

DIPLOMATIC ECONOMIC CLUB



DEC Secretariat



„The priority of economic interests in cooperation between the countries promotes development of stronger social, economic and political mutual relations in the world. In this process the role of economic diplomacy is irreplaceable. The **Diplomatic Economic Club** is a unique association where people from the different countries find common language and assist in development of business contacts between businessmen of Latvia and the countries they represent.“

Pavol Baranay

2008-2010 President of Diplomatic Economic Club

Presidents of Club at different times

Rostislav Karpinsky – Counsellor, Embassy of Poland

Ladislav Kubiznak – Czech Republic

Viktor Borecky – Counsellor, Embassy of Slovakia

Pavol Baranay – Secretary, Embassy of Slovakia

Janos Rekasi – Counsellor, Embassy of Hungary

Cornelis J. Groeneveld – Deputy Head of mission, Embassy of Netherlands

Dawid Tomaszewsky – Secretary, Embassy of Poland

Evgeny Tikhonov – Counsellor, Embassy of Russia. Honorary President

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What is DEC?

The **Diplomatic Economic Club** -

is an informal association, established on the initiative of a group of foreign diplomats, with the aim of developing and strengthening mutually beneficial relations between business people of Latvia, organizations, enterprises abroad and the Diplomatic missions.



Club Formation Principles

- ✓ The Members of the Club have opportunity to plan and dispose their time independently that is necessary for participation in the meetings of the Club and other events
- ✓ Club interaction assumes active dialogue. Friendly atmosphere is created due to sincere human communication of mutually acceptable people
- ✓ The Members of the Club participate in co-financing and organization of Club activity and projects when possible
- ✓ Persons will not be able to be harmoniously fitted and will be asked to leave the Club sooner or later in case they enter the Club with a mercenary attitude



Code of a member of DEC

«Nothing costs less, nor is cheaper,
than the compliments of civility»

Cervantes

Mutual civility

Ease

Reasonableness

Obligatoriness

Our mission

- ✓ International trade experience exchange
- ✓ Independent economic reviews, industry discussions, meetings with entrepreneurs
- ✓ Club membership for diplomats and prominent personalities
- ✓ Support of the direct tie: “Businessmen of Latvia – Economic Departments of Embassies – businessmen of the countries, presented in the Club”
- ✓ Formation of economical accent – expansion of opportunities for Latvian and foreign businessmen
- ✓ Improvement of Club’s web page – creation of business offer catalogue

Club structure

DEC MEMBERSHIP

Full Members

Member of the Club, location : outside the Baltic countries

Honorary Members

DEC Annual Assembly

DEC BOARD

- President
- 4 Vice-presidents

DEC COUNCIL

- DEC Board
- 3 Members

S E C R E T A R I A T

The Founders and Inspirers

History of the Club movement starts in 1997

The Club was established on 20 September 2003

The idea establishing of the club was supported by diplomatic missions in Latvia:

Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Belarus, P.R.C.

The inspirers of the Club:

Evgeny Tikhonov – Counsellor, Embassy of Russia

Valery Zhovtenko – Head, trade mission of Ukraine

Rostislav Karpinsky – Counsellor, Embassy of Poland. First president of the Club

Anatoly P. Butenko – BT-1, Latvia

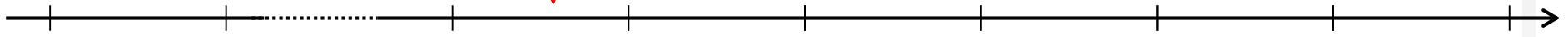
Time line



September 20, 2003
Foundation of the
Club

More than **17** years of organized
activities

1st attempt
to organize
Club



1997 1998 2003



5 years gap

Current general information

- ✓ Full and Honorary Members representing more than 35 countries
 - ✓ diplomats
 - ✓ representatives of foreign governments
 - ✓ business owners
 - ✓ doctors of science
 - ✓ directors & top managers
- ✓ Secretariat
- ✓ Club meeting point - UNIMARS business center
- ✓ Network of former Club members
- ✓ Internet resource www.dec.lv

We are united nations in Latvia

Our present and former members represent:

Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, China (PRC), Czech Republic, Denmark, Dubai (U.A.E.), Estonia, France, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA, Uzbekistan



Company visits

- ✓ Companies: Unimars holding, Rostik Restaurants, Dzintars, BT 1, Super Bebris, Columbija ltd etc.
- ✓ State organizations: Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, majors and key businessmen of Riga, Liepaja, Jelgava, Daugavpils, Ministry of Economics
- ✓ Banks: Citadele, Swedbanka, Baltic International Bank, Norvik Bank, Regional Investment Bank etc.
- ✓ Annual fairs in Riga: RigaFood, Balttour, Intertextil, Transport & Logistics etc



We are proud to be invited to the meeting with the legendary Russian politician, ex-prime Minister, **Evgeny Primakov**, during his visit to Latvia

Social activities

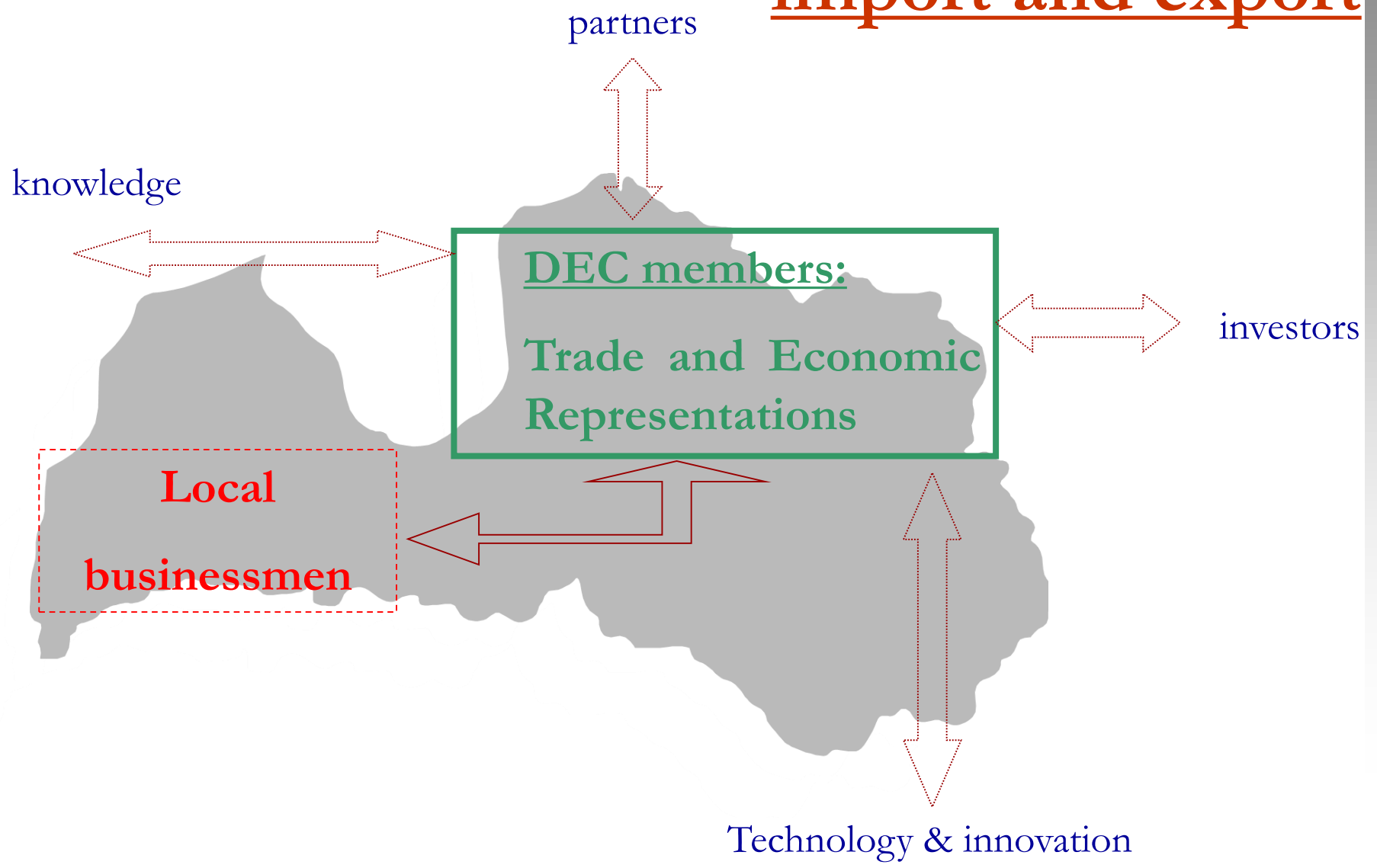
DEC participates, organizes and supports

- ✓ Economic conferences
- ✓ Development discussions
- ✓ Industry Round tables
- ✓ Exhibition Meeting points
- ✓ Social events





We bridge businessmen in both ways: import and export



Awards of the Club

- ✓ “Yellow Leaders T-Shirt” with DEC symbolic (since 2005)
- ✓ Medal – “For outstanding contributions to the development of the international trade-economic relations” (since 2008)
- ✓ Honorary DEC Diploma (since 2003)
- ✓ DEC Memorial Prize (since 2009)

DEC - Team of
Leaders



Club traditions

- ✓ **Friendship avenue** in Kolotilovka (since 2002)
- ✓ Slovak goulash at RigaFood (since 2003)
- ✓ New Year meeting (since 2003)
- ✓ January meeting in Club (since 2005)
- ✓ Summer Sport Games and others events (since 2006)

DEC - Team of
Friends



Our business partners

Our traditional business partners in Latvia are:

Exhibition company BT 1, Shipping company UNIMARS,
SPA Amber Shore, Maritime Training Centre NOVIKONTAS





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Cooperation without Barriers

