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**PROGRAMME**

**CAPITAL CITIES: EMBRACING THE CHANGE AND**

**TAPPING INTO OPPORTUNITIES**

**13th December 2013** (Friday)

**Representation of European Commission in Latvia**

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| **13th December** | |
| **9:30 - 10:00** | **Registration and welcome coffee** |
| **10:00 - 10:20** | **Opening session / Welcome words** |
|  | *Prof., Dr.Tatyana Muravska, Director of the Centre for Economic and Transition Studies, Riga*  *Andris Kužnieks, Head of Policy Department, EC representation in Latvia*  *Dr. Olga Mrinska, Representative of the RSA Reseach Network, Policy Consultant, EBRD, UK/Ukraine* |
| **10:20 - 10:40** | **Key trends of capital cities development – debrief on the results of RN seminars in Warsaw and Kyiv**  *Dr. Olga Mrinska, Representative of the RSA Reseach Network, Policy Consultant, EBRD, UK/Ukraine* |
| **10:40 - 11:10** | **Regional development patterns in CEECs – focus on capital city regions in crisis period**  *Dr. Maciej Smetkowski, EUROREG, University of Warsaw* |
| **11:10 - 11:40** | **A pro-active and strategic approach of spatial planning in Antwerpen as Capital of the Region Flanders in Belgium**  *Marc Geldof, Spatial planner, Alpspace* |
| **11:40 - 12:10** | **Moscow -St Petersburg: the role of new factors in the space transformation between two Russian capitals**  *Tatiana Borodina, Institute of Geography, NAS* |
| **12:10 - 12:30** | **Discussion** |
| **12:30 - 13:30** | **Lunch** |
| **13:30 - 13:50** | **R&D performance of capital cities in Europe**  *Adam Ploszaj, EUROREG, University of Warsaw* |
| **13:50 - 14:10** | **Impact of Real Estate Investment on Development of Spatial and Functional Structure of Rīga City**  *Normunds Strautmanis, University of Latvia* |
| **14:10 - 14:30** | **The late Soviet city neighbourhood – Ziepniekkalns social space, transformations and opportunities of local community's development**  *Jānis Balodis, University of Trento*  *Baiba Svane, University of Latvia* |
| **14:30 - 14:50** | **Discussion** |
| **14:50 - 15:10** | **Coffee break** |
| **15:10 - 15:30** | **Brand equity as a tool for city development. Empirical research on the city brand of Warsaw**  *Alicia Grochowska, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Warsaw* |
| **15:30 - 15:50** | **Riga as a European Capital of Culture: Impact on the Development of Latvian Economy**  *Elena Dubra, Faculty of Economics and Management*  *University of Latvia* |
| **15:50 - 16:10** | **Research at CETS: Regions vs Capital**  *Aleksandrs Dahs, Centre for European and Transition studies, University of Latvia* |
| **16:10 - 16:30** | **Discussion** |
| **16:30 – 17:00** | **Deliberative Session ‘What next?’ and closing remarks** |
| **17:00 - 18:00** | **Farewell reception** |

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