the passenger side door of each taxi cab. You can find more information here:

SIA "Baltic Taxi": <http://baltictaxi.lv/en/>

AS "Rīgas Taksometru parks" (**Red Cab**): <http://rtp.lv/bus/?lang=en>

For directions from the hotel to the conference venue, please see section 7 below. It is a 14 minute walk.

5. Meals

Breakfast should be taken at the hotel (included in your room rate).

Buffet lunch will be provided at 12.40pm on Friday 17 April and at 11.45am on Saturday 18 April. All refreshments and coffee breaks are also included and will be served at the venue.

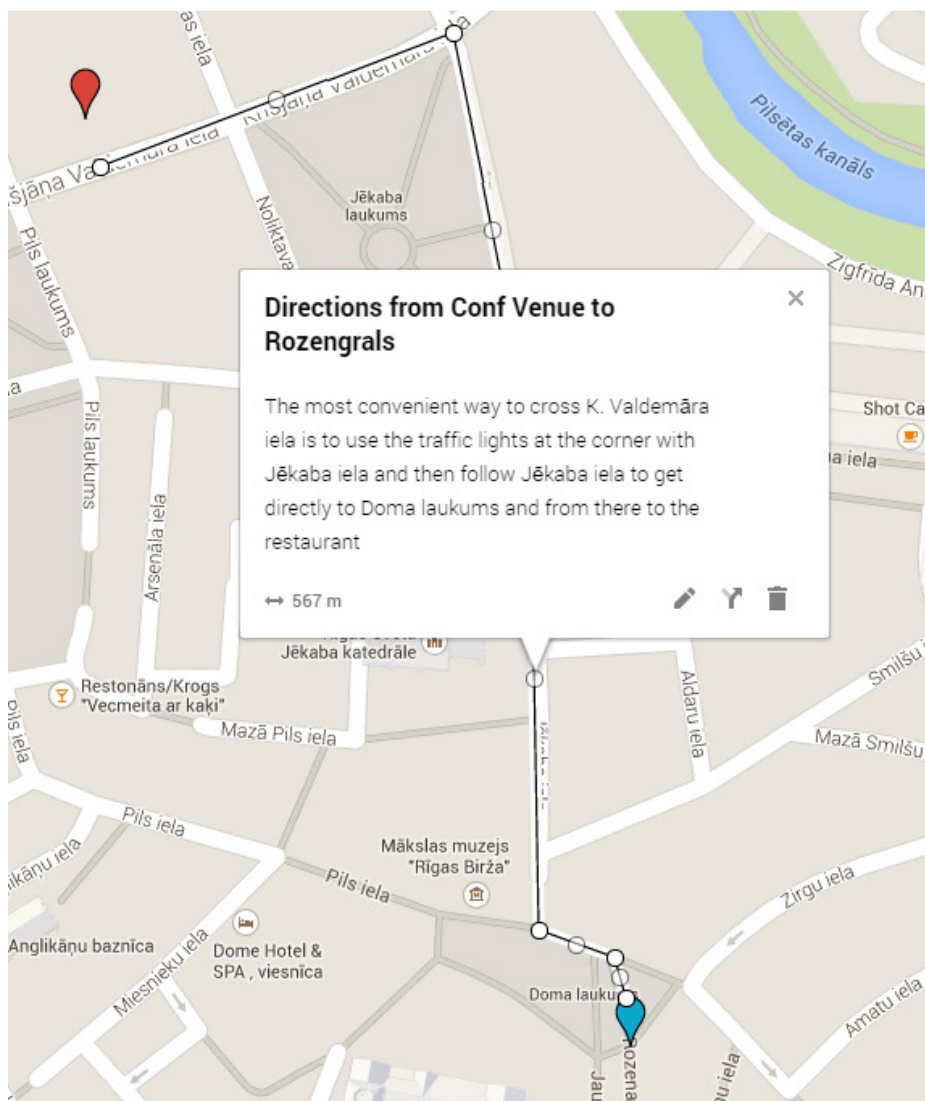
Meeting Dinner – 8.30pm, Friday 17 April

This has been arranged for all participants at the following:

Rozengrāls Authentic Medieval Restaurant

Rozena iela, Rīga, LV-1050

Website: <http://rozengrals.lv/en/>



Special dietary requests can be accommodated if indicated in advance.

6. Contact information

For queries up until the conference, please contact:

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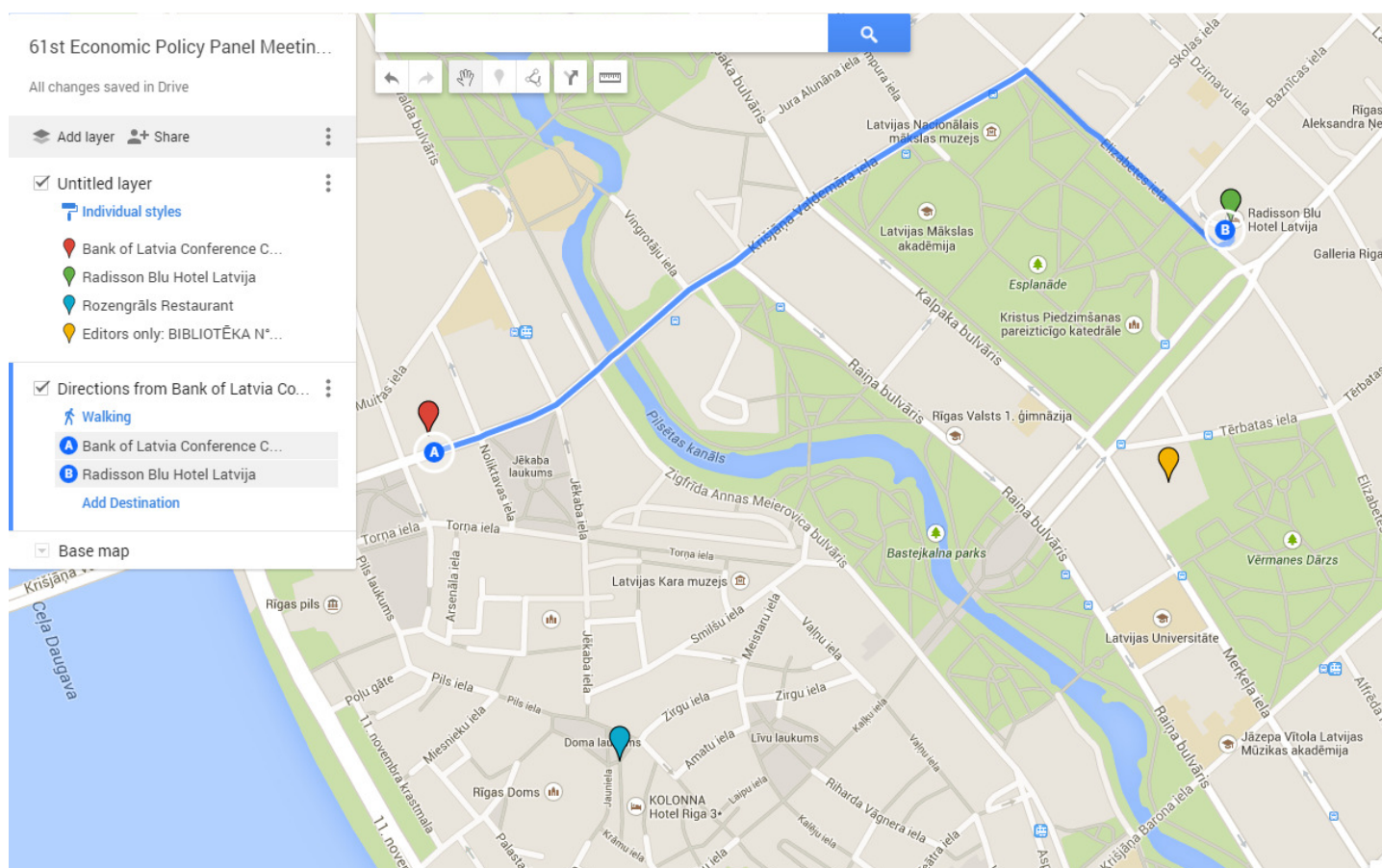
Email: avincentrous@cepr.org

7. Location maps

You can view the map online and get directions here:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zyNFwUu5RIgE.kj_6CEWwaoU4

i. Conference venue from/to hotel





Walk 1 km, 14 minutes


Walking directions are in beta. Use caution – This route may be missing sidewalks or pedestrian paths.

- A** Krišjāņa Valdemāra iela 1B, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1010, Latvia

Head east on Krišjāņa Valdemāra iela toward

Noliktavas iela

815 m

-  Turn right onto Elizabetes iela

299 m

-  Turn left

34 m

- B** Elizabetes iela 55, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1010, Latvia