



## LATVIJAS VALSTS PREZIDENTA KANCELEJA

### PAZIŅOJUMS PRESEI

Reģistrācijas Nr. 90000038578 • Pils laukums 3, Rīga, LV-1900

Tālrunis: +371 67 092 106 • E-pasts: info@president.lv

7 February 2022

### **President of Germany will visit Latvia to take part in the conference marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Satversme as guest of honour**

**H. E. Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, will pay a working visit to Latvia on 15 – 16 February upon the invitation of the President of Latvia Egils Levits. He has also been asked to deliver a speech at the international academic conference ‘100 years of Satversme’ as its guest of honour. Conference will take place on 16 February at the Riga Castle. Bilateral meeting between the heads of both states will focus on wide ranging bilateral relations and international agenda, including security in Europe.**

On 15 February, German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier will arrive at the Riga Castle for the meeting with President of Latvia Egils Levits. Meeting will be followed by a joint press conference. On 16 February, Mr Steinmeier will take part in the international academic conference ‘100 years of Satversme’, held at the Riga Castle. He will deliver the speech titled ‘For Democracy and Freedom in Europe – Lessons from our Common Constitutional Tradition’. After the conference, President Levits and President Steinmeier, who are also the patrons of Riga Wagner Hall reconstruction project, will visit the famous house. Heads of both states are also scheduled to visit the site of *Rail Baltica* construction project to underline the significance of the project in enhancing the future connectivity of the Baltic Sea region.

President of Germany will be accompanied by his spouse Ms Elke Büdenbender. First Lady of Germany, Ms Elke Büdenbender, and First Lady of Latvia, Ms Andra Levite, are planning to meet with NGO *Riga TechGirls* at the Riga Castle on 15 February in scope of the visit of President of Germany to Latvia.

#### **Media instructions:**

To take part in the media events of the official programme, mass media must fill out the [accreditation form](#). Deadline: **11 February 2022, 12:00am**. Mass media must provide separate forms for each person. Applications filed after the deadline will not be processed.

Some venues may require further media participation restrictions, which will be communicated separately.

To attend media events, journalists are required to wear face and nose mask (surgical mask or FFP2 masks without valve), present valid Covid-19 vaccination or recovery pass/certificate and follow relevant social distancing guidelines.

Media are required to follow the formal dress code: dark suit for men and business suit for ladies.

### Media events, 15 February

<b>16:55</b>	<b>Arrival of the President of Federal Republic of Germany Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier and Ms Elke Büdenbender at the Riga Castle (POOL 1)</b> <i>Riga Castle</i> Photo and video opportunity
--------------	---

**Arrival no later than 16:30**

Coordinator: Justīne Deičmane (Presidential Chancery), +371 26186068

Media accredited for POOL 1 will not be allowed into POOL 2 events

<b>17:00</b>	<b>Latvian-German delegation meeting (POOL 2)</b> <i>Riga Castle, Coat of Arms Hall</i> Photo and video opportunity before meeting
--------------	--

**Arrival no later than 16:30**

Coordinator: Justīne Deičmane (Presidential Chancery), +371 26186068

Media accredited for POOL 2 will not be allowed into POOL 1 events

<b>17:05</b>	<b>Tête-à-tête between Ms Elke Büdenbender and Ms Andra Levite</b> <i>Riga Castle, Ambassadors Accreditation Hall</i> Official media only
--------------	---

<b>17:30</b>	<b>Meeting between Ms Elke Büdenbender, Ms Andra Levite and NGO Riga TechGirls</b> <i>Riga Castle, Čakste Office</i> Photo and video opportunity before meeting
--------------	---

**Arrival no later than 17:00**

Coordinator: Justīne Deičmane (Presidential Chancery), +371 26186068

<b>18:00</b>	<b>Joint press conference of President of Latvia Egils Levits and President of Germany Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier</b> Press conference will be livestreamed on Presidential Chancery's webpage <a href="http://www.president.lv">www.president.lv</a> and President Levits' <i>Facebook, Twitter, YouTube</i> pages <i>Riga Castle, Festival Hall</i> Photo, video, Q&A session
--------------	---

**Arrival no later than 17:30**

Coordinator: Justīne Deičmane (Presidential Chancery), +371 26186068

## Media events, 16 February

<b>10:30–11:30</b>	<b>President of Latvia Egils Levits and President of Germany Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier open the international academic conference ‘100 years of Satversme’ and deliver their keynote speeches (POOL 1)</b> Conference will be livestreamed on Presidential Chancery’s webpage <a href="http://www.president.lv">www.president.lv</a> and President Levits’ <i>Facebook, Twitter, YouTube</i> pages <i>Riga Castle, Festival Hall</i> Photo and video opportunity
--------------------	---

**Arrival no later than 10:00**

Coordinator: Justīne Deičmane (Presidential Chancery), +371 26186068

Media accredited for POOL 1 will not be allowed into POOL 2 events

<b>11:45</b>	<b>President of Latvia Egils Levits and President of Germany Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier visit Riga Wagner Hall (POOL 2)</b> <i>Riga Wagner Hall</i> Photo and video opportunity
--------------	--

**Arrival no later than 11:15**

Coordinator: Justīne Deičmane (Presidential Chancery), +371 26186068

Media accredited for POOL 2 will not be allowed into POOL 1 events

<b>13:00</b>	<b>President of Latvia Egils Levits and President of Germany Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier visit <i>Rail Baltica</i> construction site near Riga Central Train Station (POOL 1)</b> <i>Riga Central Train Station</i> Photo and video opportunity. Please contact Signe Lonerte, Communications Manager at RB Rail AS, for further details on media coverage, phone: 291161466, e-mail: <a href="mailto:signe.lonerte@railbaltica.org">signe.lonerte@railbaltica.org</a>
--------------	--

Media accredited for POOL 1 will not be allowed into POOL 2 events