

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Innovation: Does it Impact SMEs Development in the Baltic Sea Region? (Focus on Latvia and Germany)

**October 1, 2008
14:00-15:30**

Venue: University of Latvia, 19, the Great Hall

A Roundtable discussion will take place at the University of Latvia on the occasion of the 4th Annual Baltic Sea Region Conference "Baltic Business and Socio-Economic Development".

It will involve leaders of business organizations, representatives from responsible Government institutions as well as research and education specialists.

The aim of the Roundtable is to exchange ideas about economic incentives and support for business as one of the key priorities for the further development of the Baltic Sea Region and thus to help to facilitate business activities and business education in the region.

ROUNDTABELE PARTICIPANTS

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