



VIII EUROPEAN LARGE FAMILIES CONFERENCE



From Family Friendly Municipality to Family Friendly State

12th August 2016, Riga Municipality, Ratslaukums 1

Program

From **8:00 Registration**

8: 30 Children Group's *Dzeguzīte (Cuckoo)* musical greeting

8: 50 Opening session

- Representative of Riga City Council
- **Imants Parādnieks**, Member of Saeima (Parliament of Latvia), Chairman of the Demography Subcommittee of the Budget and Finance (Taxation) Committee of Saeima
- **László Márki**, President, European Large Families Confederation (ELFAC)
- **Leonīds Muceniņš**, President, Union of Latvian Large Families Associations

9:20 - 9:30 Introduction: The situation of large families in Latvia

- **Ilmārs Mežs**, the moderator of the Conference, researcher at the University of Latvia (EKOSOC), member of the Demographic Center and Demography Council of the Government of Latvia

9:30-10:10 What does it mean to be Family Friendly? presentations by:

- **Maria Teresa Ribeiro**, Associate Professor, University of Lisbon, **Portugal**
- **Iwona Sztajner**, ELFAC Project Manager (from *FamiliesAndSocieties*, survey on European large families)
- **Linda Pavļuta**, NGO „Babyroom”, **Latvia**

10:10-12:00 Family Friendly Municipality presentations by:

- **Luciano Malfer**, Agency General Manager for the family, birth rate and youth policy, **Autonomous Province of Trento, Italy**
- **Mārtiņš Moors**, Head of Social administration, deputy director, Welfare department, **Riga City Council, Latvia**
- **António Barroso**, Deputy Mayor, **Braga, Portugal**
- **Grzegorz Benedyckiński**, Mayor, **Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Poland**
- **Dezső Kovács**, Honorary Professor, University of Western Hungary (Sopron), Coordinator of the Future Weaving Workshop, **Alsómocsolád, Hungary**
- **Lita Trakina**, senior Expert of Local Governments Development Division of Local Governments Department of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, **Latvia**

12:00-12:30 Family Friendly Country – presentation by:

- **Elzbieta Rafalska**, Minister of Family, Labour and Social Policy, **Poland**

Delivery of the ELFAC Award in the category National Government to acknowledge outstanding achievements in the interest of families, especially large families

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break