

The discussion forum of the President's Academic Advisory Board will focus this year on "Estonia 100" or Estonia in a new decade and will take place in Pärnu on Friday 15th October in co-operation with the Estonian Development Fund and the City of Pärnu.

The participants will attempt to define questions and find answers to Estonia's possibilities, ambitions, and strengths within the framework of the discussion forum, the fourth to take place. What characterises the subjects of social and political discussion at the end of the decade, as the Republic of Estonia becomes one hundred years old?

The opinion leaders invited to the event represent state agencies, businesses, and citizens' associations, and they will discuss solutions to inherent questions concerning Estonia's future, both collectively and individually.

The discussion forum of the President of the Republic is planned to take place as the grand finale of the Pärnu Management Conference, and it will be opened on Friday at 14:00 by the President, followed by a presentation from the former Prime Minister, Mr. Mart Laar, and a discussion concerning the future perspectives of Estonia with representatives of other political parties. The Manager of the Development Fund, Mr. Ott Pärna, and businessman Mr. Priit Põldoja will give a presentation on "Estonia's Future Vision for 2018" during the second half of the event, followed by a discussion forum focusing on subjects related to the vision for the future.

The discussion forum was initiated by the President of the Republic, Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, in October 2007 in Pärnu.

The approximate itinerary of the President's discussion forum in Pärnu Concert Hall is the following:

14:00 Opening works from the President, Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves

14:15 Presentation from former Prime Minister, Mr. Mart Laar

14:35 Political micro-debate, facilitated by the Head of the Goethe Institute of Helsinki, Mr. Mikko Fritze

15:30 break, coffee break

15:50 Presentation by the Manager of the Development Fund, Mr. Ott Pärna, "Estonia's Future Vision for 2018" (with Priit Põldoja)

## **President of the Republic's Discussion Forum: Estonia 100**

Tuesday, 12 October 2010 23:00

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16:10 Discussion forum in the large hall, focusing on subjects related to the vision for the future

16:55 Closing by the President of the Republic

17:00 Closing of the discussion forum

Representatives of the press are kindly invited to give coverage of the discussion forum to the people of Estonia.

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