



Commemoration of the Millennium of the Name of Lithuania “Lithuania 1009-2009”
2009 – the year of the 20th Anniversary of the Baltic Way

WORKING PLAN OF THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY FOR 2009
Lithuanian Presidency

DATE, PLACE	EVENT	TOPIC/AGENDA	REMARKS
JANUARY			
8-9			1-New Year's Day; Lithuanian Flag Day 3-Day of Commemoration of the War of Independence Fighters in Estonia 6-Epiphany
15-16			13-Lithuanian Freedom Fighters' Day 15-Klaipėda Region's Day
21-22 Malmö, Sweden-Copenhagen, Denmark	BSPC WG meeting on Labour Market and Social Affairs		20-Commemoration Day of Defenders of the 1991 Barricades in Latvia
22-23 Tallinn, Estonia	BA-NC Annual Summit BA Presidium meeting	- Cooperation activities: review of BA-NC cooperation activities in 2008, joint BA-NC Action Plan 2009 - Future development of the Baltic-Nordic parliamentary seminars - Baltic Sea Strategy - Sustainable development	
29-30			26-International <i>de jure</i> recognition of the Republic of Latvia in 1921
FEBRUARY			
5-6 Vilnius, Lithuania	BA Presidium meeting BA Budget and Audit		2-Anniversary of the Tartu Peace Treaty (signed in 1920, between Estonia and

	Committee meeting Joint BA Presidium & BA Budget and Audit Committee meeting		Soviet Russia)
12-13 Riga, Latvia	BA Social Affairs Committee meeting	Formation of a flexible labour market in the Baltic states under the conditions of economic crisis: - Characteristic features of the unemployment situation: forecasts, trends, implications - Management of the unemployment situation: government's timely actions and social support	
24 – 25, Stockholm	BDF energy platform		16 -Lithuanian Statehood Restoration Day
24-26 Brussels, Belgium	1 st Northern Dimension Parliamentary Forum BSPC Expanded Standing Committee meeting		24 -Independence Day, Anniversary of the Republic of Estonia (1918); St. Matthew Day in Estonia
MARCH			
1-2 Helsinki, Finland	BSPC WG meeting on Energy and Climate Change		4-Day of St. Casimir, Patron of Lithuania 8-International Women's Day
13-14 Brussels, Belgium	BICC Session BA Presidium meeting BA-BICC Presidiums meeting		11 -Lithuanian Independence Restoration Day 14-Day of Mother Tongue in Estonia
19-20 Tallinn, Estonia	BA Legal Affairs and Security Committee meeting	Challenges and problems of the Schengen system: - Border policy and illegal migration - Compensatory measures and improved cooperation	20-International Earth Day
23-24 Vilnius, Lithuania	Nordic, Baltic, Belarus Conference	The role of politicians in changing societies: - Economic crisis: impact on climate and environmental policy with possible effect on food supply - Climate change and energy: the need of involving civil society - Political debate in Finland before the decision of building a new nuclear power plant - The role of politicians in changing societies-the way ahead. A discussion of the value added of the Nordic, Baltic, Belarus contact	25 -Commemoration Day of the Victims of Communist Terror in Latvia 29-Day of Lithuania's, Estonia's and Latvia's Accession to NATO
24-26, Warsaw, Poland	Meeting of the BSPC Secretariat		

30-31 Tallinn, Estonia	BSPC WG meeting on Labour Market and Social Affairs		
APRIL			
2-4 Rakvere, Estonia	Basketball tournament on the BA Cup 2009 BA Presidium meeting		
9-10			6-Safe Traffic Day 7-World Health Day 10-Good Friday 12 -Easter Sunday
16-17 Denmark	NC Presidium and Committees meetings NC Citizens and Consumer Rights Committee (+BA Legal Affairs and Security Committee) NC Welfare Committee (+BA Social Affairs Committee)	- Visit to refugee camps for children and asylum applicants - Common ideas and problems on flexible labour market, social security, labour force	13 -Easter Day 14 -Second Easter Day 15-Culture Day
23-24 Klaipėda, Lithuania	BA Environmental Protection and Energy Committee meeting with participation of the BA Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatics Committee	- Cooperation in developing a common electricity and gas market in the Baltic and Nordic countries and Western Europe - Cooperation in ensuring reliable energy supply to the Baltic countries (sufficient generation capacity and extended energy transmission links between the countries)	27-Medical Personnel Day In cooperation with the BCM
MAY			
1			1 -Day of Lithuania's, Estonia's and Latvia's Accession to the European Union; International Labour Day; Spring Day in Estonia 1 -Convocation of the Constitutional Assembly of the Republic of Latvia 3 -Mother's Day in Lithuania
			4 -Proclamation of the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Latvia in 1990 7-Lithuanian Press Resumption, Language and Book Day 8-Day of Commemoration of Victims of World War II in Lithuania 9-Europe Day 10 -Mother's Day in Estonia
11-12 Berlin, Germany	BSPC WG meeting on Labour Market and Social Affairs		14-Day of Civil Resistance in Lithuania; Day of Mourning and Commemoration of Victims of Communist Terror in Estonia

			15-Day Constituent Seimas Meeting; International Family Day 17-World Information Society Day
18-19 Berlin, Germany	BSPC WG meeting on Energy and Climate Change		18-Day of Partisans' Commemoration, Unity of Army and Society in Lithuania
21-22 Panevežys, Lithuania	BA Education, Science and Culture Committee meeting Meeting of the BA Presidium	- Promotion of competitiveness of the Baltic countries, innovation, research, and creative industries	In cooperation with the NC Education, Culture and Training Committee
28-29, Warsaw, Poland	The 2 nd Meeting of the BSPC Enlarged Standing Committee		25-International Missing Children's Day 31 -Pentecost in Estonia
JUNE			
			1-International Children's Defence Day 3-Day of Sajūdis (Lithuanian Reform Movement) 4 -National Flag Day in Estonia 7 -Father's Day in Lithuania
12-13 Brussels, Belgium	BICC Session BA Presidium meeting BA-BICC Presidiums meeting		14-Day of Mourning and Hope in Lithuania; Day of Mourning and Commemoration of Victims of Communist Terror in Estonia and Latvia
18 -19 Vilnius, Lithuania	BA Roundtable discussions with GUAM PA and Benelux Parliament	- New threats to international security	15-Day of Occupation and Genocide in Lithuania 17 -Occupation of the Republic of Latvia in 1940
26-27			22 -Heroes' Commemoration Day in Latvia 23-June Rebellion Day in Lithuania 23 -Victory Day in Estonia (1919, War of Independence) 24 -Day of Dew (St. John's Day), <i>Jāņu diena</i> & Jaanipäev
27-28			
JULY			
2-3			4 -Commemoration Day of Genocide of Jewish people in Latvia in 1941
9-10			6 -Statehood Day in Lithuania (King Mindaugas Coronation Day)
16-17			15-Day of Grunwald Battle
23-24			
30-31			27-Day of the Sea
AUGUST			
6-7			
13-14			11 -Commemoration Day of Latvian Freedom Fighters 12-International Youth Day

			15-Assumption Day in Lithuania
22 - 23 Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Lithuania	Commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the Baltic Way		20-Day of Restoration of Independence of the Republic of Estonia in 1991 21-Passing of the Constitutional Law on the Statehood of the Republic of Latvia in 1991 23-Black Ribbon and Baltic Way Day
30-1 September Nyborg, Denmark	18 th BSPC BA Presidium meeting BA-NC Presidiums meeting		31-Freedom Day; Withdrawal of Russian Troops from Lithuania in 1993
SEPTEMBER			
3-4			1-Day of Science and Knowledge
10-11			8-Feast of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Coronation Day of Vytautas the Great and Day of Thanksgiving for Defence of Independence and Freedom of Lithuania
17-18 Vilnius, Lithuania	BA Theme Conference BA discussions on development and aims of the Baltic Assembly (only for BA members) BA Committees' and Presidium meetings	New threats to international security	
17-18 Panevėžys, Lithuania	BA Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatics Committee meeting	Development of transport infrastructure of the Baltic countries: evaluation of Via Baltica, Rail Baltica and Via Hanseatica projects	Meeting postponed to March 2010
24-25			22-Balts' Solidarity Day 22-Resistance Day in Estonia 23-Genocide Memorial Day of Lithuanian Jews 27-Day of Lithuanian Social Workers
27-28 Åland, Finland	NC Presidium and Committees meetings NC Citizens and Consumer Rights Committee		28-Memorial Day of Tuskulėnai Victims
OCTOBER			
1-2 Riga, Latvia	BA Budget and Audit Committee meeting BA Education, Science and Culture Committee meeting	- Follow up meeting on vocational and higher education in the Baltic countries	1-International Day for the Elderly
			16-Genocide Memorial Day

15-16 Riga, Latvia	BA Prize Joint Jury meeting		of the People of Lithuania Minor
22-23 Lithuania	BA Social Affairs Committee meeting	- Establishment of the joint healthcare system in the Baltic countries	25-Lithuanian Constitution Day
26-28 Sweden	NC Session BA Presidium meeting BA-NC Presidiums meeting		
NOVEMBER			
5-6			1 -All Saints' Day in Lithuania 2 -Day of Commemorating the Dead (All Souls' Day) in Lithuania 8 -Fathers' Day in Estonia 8–18th Anniversary of the Baltic Assembly
12-13			10 -St Martin's Day in Estonia 11 -Latvian Freedom Fighters Commemoration Day– <i>Lacplesis</i> Day
19-20			16 -Day of Declaring the Sovereignty of the Republic of Estonia in 1988 18 -Proclamation of the Republic of Latvia in 1918
26-28 Vilnius, Lithuania	28 th BA Session 15 th BC BA's Presidium & Committees meetings		23-Day of the Lithuanian Army 25 -St. Catherine's Day in Estonia 30-Act Day of Lithuania Minor's Joining Great Lithuania
DECEMBER			
3-4			
8-9 Norway	NC Presidium meeting NC – BA Summit, tbc.		
11-12 Brussels, Belgium	BICC Session BA Presidium meeting BA-BICC Presidiums meeting		10-International Human Rights Day
			24 -Christmas Eve 25 -Christmas Day 26 -Second Christmas Day