



CHANCERY OF THE PRESIDENT OF LATVIA

State Competitiveness Council

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FORUM

Friday, 21 November 2025, Riga Castle

8:40-9:20 *Welcome coffee*

Event moderated by **Daunis Auers**, Professor at the University of Latvia, Chairmain of the Board at think tank LaSER

9:30-9:40 **Opening remarks by the President of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs**

9:40 - 10:00 *Keynote*

Kevin Luca Zandermann, Senior Analyst for Responsible AI and Data Governance, Science and Technology Unit at the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change

13:05-13:25 *Keynote*

Dale Johnson, Senior Director of Digital Innovation for the University Design Institute at Arizona State University

10:00-11:00 *Panel*

AI for Security and Competitiveness in Small States

Jānis Sārts, Director, NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence

Dr. Larysa Visengeriyeva, Co-Founder and CEO at Women in Defence Tech, Author of "The AI Engineer's Guide to Surviving the EU AI Act"

Kevin Luca Zandermann, Senior Analyst for Responsible AI and Data Governance, Science and Technology Unit at the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change

Cezara Panait, Government Affairs & Public Policy Manager for Google, AI Policy Lead in Central and Eastern Europe

Moderator: **Kristine Bērziņa**, Senior Fellow for Security and Defense Policy, German Marshall Fund of the United States

13:25-14:25 *Panel*

Learning in a World with AI

Dale Johnson, Senior Director of Digital Innovation for the University Design Institute at Arizona State University

Teemu Roos, Professor of Computer Science, University of Helsinki, Leader of the AI Education program, Finnish Center for Artificial Intelligence

Tālis Juhna, Rector at the Riga Technical University

Natālija Čerņecka, Director of the National AI Center of Latvia

Moderator: **Risto Uuk**, Head of EU Policy and Research, Future of Life Institute

11:05-12:05 *Panel*

AI, Governance, and Innovation

Marion Carré, CEO of Ask Mona, Author of The Moving Walkway Paradox

Mette Lindstrøm Lage, Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Digital Affairs in Denmark, Head of the Digital Taskforce for Artificial Intelligence

Artūrs Vasiļevskis, CEO at Tilde, Board Member at MILA (Latvian Association for Artificial Intelligence)

Edgars Korčagins, Auditor General, State Audit Office of Latvia

Moderator: **Eglē Markevičiūtē**, EU Affairs Manager at Consumer Choice Center Europe

14:25-14:35

Closing remarks by Arnis Sauka

Arnis Sauka, Professor at the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Head of the Competitiveness Council

Event languages: English and Latvian.

The programme may be subject to change.