

**Joint meeting of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee and the
Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly**
20 April 2018, Vilnius, Lithuania

PROGRAMME

Friday, 20 April	
09:00–10:15	<p>Part I Implementation of the Paris Agreement and the EU Climate and Energy targets 2030: Actions of the Baltic States</p> <p><i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Viktoras Rinkevičius, Chair of the BA Natural Resources and Environment Committee, Lithuania - Mr Veiko Spolītis, Vice Chair of the BA Natural Resources and Environment Committee, Latvia - Mr Rainer Vakra, Vice Chair of the BA Natural Resources and Environment Committee, Estonia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Kęstutis Navickas, Minister of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania - Ms Ilze Prūse, Director of Climate Change Department of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Regional Development, Latvia - Mr Mart Raamat, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Estonia - Ms Isabelle Moinnet, Member of the Committee of Economy, Agriculture and Energy of the Benelux Parliament, Belgium - Mr Rasmus Ling, Member of the Committee on Sustainable Nordic Region of the Nordic Council, Sweden <p>Debate Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
10:15–10:30	Pause
10:30–11:45	<p>Part II Consequences of Climate Change for Agriculture and Climate Smart Agriculture: Challenges and Opportunities in the context of Paris Climate Change Agreement</p>

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11:45–12:00	Pause
12:00–13:30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Part III Governmental reports of the Baltic Council of Ministers regarding implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly 2017</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Virgilijus Poderys, Chair of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Lithuania - Mr Atis Lejiņš, Vice Chair of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Latvia - Mr Sven Sester, Vice Chair of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Estonia </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in regard to transport and infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to speed up the implementation of <i>Rail Baltica</i> project thus securing timely realisation, respecting of set time-line and preventing increase of total expenditures of the project as well as ensuring continued EU support and funding at the highest permissible EU co-funding rates in the forthcoming EU multiannual financial frameworks - to continue to strengthen our partnerships with Poland and Finland in regard to the <i>Rail Baltica</i> project - to intensify negotiations about future transport and infrastructure projects in the Baltic States, including maritime and aviation sector, intelligent transport systems and modern traffic information systems - taking into account budgetary limitations by each state, to prioritise the development of the road network and agree on the Joint Action Plan for Development of road network in the Region </div>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Rokas Masiulis, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania - Mr Dins Merirands, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, Latvia - Mr Kristjan Kaunissaare, Rail Baltic Coordinator, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia <p>Debate Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
13:30–14:15	<p>Joint meeting of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee and the BA Natural Resources and Environment Committee</p> <p><i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Virgilijus Poderys, <i>Chair of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Lithuania</i> - Mr Viktoras Rinkevičius, <i>Chair of the BA Natural Resources and Environment Committee, Lithuania</i>