

Evening Seminar:

Five years of European Union law in Latvia

Experiences and observations



On the first weekend of May, numerous ceremonies will celebrate five years of participation of Latvia and nine other "new member states" in the European Union. We will celebrate too, but in a less formal way, concentrating not on grandiloquent speeches but on the *exchange of professional experiences, observations and ideas*. Since the Union is based on the rule of law and the law is its most important instrument, five years of participation means most notably five years of implementation and application of European Union law. How is Union law observed and applied in daily legal practice? How has legal education developed in this new field of law in Latvia? What is the impact of the language problem? What about the cooperation of the Baltic states in matters of Union law? What issues are topical with regard to the situation in Latvia?

The evening seminar will consist of short lectures, leaving plenty of room for *discussions*. Interventions from the audience are welcome. There will be drinks and snacks at the breaks.

During the last months, the project group of the Baltisch-Deutsches Hochschulkontor has revised and enlarged its trilingual legal terminology list "*Eiropas tiesību pamattermini*" ("Grundwortschatz Europarecht"/"Basic vocabulary of European Union law"). We thank all users for their suggestions. The *revised final version will be presented and distributed* at the seminar.

Practical aspects of the implementation and enforcement of EU law in Latvia in the fields of labour law, non-discrimination and free movement of workers

Dr. Kristīne Dupate, Ombudsman's Office and European Labour Law Network

Baltic cooperation in matters of European Union law and its potential

Dr. Christoph Schewe, University of Tartu

The development of legal education in the field of European Union law in Latvia

Edmunds Broks and Arnis Buka, University of Latvia

Shortcut to euro or dead end? Reflections on the (im)possibility of changing the Maastricht criteria and the consequences of unilateral euroisation

Kristīne Dreviņa, Ministry of Justice, European Court of Justice Department

Linguistic problems in the dealing with the multilingual European Union law

Prof. Dr. Thomas Schmitz, University of Latvia, Baltisch-Deutsches Hochschulkontor

All those interested are welcome!

Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 18.00 - 21.30, University of Latvia, Raiņa bulvāris 19, conference room in the basement (entrance through the canteen)

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