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**EMPLOYERS' CONFEDERATION OF LATVIA JOINS UNICE  
UNICE REINFORCES ITS POSITION IN THE NEW MEMBER STATES**

Since 1 July the Employers' Confederation of Latvia LDDK has been a member of UNICE. As a result, UNICE now has 39 member organisations in 33 countries including, for the first time, all twenty-five Member States of the European Union. This strengthens UNICE's position vis-à-vis the European institutions. UNICE trusts in the capacity and willingness of LDDK to work with existing members to improve the business environment in Europe.

UNICE President Ernest-Antoine Seillière: *"LDDK's membership of UNICE will inject more of the dynamism that is characteristic of the new Member States. It is also symbolic: more than ever, UNICE is the voice of business in Europe and can represent all private businesses in the European Union"*.

Note to the editor:

UNICE is the voice of more than 20 million small, medium and large companies.

Active in European affairs since 1958, UNICE's members are 39 central industrial and employers federations from 33 countries, working together to achieve growth and competitiveness in Europe.

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