

Seminar of the Commission for Legal Environment Improvement
“The necessity for regulation of lobbying in Latvia”

Hall of Coat of arms at the Riga Castle 9th June 2017

09:30 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - 10:05 **Opening of seminar**
H.E. President of Latvia Raimonds Vējonis

10:05 – 10:20 **Prof. Dr. Aivars Endziņš**, *chair of the Commission for Legal Environment Improvement, former President of the Constitutional Court of Latvia*
Regulation of lobbying: overview of opinions given to the Commission for Legal Environment Improvement

10:20 – 10:40 **Prof. PhD Gianluca Sgueo**, Policy Analyst at the European Parliament Research Service
The evolving regulation of lobbying in the EU: the challenges ahead

10:40 - 11:00 **PhD Alberto Bitonti**, Professor of Politics (IES Abroad Rome), editor *Lobbying in Europe* (2017)
Lessons from a comparative perspective on lobbying

11:00-12:30 **Discussion**
Moderator: Dr. Valts Kalniņš,
Member of the Commission for Legal Environment Improvement

Iveta Kažoka, *senior policy analyst at the Centre for public policy “PROVIDUS”*

Veronika Krūmiņa, *Chair of the Department of Administrative Cases at the Supreme Court of Latvia*

Gunārs Kūtris, *Deputy Secretary of the Parliament of Latvia, former President of the Constitutional Court of Latvia*

Filips Rajevskis, *SIA “MEDIJU TILTS” co-founder and public affairs director*