

DIPLOMATIC ECONOMIC CLUB



DEC Secretariat

The priority of economic interests in cooperation between countries contributes to the development of a stronger social, economic and political relationship in the world. In this process, the role of economic diplomacy is indispensable.

The Diplomatic Economic Club is a unique association where people from different countries find a common language and assist in developing business contacts between the businessmen of the countries, which they represent, and Latvia.



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- ✓ **DEC - basic principles**
- ✓ **Mission and structure**
- ✓ **Story**
- ✓ **Business and social activities**
- ✓ **Traditions**
- ✓ **Partners**



What is DEC?

Diplomatic Economic Club -

is an informal association founded on the initiative of a group of foreign diplomats with the aim of developing and establishing mutually beneficial relations between the business community of Latvia, organizations, foreign enterprises and diplomatic missions.

Club Code

- ✓ Club members have the opportunity to plan and manage time, which is necessary to participate in club meetings and other events
- ✓ Club interaction involves active communication. Sincere human communication between equal and mutually acceptable people creates a friendly atmosphere.
- ✓ According to their capabilities, Club members participate in co-financing of the club's organizational activities and projects
- ✓ Persons joining the Club for selfish reasons will not be able to harmoniously fit into the Club, sooner or later they will leave it

Our vision

- ✓ International exchange of business experience
- ✓ Economic reviews, discussions, meetings with Ambassadors and entrepreneurs
- ✓ Club Membership for Diplomats and Distinguished Persons
- ✓ Direct line support: “Businessmen of Latvia - Economic Departments of Embassies - businessmen of countries represented in the Club”
- ✓ Creating an economic focus - expanding opportunities for cooperation
- ✓ Strengthening cultural ties and friendship between different nations

Club Structure

DEC members

location **in the Baltic countries**

location **outside the Baltic states**

Honorary members



DEC Board

The president
Vice Presidents

**DEC
Council of Club**

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Founders and inspirers

The beginning of the history of the Club's movement since 1997

Foundation of the Club September 20, 2003

Club Move Inspiration:

Evgeny Tikhonov - Counselor, Embassy of Russia

Valery Zhovtenko - Head of the Trade Mission of Ukraine

Rostislav Karpinski - Counselor, Embassy of Poland

Anatoly P. Butenko - “BT 1” Latvia

The idea was also supported by diplomats:

Slovakia, Czech Republic, Belarus, China



Rostislav Karpinsky - the first President of the Club

Evgeny Tikhonov - Honorary President of the Club

Time line

September 20, 2003
Club Birthday



More than 17 years of organized activity!

The first steps in the formation of the Club



Basic Information

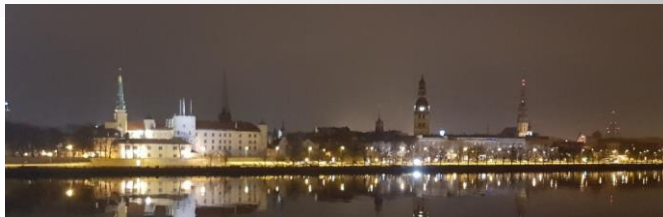
- ✓ Full and honorary members of the Club from more than 35 countries
 - ✓ Diplomats
 - ✓ Ambassadors of countries
 - ✓ Business owners
 - ✓ Doctors of Science
 - ✓ Top managers of companies
- ✓ Club - Unimarine business center
- ✓ Club members network outside the Baltic countries
- ✓ Internet www.dec.lv

We are the “United Nations of Latvia”

Club members represent:

Austria, Belarus, Belgium, China (PRC), Czech Republic, Denmark, Dubai (U.A.E.), Estonia, France, Finland, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, Uzbekistan etc.





Visits:

- ✓ ***Companies:*** Unimars holding, Concors Air Company, Motra, Dzintars, BT1, Super Bebris,
- ✓ ***State institutions:*** Latvian Chamber of Commerce, city halls and entrepreneurs of Liepaja, Jelgava, Daugavpils, Ministry of Economy of Latvia
- ✓ ***Banks***
- ✓ ***Annual international exhibitions:*** RigaFood, Balttour, House, Auto, Transport & Logistics



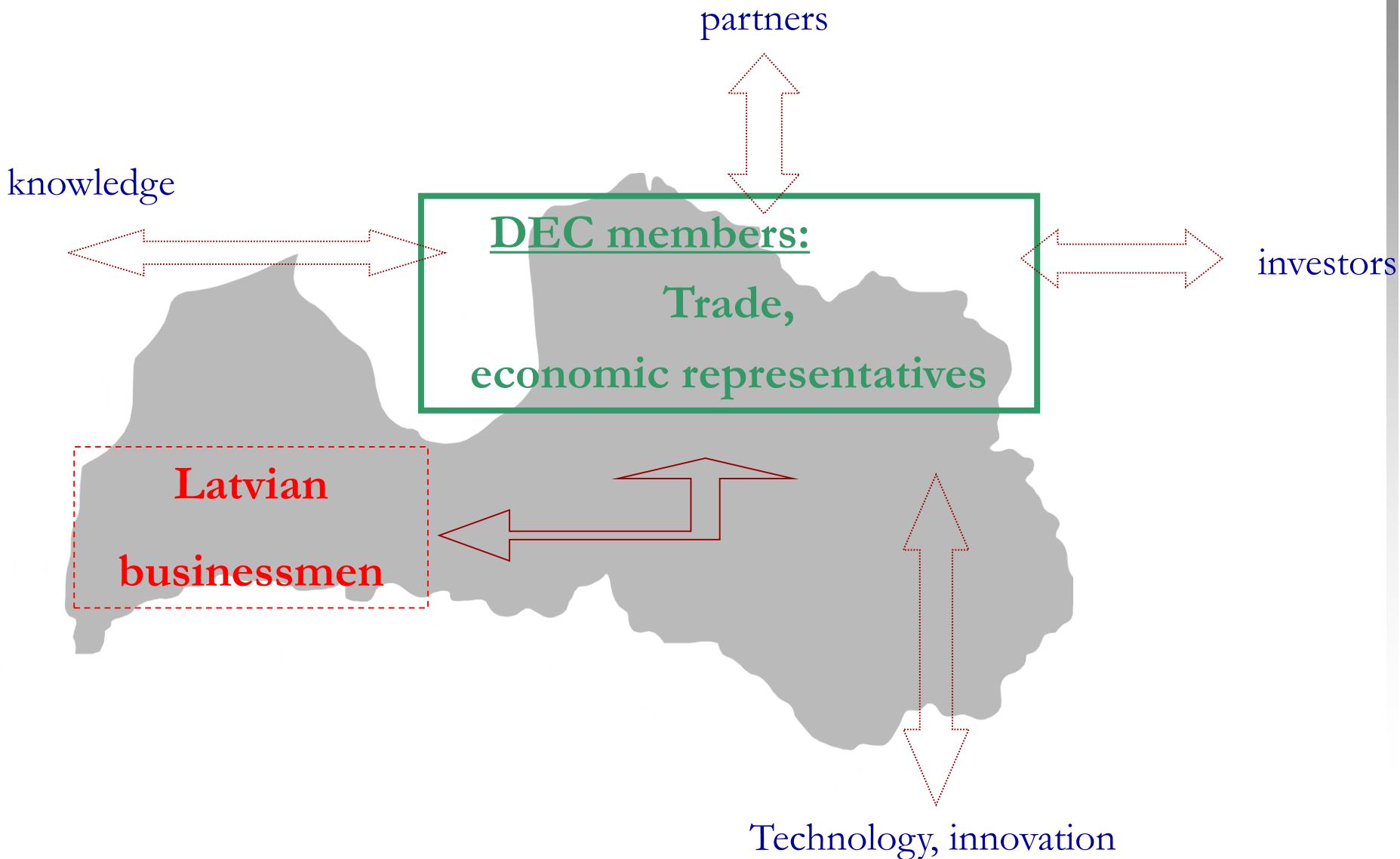
*The club was twice invited to meet with the legendary politician, former Prime Minister of the Russian Federation **Yevgeny Primakov**, during his visits to Latvia.*

DEC takes part, organizes and supports:

- ✓ Economic Conferences
- ✓ Development Discussions
- ✓ Industry Round Tables
- ✓ Exhibition Meetings
- ✓ Other social activities



We unite businessmen in both directions: import-export



Club Awards

- ✓ “Yellow Leader T-shirt” with DEC symbols (since 2005)
- ✓ Medal - “For outstanding contribution to the development of international trade and economic relations” (since 2008)
- ✓ Club Honorary Diploma (since 2003)
- ✓ Souvenir (2009)



DEC - Leaders

Team



DEC – Leaders Team



Club traditions

- ✓ Slovak goulash Riga Food (since 2003)
- ✓ New Year meetings (since 2003)
- ✓ Friendship Alley (since 2002)
- ✓ Tourist meetings (since 2005)
- ✓ Summer Golf (since 2006)

DEC – Friends
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Our business partners

Exhibition company BT 1, holding UNIMARS, Venden group, Novikontas Marine College



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