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. Ėrika 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 Ribokienė**, 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 Ėķīlis**, 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

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**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*