

**37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council**  
*25–26 October 2018, Vilnius, Lithuania*

<b>Thursday, 25 October</b>	
19:00	<b>2018 Baltic Assembly Prizes and Medals Award Ceremony</b>
<b>Friday, 26 October</b>	
08:45–09:45	<b>Meeting of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly and the Speakers of the national parliaments of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia</b>
10:00–10:50	<p><b>Opening of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly</b> <i>Plenary Chamber, Building 2</i> Chaired by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <i>Mr Valerijus Simulik, President of the Baltic Assembly, Lithuania</i></li> <li>— <i>Prof Jānis Vucāns, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Latvia</i></li> <li>— <i>Prof Aadu Must, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Estonia</i></li> </ul>
	<p><b>Speeches by the Speakers of the Parliaments of the Baltic States:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>H.E. Prof Viktoras Pranckietis</b>, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania</li> <li>— <b>H.E. Ms Ināra Mūrniece</b>, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia</li> <li>— <b>H.E. Mr Eiki Nestor</b>, President of the Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia</li> </ul>
11:00–12:50	<p><b>The 24<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council</b> <i>Plenary Chamber, Building 2</i> Chaired by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <i>Mr Valerijus Simulik, President of the Baltic Assembly, Lithuania</i></li> <li>— <i>H.E. Mr Linas Linkevičius, Chair of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, tbc</i></li> </ul>
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	<p>— <b>H.E. Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia</p> <p>— <b>H.E. Mr Sven Mikser</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, <i>tbc</i></p> <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>
12:50–12:55	<b>Signing of the Joint Statement of the 24<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council</b>
13:00–13:30	<b>Press conference</b> <i>Press Conference Hall, Building 2</i>
14:00–16:30	<b>Continuation of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly</b> <i>Plenary Chamber, Building 2</i>
14:00–14:30	<p><b>Session 1</b> <b>Regional security strategy of the Baltic States</b> <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Mr Andrius Kubilius</b>, Chair of the Security and Defence Committee, Lithuania</li> <li>— <b>Mr Jānis Ādamsons</b>, Vice Chair of the Security and Defence Committee, Latvia</li> <li>— <b>Ms Urve Tiidus</b>, Vice Chair of the Security and Defence Committee, Estonia</li> </ul> <p>— <b>H.E. Mr Sven Mikser</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, <i>tbc</i></p> <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>
14:30–15:00	<p><b>Session 2</b> <b>Common regional gas and electricity market of the Baltic States</b> <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Mr Viktoras Rinkevičius</b>, Chair of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee, Lithuania</li> <li>— <b>Mr Veiko Spolītis</b>, Vice Chair of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee, Latvia</li> <li>— <b>Mr Rainer Vakra</b>, Vice Chair of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee, Estonia</li> </ul> <p>— <b>Mr Žygmantas Vaičiūnas</b>, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania</p> <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>
15:00–15:30	<p><b>Session 3</b> <b>Alcohol policy in the Baltic States: cooperation in reduction of alcohol</b></p>

	<p><b>consumption</b>  <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Mr Antanas Vinkus</b>, <i>Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee, Lithuania</i></li> <li>— <b>Mr Helmen Kütt</b>, <i>Vice Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee, Estonia</i></li> </ul> <p>— <b>Ms Kristina Garuolienė</b>, <i>Vice Minister of Health of the Republic of Lithuania</i></p> <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>
15:30–16:00	<p><b>Session 4</b>  <b>Development of RailBaltica project</b>  <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Mr Virgilijus Poderys</b>, <i>Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Lithuania</i></li> <li>— <b>Mr Atis Lejiņš</b>, <i>Vice Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Latvia</i></li> <li>— <b>Mr Erki Savisaar</b>, <i>Member of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Estonia</i></li> </ul> <p>— <b>Mr Dins Merirands</b>, <i>Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia</i></p> <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>
16:00–16:30	<p><b>Session 5</b>  <b>Foundation of the Baltic Culture Fund: catalyst for cross-border cultural cooperation of the Baltic States</b>  <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Ms Irena Šiaulienė</b>, <i>Chair of the Education, Science and Culture Committee, Lithuania</i></li> <li>— <b>Mr Juris Viļums</b>, <i>Vice Chair of the Education, Science and Culture Committee, Latvia</i></li> <li>— <b>Prof Aadu Must</b>, <i>Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Estonia</i></li> </ul> <p>— <b>Mr Indrek Saar</b>, <i>Minister for Culture of the Republic of Estonia</i></p> <p>— <b>Ms Dace Melbārde</b>, <i>Minister for Culture of the Republic of Latvia</i></p> <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>
16:45–18:00	<p><b>Continuation of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly</b>  <i>Plenary Chamber, Building 2</i>  <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Mr Kęstutis Bartkevičius</b>, <i>Member of the BA Presidium, Lithuania</i></li> </ul>

	<p>— <i>Dr Romualds Ražuks, Member of the BA Presidium, Latvia</i></p> <p>— <i>Mr Johannes Kert, Member of the BA Presidium, Estonia</i></p>
16:45–17:15	<b>Addresses by the foreign delegations and guests</b>
17:15–17:45	<p><b>Report of the Presidium about the implementation of the presidency programme and introduction to the Resolution and Final Document of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly</b></p> <p>— <b>Mr Valerijus Simulik</b>, President of the Baltic Assembly</p> <p><b>Report of the BA Budget and Audit Committee</b></p> <p>— <b>Mr Gintaras Vaičekuskas</b>, Chair of the BA Budget and Audit Committee</p> <p><b>Adoption of the Resolution and the Final Document of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly</b></p> <p><b>Election of the President and Vice Presidents of the Baltic Assembly and the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Committees for 2019</b></p> <p><b>Address by the newly elected President of the Baltic Assembly</b></p>
17:45	<p><b>Signing of the Final Document of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly</b></p> <p><i>Plenary Chamber, Building 2</i></p>
18:00	<b>Closing of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly</b>

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