

# International forum to discuss the responsibility of justice leaders in the changing context

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On 14 July 2022, under the chairmanship of the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Justice Jānis Bordāns, the international Justice Leaders' Forum "Accountability and Innovation in a Time of Change" will be held in Riga, where justice leaders from several countries will discuss how to ensure the development of the justice sector in today's changing environment. Special attention will be paid to the Russian war crimes investigation.

99 The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice J.Bordāns states: *"Today, every country faces challenges at national and cross-border level, caused by the pandemic in the recent years and, for many countries, the national security threat posed by the Russian-led war in Ukraine. The future of justice is also unpredictable and the question of how to operate in times of change is a pressing one, hence the need to discuss with justice leaders from other countries how to build capacity among justice policy makers and justice service providers"*.

The Forum will focus on the ability of leaders to take responsibility in times of change, ensuring the development of the justice sector in a changing environment. At the same time, the Leaders' Forum will focus on the governance of justice institutions and access to services, sharing examples of best practice. Discussions will focus on lifelong learning and research opportunities to support the implementation of justice reforms. The discussions will focus in particular on what justice leaders can do to end the war in Ukraine and contribute to the restoration of the rule of law.

The Riga Justice Leaders' Forum is planned as a high-level conference for justice leaders from Latvia and around the world. Latvian justice leaders, ministers of justice from several countries, representatives of the European Commission, the Court of Justice of the European Union and international organizations are invited to attend.

The Riga Justice Leaders' Forum is organized within the framework of the ESF project "Justice for Development" (No 3.4.1.0/16/1/001) and everyone interested will be able to follow the Forum's discussions on the Ministry of Justice's Youtube account.

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