

**29th Session of the Baltic Assembly
16th Baltic Council
21–23 October 2010, Riga
Saeima of the Republic of Latvia**

Thursday, 21 October

20:00 **Ceremony of awarding the Baltic Assembly Medals**
White Room, Jēkaba iela 11

Friday, 22 October

7:45 Registration
Vestibule, Jēkaba iela 11

8:00 – 8:45 BA Budget and Audit Committee meeting
*Meeting room of the Saeima Economic Committee, Jēkaba iela 10/12
(Room 409)*

8:45 – 9:55 Internal meeting of the BA Presidium
Red Room, Jēkaba iela 11

9:00 – 9:55 - **Meeting of the BA Education, Science and Culture
Committee**
*Meeting room of the Saeima Legal Affairs Committee, Jēkaba iela 11
(Room 426)*
- **Meeting of the BA Economic Affairs, Communications and
Informatics Committee**
*Meeting room of the Saeima Economic Committee, Jēkaba iela 10/12
(Room 409)*
- **Meeting of the BA Legal Affairs and Security Committee**
*Meeting room of the Saeima Foreign Affairs Committee, Jēkaba iela 10/12
(Room 307)*
- **Meeting the BA Social Affairs Committee**
*Meeting room of the Saeima Social and Employment Matters Committee,
Jēkaba iela 10/12 (Room 210)*
- **Meeting of the BA Environmental Protection and Energy
Committee**
*Meeting room of the Saeima Public Expenditure and Audit Committee,
Jēkaba iela 10/12 (Room 106)*
10:00 – 11:00 **Meeting between the BA Presidium and chairpersons and vice
chairpersons of the BA committees (instead of the Drafting
Committee)**
Red Room, Jēkaba iela 11

11:15 **Opening of the 29th Session of the Baltic Assembly**
Plenary Chamber, Jēkaba iela 11
*Co-chaired by Mrs. Ērika Zommere, President of the Baltic Assembly; Mr.
Trivimi Velliste, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly; Paulius Saudargas,
Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*

- **Mrs. Ērika Zommere**, President of the Baltic Assembly
- **H.E. Mr. Gundars Daudze**, Speaker of the Saeima
- **H.E. Mrs. Ene Ergma**, President of the Riigikogu
- **H.E. Mrs. Irena Degutienė**, Speaker of the Seimas

11:45 – 13:00 **16th Baltic Council**
Plenary Chamber, Jēkaba iela 11
*Co-chaired by Mrs. Ērika Zommere, President of the Baltic Assembly, and
Mr. Aivis Ronis, Chairman of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council
of Ministers*

- **Mrs. Ērika Zommere**, President of the Baltic Assembly
- **H.E. Mr. Aivis Ronis**, Chairman of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
- **H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia
- **Mr. Egidijus Meilūnas**, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Questions and answers
Discussion

Signing of the Joint Statement of the 16th Baltic Council

Red Room, Jēkaba iela 11

13:00 – 13:30

Press conference

Red Room, Jēkaba iela 11

14:00 – 18:30

29th BA Session continued

Plenary Chamber, Jēkaba iela 11

Co-chaired by Mr. Trivimi Velliste, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, and Mrs. Silva Bendrāte, Chairperson of the BA Social Affairs Committee

14:00 – 15:15

Joint Health Care Projects in the Baltic States

- **Mrs. Silva Bendrāte**, Chairperson of the BA Social Affairs Committee
- **Mr. Didzis Gavars**, Minister for Health of the Republic of Latvia
- **Mrs. Nora Ribokienē**, Vice Minister for Health of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Mrs. Ivi Normet**, Deputy Secretary General on Health, Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

Discussion

15:30 – 17:00

Towards a Safe Society and the Quality of Life: A Challenge for the 21st Century

Chaired by Paulius Saudargas, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly

- **M. Phil., Ph. D. (Cantab) Mr. Roberts Ķīlis**, Chairman of the Strategic Analysis Commission under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Latvia
- **Mr. Edward Lucas**, *The Economist's* international editor and correspondent for Central and Eastern Europe
- **Dr. Marju Lauristin**, professor, University of Tartu, Faculty of Social Sciences and Education, Institute of Journalism and Communication, Department of Social Communication, Estonia
- **Mr. Arvydas Juozaitis**, philosopher, publicist, Lithuania

Discussion

17:00 – 18:30

29th BA Session continued

Co-chaired by Mrs. Ērika Zommere, President of the Baltic Assembly; Mr. Trivimi Velliste, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly; and Paulius Saudargas, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the BA and BASTIC

Addresses by foreign delegations

Report of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly

Reports of the BA committees on activities in 2010 and priorities for 2011
Discussion on the Resolution of the 29th Session of the Baltic Assembly

Election of the President and Vice Presidents of the Baltic Assembly for
2011
Election of the chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the BA Committees
Address by the newly elected President of the Baltic Assembly

Signing of the Final Document of the 29th Session of the Baltic Assembly

Red Room, Jēkaba iela 11

20:00

Ceremony of awarding the Baltic Assembly Prizes

Gallery Riga Art Space

Kungu iela 3