

Discussion on Sustainability:

Making the business case for ESG

March 21, 10:00-12:00 | AC Hotel by Marriott, Dzirnavu 33



ANETE DIMITROVSKA
Senior Associate, Ellex Klavins

Anete is attorney-at-law of Law Office Ellex Klavins with more than ten years of experience. She is one of the Firm's key experts actively advocating the growing importance of ESG matters and she strongly believes that common goals can be only reached if each stakeholder contributes to the aim in a responsible manner. Obligations related to ESG will without doubt contribute to individual risk mitigation in many areas, benefiting the growth of the circular economy and speeding up development in many sectors.



DZINTARS KALNINS
Head of Operations, Aeronex

Dzintars has more than 10 years of international experience in business transformation with a focus on developing and driving change in organizations' strategy, processes, and governance. He has recently joined Aeronex to help scale its business globally. Riga-based Aeronex is the world's leading robotics company in the wind industry. It develops and builds unique wind turbine maintenance and inspection robotic technology and offers wind turbine inspection, maintenance, and repair services worldwide. Aeronex is the winner of the Baltic Sustainability Awards 2022 in the impact and innovation categories.



ADRIANA KAULINA
Chief Sustainability Officer, Tet

Adriana is a knowledgeable business sustainability expert with practical experience gained at Tet and Swedbank, and academic background from the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership. Her domain is business ESG practicalities from materiality assessment and strategy development to disclosures, and her expertise she has shared by contributing to several sustainability guides for entrepreneurs, sustainability blog and a podcast.



LIGA KUREVSKA
State Secretary, Ministry of Climate and Energy

Liga is a State Secretary of Ministry of Climate and Energy. Her specialization both professionally and academically is energy markets and flexibility resources. She enjoys data-driven process optimization and developing balanced and result-oriented teams that facilitates individual growth. At this moment, Liga is encouraging Ministry of Climate and Energy to achieve climate neutrality in Latvia in most sensible and cost-effective way. She believes in coordinated and well-reasoned choices and productive work with the industry and social partners to achieve common view on common goals.

SPEAKERS

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AGRIS NIKITENKO

Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, RTU

Agris is a full professor in the Department of Artificial intelligence and systems engineering at Riga Technical University. At the same time, he is a dean of the faculty of computer systems information technology. His scientific interests cover artificial intelligence, autonomy, and robotics applications. He leads several PhD researchers focusing on different aspects of robot control. He has published more than 40 scientific publications, 8 patents and monographs. At the moment, he is a member of IEEE and ACM.



NOAH NZUKI

ESG (EMEA), Core Technologies & Insights – AI & I, Cognizant

Noah is part of Cognizant Global Data+ team and focuses on Data Modernization and ESG. He has over 14 years of work experience and has been helping their clients in different industries mitigate risk by addressing ESG performance and ensuring compliance with the EU Sustainable Finance Regulatory Requirements. Most important, he has been working with banks and stakeholders at varying levels, across business lines and geographies to assess, analyze, co-describe and co-develop ESG solutions.



KADRI VUNDER FONTANA

Head of Group Sustainability, Luminor

Kadri is passionate for sustainability and building up new ventures. She has more than 15 years experience in operational and strategic business management with expertise in finance, marketing, sustainability and regulatory implementation and more than 10 years successful track record of business transformation management. Kadri is a proven pioneer for integrating climate risk and impact management into governance models and redesigning the value chain for minimizing the ecological footprint at every step. In 2016 Kadri launched a start up Cervo Volante in Switzerland that challenges the status quo of conventional footwear and apparel industry and since 2020 she has been building up the sustainability capabilities at Luminor Bank.