

## Meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee of the Baltic Assembly

13 April 2018, Rīga  
Saeima of the Republic of Latvia  
Jēkaba Str. 6/8

### Preliminary programme (03/04/2018)

#### Friday, 13 April

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09:00 – 11:00

#### Session 1

##### Foundation of the Baltic Culture Fund: practical aspects

- Action Plan for foundation of the Baltic Culture Fund
- Scenario for budget foundation of the Baltic Culture Fund
- Scenario for projects application and assessment

#### Ministries of Culture of the Baltic States:

- **Mr Gytis Andrulionis**, Vice Minister of Culture, Lithuania
- **Ms Dace Vilsons**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, Latvia
- \_\_\_\_\_ Estonia, *tbc*, 10 min

#### Policy transfer and policy learning from Nordic countries:

- **Mr Benny Marcel**, Director of the Nordic Culture Fund

#### National Cultural Foundations

- **Mr Mindaugas Bundza**, Director of Administration of the Lithuanian Council for Culture
- \_\_\_\_\_ Board of the Latvian Cultural Capital Foundation, *tbc*
- **Ms Kertu Saks**, Chair of the Cultural Endowment of Estonia

Debates

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

11:00 – 11:15

Pause

11:15 – 12:30

#### Session 2

##### Baltic information space: cooperation of Lithuanian Radio and Television Commission, National Electronic Mass Media Council of Latvia and Estonian and Estonian Public Broadcasting Council

- **Doc. Dr Mantas Martišius**, Vice Chairman of the Radio and Television Commission of Lithuania

- **Ms Dace Kezberē**, Chairperson of the National Electronic Mass Media Council of Latvia
- **Ms Darja Saar**, Editor in Chief of ETV+, Estonian Public Broadcasting Company

**Nordic Council of Ministers programme “Support for Increased Quality of Media Content and Strengthening of Media Production in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania”**

- **Mr Stefan Eriksson**, Director of the Nordic Council of Ministers’ Office in Latvia

Debates

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12:30 – 13:30      Pause

13:45 – 15:00      **Governmental reports of the Baltic Council of Ministers regarding implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly 2017**

**Session 3**

**Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in regard to the strategic communication:**

- to launch joint activities to strengthen cohesiveness of the Baltic societies and increase societal resilience
- to develop joint educational programmes and joint projects in regard to the strategic communication

- **Mr Kārlis Šadurskis**, Minister of Education and Science, Latvia
- **Mr Hannes Rumm**, Councillor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia

Debates

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**Session 4**

**Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in regard to the cooperation in higher and vocational education:**

**in regard to the introduction of automatic recognition of diplomas and degrees in the Baltic States:**

- to finalise and sign the agreement among the governments of the Baltic States on the automatic recognition of diplomas and degrees in the shortest possible time

**in regard to cooperation in higher and professional education:**

- to elaborate an action plan for removal of administrative obstacles (coordination, accreditation, compatibility of systems, matriculation, cross-border financial settlements, research infrastructure etc.) for launching of expensive higher and professional education programmes such as medicine and veterinary medicine as well as to carry out measures to synchronise legislative basis;

- to continue work on launching of new joint programmes of the Baltic States in higher education in bilateral and trilateral format
- with an active and targeted approach, to continue joint actions in the Baltic Science Network

**in regard to the cooperation in vocational education and training (VET):**

- with an active and targeted approach, to implement the Declaration of Intent between the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania, and the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia on the Baltic Alliance of Apprenticeship and Work Based Learning
- to continue consultations on expert level in regard to joint VET programmes in bilateral and trilateral format

- **Mr Kārlis Šadurskis**, Minister of Education and Science, Latvia
- **Dr Giedrius Viliūnas**, Vice Minister of Education and Science, Lithuania

Debates

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15:00

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