



Nordic-Baltic Financial Linkages and Challenges

December 13, 2013, Tallinn, Estonia

Conference Announcement / Practical details



The *Nordic-Baltic region* is composed of the northern European countries of **Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, and Sweden**. The financial sectors of these eight nations are heavily interconnected and dominated by a small group of large banks, which operate against a backdrop of changing global and European regulatory financial sector standards, with implications for regulation, supervision and crisis management.

The Conference

The conference is being organized jointly by the International Monetary Fund, Eesti Pank and Sveriges Riksbank and will be held in Tallinn, Estonia. It will bring together high-level policy makers from the region and local and international experts to discuss the key challenges facing the Nordic-Baltic financial sector.

The event will start on December 13, 2013, with registration at 8:30am and will conclude at 5:00pm. The working language of the conference will be English and the event is free of charge.

Speakers and format

The conference will be opened on Friday, December 13, 2013, by Governor Ardo Hansson of Eesti Pank.

Speakers will include regional central bank governors and supervisors, senior European policymakers, representatives from the regional financial sector, and IMF staff. The day will be divided into three thematic sessions and a concluding panel discussion:

Session I: Nordic-Baltic financial integration



Session II: Regulatory and supervisory challenges in the Nordic-Baltic region

Session III: Market perspectives on challenges and opportunities for the financial sector in the Nordic-Baltic region

Concluding Panel Session: Reflections on the future of the Nordic-Baltic financial sector

There will be two or three 15-minute presentations in each thematic session followed by questions and a wrap-up by the session chair.

You will find further information about the content of the conference and you can view the day's agenda on the conference website:

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/seminars/eng/2013/estonia/index.htm>

Participation and dissemination

Invitations have been issued to academics, civil society, parliamentarians and the press, and also to selected international institutions.

The conference will be livestreamed, filmed and posted on the IMF website.

Conference Location

Radisson BLU Hotel, Tallinn

Rävala pst.3, 10143, Tallinn, Estonia

Phone: +372 682 3000

<http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-tallinn>

Registration

Please register at your earliest convenience by **November 25, 2013**, by completing the online registration form at www.eestipank.ee/en/conference2013.

If you are unable to attend, we are happy for you to register a different senior member of your organization.

If you experience any problems with your registration or you need to make any updates to it, please contact us by emailing conference2013@eestipank.ee.



Accommodation

Hotel rooms have been reserved for conference participants at the Radisson BLU hotel, Tallinn, and are available for booking until **November 29, 2013**. A single/double room costs EUR 105.00 per night, including breakfast.

If you would like to book one of these rooms please make the reservation directly with the hotel either by phone (+372 682 3500) or by email (piret.oun@radissonblu.com). The booking code for the reservation is '**Eesti Pank**'. Conference participants are expected to cover their own accommodation costs. The Radisson BLU Tallinn accepts all major credit cards.

Travel and stay in Estonia

The vast majority of international flights to and from Estonia are via the Lennart Meri Tallinn Airport (<http://www.tallinn-airport.ee/eng>).

Cash machines or ATMs can be found at the airport, in the lobby of the Radisson BLU Tallinn, and across the city.

If you would like more information on what you can see and do during your stay in Tallinn, you may find the following address helpful (<http://www.visitestonia.com/en/>).

Getting to the city centre from the Airport

By Taxi

Taxis are available in front of the flight arrivals terminal. We can also recommend the following companies:

TULIKA TAKSO, phone: +372 612 0001, www.tulika.ee

TALLINK TAKSO, phone: +372 640 8921, www.tallinktakso.ee

TALLINNA TAKSO, phone: +372 612 0019, www.tallinnatakso.ee

Lennart Meri Tallinn Airport is located about 4 km from the city centre and the typical cost of a one-way taxi trip to the city centre is EUR 10.00.

By Bus

There is a bus stop on floor 0 by the car park in front of the airport, next to the lower entrance (<http://www.tallinn-airport.ee/eng/transport/publictransport>). From bus stop 1, bus route No. 2 (Mõigu - Reisisadam) will take you to the city centre. In the city centre the bus stops next



to Viru Keskus (Viru Shopping Centre) at Laikmaa Street. Tickets can be bought from the bus driver in cash. A ticket costs EUR 1.60 and can be purchased from the driver when you board the bus.

Bus timetables are available at <http://soiduplaan.tallinn.ee>.

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Should you need any assistance or if you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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