



**European Committee
of the Regions**

The President

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Dear members of the Latvian Delegation to the European Committee of the Regions,

On the joyful occasion of commemorating Latvian National Day, I am pleased to convey my best wishes to you and to all Latvians on behalf of the European Committee of the Regions and on my own personal behalf.

On this day in 1918, Latvia became an independent country for the first time in its history. As Latvians across Europe meet today to celebrate the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Latvia, *Latvijas Republikas proklamēšanas diena*, and to reflect on their country's rich history and culture, let us also celebrate the freedom, independence and unity embraced back in 1918 by the Latvian people. These important shared European values are a guiding principle for our success, strength and resilience in overcoming the challenging circumstances we are now facing together.

Please allow me once more to congratulate you and all the people of Latvia on this festive event and to wish you every success and much prosperity for many years to come. Let me also take this opportunity to thank you for your tireless efforts in promoting local and regional democracy.

Yours sincerely,

Apostolos Tzitzikostas