

**26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly,  
13<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council and Conference  
“The Baltic States and the EU Neighbourhood Policy”**

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22 - 24 November 2007, Riga, Latvia

*Reval Hotel Latvia*

# PRACTICAL GUIDE

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## Programme of Events



### Thursday, November 22

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Arrival of the delegations and check-in at the *Reval Hotel Latvia*

15:00 – 20:00 Registration in *Hall 2*

18:30 – 19:20 Meeting of the BA Presidium  
Room: *Lambda*

20:00 Opening of the exhibition “Winter Fireflies” and reception hosted by **H.E. Mr. Māris Riekstiņš**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia  
(*Venue: Riga Design and Art School, Kr. Valdemāra 139*)

### Friday, November 23

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07:45 – 16:00 Registration in *Hall 2*

08:00 – 09:30 BA committee meetings:

- BA Social Affairs Committee  
Room: *Gamma 1*
- BA Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatics Committee  
Room: *Ksi*
- BA Environmental Protection and Energy Committee  
Room: *Gamma 2*
- BA Legal Affairs and Security Committee  
Room: *Tau*
- BA Education, Science and Culture Committee  
Room: *Epsilon*

# 13<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council

09:45 **13<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council**

Room: *Omega 1*

*Languages – Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian, English, Russian*

09:45 – 09:50 **Welcoming address:**

**H. E. Mr. Valdis Zatlers**, President of the Republic of Latvia

09:50 – 10:30 Meeting of the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers

- **Ms. Ērika Zommere**, President of the Baltic Assembly
- **H.E. Mr. Māris Riekstiņš**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia and Chairman of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers
- **H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia and next Chairman of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers

Question & answer session

Signing of the Joint Statement



**10.30 – 18.00 Conference “The Baltic States and the EU Neighbourhood Policy”**

**10:30 – 12:30 Plenary Session “The EU Neighbourhood Policy – Towards a Europe with Common Values”**

Room: *Omega 1*

*Languages – Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian, English, Russian*

*Chaired by: Ms. Ērika Zommere, President of the Baltic Assembly*

Opening remarks:

- **H.E. Mr. Māris Riekstiņš**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

Rapporteurs:

- **H.E. Mr. Gundars Daudze**, Speaker of the Latvian parliament
- **H.E. Ms. Ene Ergma**, Speaker of the Estonian parliament
- **H.E. Mr. Viktoras Muntianas**, Speaker of the Lithuanian parliament
- **Ms. Diana Wallis**, Vice Speaker of the European Parliament
- **H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Azerbaijan
- **H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Estonia
- **H.E. Mr. Petras Vaitiekūnas**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania
- **Mr. Halldór Ásgrímsson**, Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers
- **Mr. Andrei A. Yeudachenka**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Belarus
- **Mr. George Manjgaladze**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Georgia
- **Mr. Valeriu Ostalep**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Moldova
- **Mr. Česlovas Juršėnas**, Chairman of the Seimas delegation to the Assembly of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and the Sejm of the Republic of Poland

12:30 **Press Conference** by the chairpersons of national delegations to the BA and ministers of foreign affairs of the Republics of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania  
Room: *Omega 2*

12:30 Lunch  
Rooms: *Alfa* and *Beta*

13:00 – 13:50 Meeting of the BA Drafting Committee  
Room: *Gamma 1*

#### 14:00 – 15:30 Panel Discussions (I and II)

##### **Topic I: Balance between the Eastern and Southern Directions in the EU Neighbourhood Policy**

Room: *Omega 1*

*Languages – Latvian, English, Russian*

*Moderator: Mr. Nils Muižnieks, Director of the Advanced Social and Political Research Institute, University of Latvia*

##### Rapporteurs:

- **Mr. Rutger Wissels**, Director of Directorate D: European Neighbourhood Policy Coordination, European Commission
- **Mr. Juozas Jaruševičius**, Member of the Lithuanian delegation to the Baltic Assembly, Lithuania
- **Mr. Valdis Birkavs**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of the Club de Madrid, Latvia
- **Mr. Kees van Rij**, Director of European Integration Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands
- **Mr. Miguel Ángel Navarro**, Secretary General for the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain

##### Co-rapporteurs:

- **Mr. Andrei Popov**, Executive Director of the Foreign Policy Association, Moldova
- **Mr. Abdel Raouf El Reedy**, Chairman of the Council on Foreign Affairs, Egypt

##### **Topic II: Political Dialogue at the Parliamentary Level – an Instrument in the EU Neighbourhood Policy**

Room: *Omega 2*

*Languages – Latvian, English, Russian*

*Moderator: Ms. Žaneta Ozoliņa, Chairperson of the Commission of Strategic Analysis under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Latvia, Professor at the University of Latvia*

Rapporteurs:

- **Ms. Heli Tiirmaa-Klaar**, Head of the International Relations Department, Institute of International and Social Studies, Estonia
- **Mr. Jean-Dominique Giuliani**, Chairman of Board of the Robert Schuman Foundation, France
- **Ms. Sandra Kalniete**, MP, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Latvia
- **Mr. Iurie Roșca**, Deputy Speaker of the Moldovian Parliament, Moldova

Co-rapporteurs:

- **Mr. Trivimi Velliste**, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Estonia
- **Lord Russell-Johnston**, Chairman of the Committee for Parliamentary and Public Relations of the WEU Assembly

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break in *Hall 2*

**16:00 – 17:30 Panel Discussions (III and IV)**

**Topic III: The Baltic States and the Eastern Dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy**

Room: *Omega 1*

*Languages – Latvian, English, Russian*

*Moderator: Mr. Nils Muižnieks, Director of the Advanced Social and Political Research Institute, University of Latvia*

Rapporteurs:

- **Mr. Vladimir Socor**, Senior Fellow of the Jamestown Foundation, USA
- **Ms. Vaira Paegle**, Chairperson of the Saeima European Affairs Committee, Latvia
- **Mr. Peter Semneby**, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus, Council of the European Union

Co-rapporteurs:

- **Mr. Tigran Mkrtchyan**, Executive Director of the Armenian International Policy Research Group, Armenia

**Topic IV: A Common Approach of the Baltic and Nordic States to the Implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy**

Room: *Omega 2*

*Languages – Latvian, English, Russian*

*Moderator: Ms. Žaneta Ozoliņa, Chairperson of the Commission of Strategic Analysis under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Latvia, Professor at the University of Latvia*

Rapporteurs:

- **Mr. Kari Liuhto**, Director of the Pan-European Institute, Finland
- **Mr. Toms Rostoks**, Researcher at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Latvia
- **Mr. Mart Laar**, MP, former Prime Minister of Estonia
- **Mr. Dagfinn Höybråten**, President of the Nordic Council, Norway

Co-rapporteurs:

- **Mr. Alyksandr Milinkevich**, Leader of the United Democratic Forces, Belarus
- **Mr. Julian Chifu**, Director of the Centre for Conflict Prevention and Early Warning, Romania

17:30 – 18:00 **Concluding Remarks**

Room: *Omega 1*

Languages – *Latvian, English, Russian*

Moderators: **Ms. Žaneta Ozoliņa** and **Mr. Nils Muižnieks**

18:00 – 19:00 Meeting of the BA Drafting Committee

Room: *Gamma 1*

Meeting of the BA Budget and Audit Committee

Room: *Gamma 2*

20:00 Baltic Assembly Prize Awarding Ceremony

Reception hosted by the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly  
(Venue: *Mazā Ģilde, Amatu Str.5, Riga*)





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## 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly

Saturday, November 24

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08:00 BA Committee meetings (*if needed*)

08:30 BA Drafting Committee (*if needed*)

09:00 – 10:00 Meeting of the BA Presidium and Chairpersons and Vice  
Chairpersons of the BA committees  
Room: *Gamma*

09:00 – 11:00 Registration in *Hall 2*

**10:00 Opening of the 26th Session of the Baltic Assembly**  
Room: *Omega 1*  
*Languages – Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian, English, Russian*  
*Chaired by: Ms. Ērika Zommere, President of the Baltic Assembly,*  
*Chairperson of the Latvian delegation to the Baltic Assembly*

### Greetings by guests:

- **H.E. Mr. Gundars Daudze**, Speaker of the Latvian parliament
- **H.E. Mr. Viktoras Muntianas**, Speaker of the Lithuanian parliament
- **Ms. Maya Detiège**, Chairperson of the BICC Culture, Education and Public Health Committee, Belgium

Adoption of the agenda  
Election of the Vote Counting Committee

10:45 **Report of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly**  
**Ms. Ērika Zommere**, President of the Baltic Assembly

Question & answer session. Discussion

**11:00 Reports on the Implementation of BA Priorities for 2007**  
*Chaired by: Mr. Trivimi Velliste, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Chairman of the Estonian delegation to the Baltic Assembly*

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- Common energy policy of the Baltic States (strengthening security of power supply)  
**Mr. Nils Freivalds**, Deputy Director of the Energy Department of the Ministry of Economics, Latvia

Question & answer session. Discussion

- Protection of the environment of the Baltic Sea and preservation of cultural heritage  
**Mr. Raimonds Vējonis**, Minister of Environment, Latvia  
**Ms. Solvita Zvidriņa**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, Latvia

Question & answer session. Discussion

- Labour market policy and migration (adjustment of the labour market)  
**Ms. Iveta Purne**, Minister of Welfare, Latvia

Question & answer session. Discussion

**12:30 – 13:15 Discussion of Draft Documents and Elections:**

*Chaired: Mr. Valerijus Simulik, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Chairman of the Lithuanian delegation to the Baltic Assembly*

- Report by **Ms. Silva Bendrāte**, Chairperson of the Social Affairs Committee  
*Document No. 1 and Document No.5*
- Report by **Mr. Jānis Eglītis**, Chairman of the Education, Science and Culture Committee  
*Document No. 2*
- Report by **Mr. Dzintars Jaundžeikars**, Chairman of the Legal Affairs and Security Committee  
*Document No. 3 and Document No. 8*
- Report by **Ms. Sarmīte Ķikuste**, Chairperson of the Environment Protection and Energy Committee  
*Document No. 4 and Document No. 9*
- Report by the Presidium  
*Document No. 6*
- Report by **Mr. Vents Armands Krauklis**, Chairman of the Economic Affairs, Communication and Informatics Committee, Chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee  
*Document No. 7*

- 13:15**      **Continuation of the BA Session**  
*Chaired by: Ms. Ērika Zommere, President of the Baltic Assembly,  
Chairperson of the Latvian delegation to the Baltic Assembly*
- Report by the BA Drafting Committee and adoption of the documents
  - Report by **Mr. Vents Armands Krauklis**, Chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee:  
*Document No. 10, Document No. 11, and Document No. 12*

Presentation of the Final Document and its adoption

Election of the BA Presidium, committee chairmen and vice chairmen

- 13:35      Address by the newly elected President of the Baltic Assembly

- 13:45      Signing of the documents in *Omega 1*

**14:00**      **Awarding of Baltic Assembly Medals in Hall 1**

- 14:30      Press conference  
Room: *Omega 1*

- 14:30      Lunch  
Room: *Alfa*

Departure of the delegations

## General Information

### Dates and location

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**November 22, 2007** Evening reception for participants and guests hosted by the Latvian Minister of Foreign Affairs

**November 23, 2007** The 13<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council and the conference “The Baltic States and the EU Neighbourhood Policy”  
Baltic Assembly Prize Awarding Ceremony  
Reception hosted by the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly

**November 24, 2007** 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly

The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly, the 13<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council and the conference “The Baltic States and the EU neighbourhood Policy” will take place at the *Reval Hotel Latvia*:

Address: Elizabetes Str. 55, Riga

Phone: (+371) 67772303

Fax: (+371) 67772332

<http://www.revallhotels.com/>

For a detailed schedule and reception venues, please, see the conference programme.

### Arrival and departure

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Please note that if specific arrangements have not been made in advance, the organizers will not provide any transportation from the airport to the *Reval Hotel Latvia* and vice versa.

Transportation for participants will be provided only to and from events that are part of the official programme.

#### **Distance from airport to the city centre:**

Riga International Airport is situated approximately 12 km from the city centre.

#### **Transportation facilities:**

- Taxi from the airport to the *Reval Hotel Latvia* takes approximately 20 minutes (depending on traffic). Fare: LVL 7 – 10
- Bus No. 22 provides direct service between the airport and the city centre. To board the bus at the airport, look for bus stop located opposite the terminal behind the car park. Upon return to the airport, you will disembark at the airport terminal on the 2nd level. Frequency, 10 – 30 minutes; travel time, about 30 minutes. Fare 0.30 LVL
- Bus No. 22 A – express service – connects the airport with the centre of Riga (end point “Katedrāle”, near the *Reval Hotel Latvia*). Fare 0.30 LVL. Additional information on bus lines and schedules is available at <http://www.rigassatiksme.lv/>

## Transportation to the receptions

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### **November 22, 2007**

- Shuttle buses from the *Reval Hotel Latvia* to the reception at the *Riga Design and Art School*, Kr. Valdemāra Str. 139, will depart from **19:30** to **19:45** (**from the *Reval Hotel Latvia***).
- Return transport from the reception at the *Riga Design and Art School* to the hotel after the reception is scheduled for approximately **22:00**.

### **November 23, 2007**

- Shuttle buses from the *Reval Hotel Latvia* to the reception at *Mazā Ģilde* will depart at **19:20**.  
(Please note that entrance to *Mazā Ģilde* will be restricted from 20:00 to 22:30)
- Return transport from the reception at *Mazā Ģilde* to the *Reval Hotel Latvia* after the reception is scheduled for approximately **22:30**

Admission only by invitations. An invitation is included in the conference folder for all registered participants.

## Accommodation

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For the convenience of participants, the organizers have made reservations from 22 to 24 November 2007 at the *Reval Hotel Latvia* (\*\*\*\*), which is the venue of the main events.

Address: Elizabetes Str. 55  
LV-1010, Riga, Latvia  
Phone: (+371) 67772303  
Fax: (+371) 67772332  
<http://www.revalhotels.com/>

Participants are expected to settle their accommodation and additional hotel expenses upon departure from the hotel.

## Programme of the events

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Guests are invited to participate in all events planned for 22–24 November according to the programme. Participation in all events is limited only to delegates and officially invited guests, and sightseeing tours are not included in the programme.

## Registration

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Participants will be registered on:

**November 22, 2007** from 15:00 to 20:00 in *Hall 2*,  
the *Reval Hotel Latvia*

**November 23, 2007** from 7:45 to 16:00 in *Hall 2*,  
the *Reval Hotel Latvia*

## Security

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For security reasons, participants are kindly requested to display their accreditation badges during all events.

## Premises

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### **Premises of the BA national secretariats:**

Latvian secretariat: *Lambda room*  
Estonian secretariat: *Sigma 2 room*  
Lithuanian secretariat: *Sigma 1 room*

### **Premises of the BA Committees:**

Presidium: *Lambda room*  
Social Affairs Committee: *Gamma 1 room*  
Economic Affairs, Communication and Informatics Committee: *Ksi room*  
Environment protection and Energy Committee: *Gamma 2 room*  
Legal Affairs and Security Committee: *Tau room*  
Education, Science and Culture Committee: *Epsilon room*  
Drafting Committee: *Gamma 1 room*  
Budget and Audit Committee: *Gamma 2 room*

## Drafting Committee

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Meetings of the Drafting Committee are convened during the Baltic Assembly Session in order to consider all draft documents presented at the Session and to make necessary amendments to them, if deemed feasible. Drafting Committee meetings will be held on: **November 23**, from **13:00 to 13:50** in *Gamma 1* room and from **18:00 to 19:00** in *Gamma 1* room.

## Press centre

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All events will be open for accredited media representatives. There will be a press conference on **November 23** at **12:30** in *Omega 2* room and on **November 24** at **14:30** in *Omega 1* room.

For the convenience of mass media representatives, a press centre will be available on **November 23** from **08:00 to 18:00** in *Iota* room. Technical equipment provided at the press centre includes two personal computers with Internet access and one printer.

For accreditation of mass media representatives, please contact:

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## Internet

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Participants will have wireless access to the Internet in the lobby of the *Reval Hotel Latvia* on the 1st floor.

## Interpreting

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Official languages during the events will be as follows:

- 13<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council, November 23 from 09:45 to 10:30  
*Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian, English, Russian*
- Conference on “The Baltic States and the EU Neighbourhood Policy”,  
November 23 from 10:30 to 12:30  
*Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian, English, Russian*
- Panel discussions, November 23 from 14:00 to 17:30  
*Latvian, English, Russian*
- 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly, November 24 from 10:00 to 14:00  
*Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian, English, Russian*

## Local time

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Latvia is in the Eastern European time zone. In November, Latvia is on standard time – GMT/UTC plus two hours (**GMT/UTC +2.00**).

## Weather

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The weather in Riga in late autumn is characterized by frequent changes. Average day temperature at the end of November is approx.: **-2°C – +5°C**.

## Currency & banking services

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The official currency of Latvia is the lats (LVL). **LVL 1 = ca. EUR 0,7028**. Most establishments and businesses (including hotels and restaurants) in Riga accept all major credit cards; please check with the individual establishment. There are also numerous currency exchange points and ATMs (automated teller machines) throughout Riga.

## Plan of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in Reval Hotel Latvia

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13<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council: *Omega 1 room*

Press Conference on November 23: *Omega 2 room*

Press Conference on November 24: *Omega 1 room*

Conference: *Omega 1 room* and *Omega 2 room*

Plenary Session, I and III pannel discussions: *Omega 1 room*

II and IV pannel discussions: *Omega 2 room*

26<sup>th</sup> session of Baltic Assembly: *Omega 1 room*

### Premises of the BA national secretariats:

Latvian secretariat: *Lambda room*

Estonian secretariat: *Sigma 2 room*

Lithuanian secretariat: *Sigma 1 room*

### Premises of the BA Committees:

Presidium: *Lambda room*

Social Affairs Committee: *Gamma 1 room*

Economic Affairs, Communication and Informatics Committee: *Ksi room*

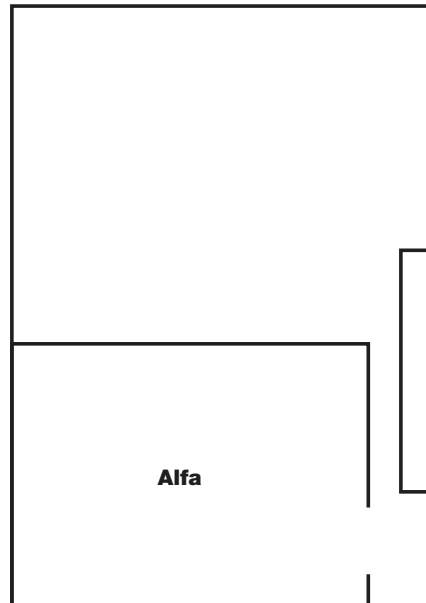
Environment protection and Energy Committee: *Gamma 2 room*

Legal Affairs and Security Committee: *Tau room*

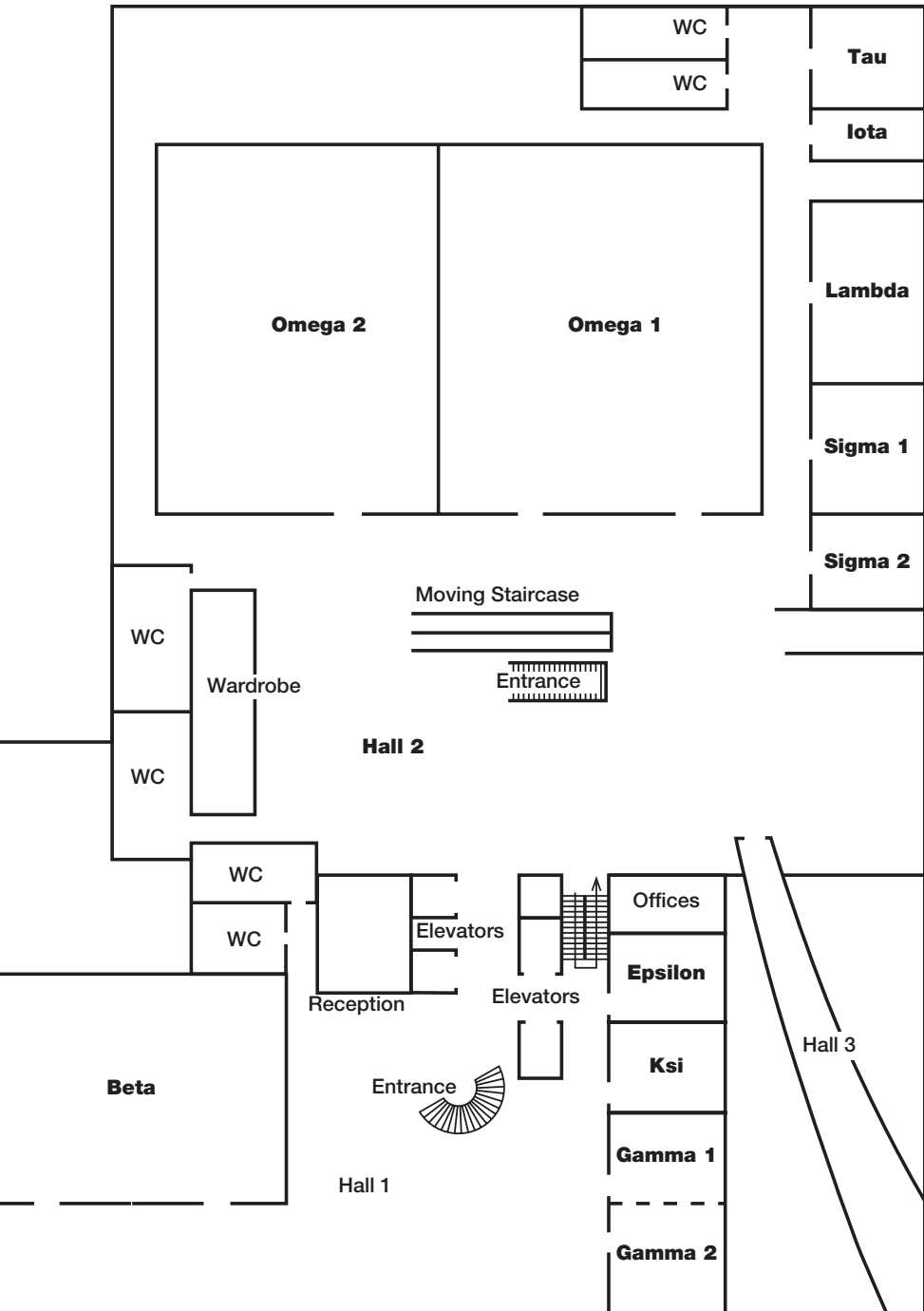
Education, Science and Culture Committee: *Epsilon room*

Drafting Committee: *Gamma 1 room*

Budget and Audit Committee: *Gamma 2 room*







## Useful contacts

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### **For additional information, please contact:**

For all questions parliamentarians, non-governmental organization and think-tank representatives might have:

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H.E. Ms. **Ene Ergma**, President of Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia

H.E. Mr. **Viktoras Muntianas**, Speaker of Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

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H.E. Mr. **Māris Riekstiņš**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

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H.E. Mr. **Petras Vaitiekūnas**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

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### **Benelux Interparliamentary Consultative Council**

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- Mr. Louis Siquet**, MP, Member of the of the BICC Culture, Education and Public Health Committee, Belgium

### **Nordic Council**

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- Mr. Dagfinn Höybråten**, MP, President of the Nordic Council, Norway
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