



**30th Session of the Baltic Assembly
17th Baltic Council
24 – 25 November 2011, Tallinn
*Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia***

Thursday, 24 November

- 13:00-15:30 **International conference „The Baltic Ways: 20 Years on. Closing the Gaps in the Baltic Sea Region“;**
- 19:45 **Gala concert devoted to the 20th anniversary of the Baltic Assembly
Prize Awarding Ceremony of the Baltic Assembly**

Friday, 25 November

- 7:45-11:30 **Registration**
- 8:00 – 8:45 **Internal meeting of the BA Budget and Audit Committee,**
- 8:45 – 9:55 **Internal meeting of the BA Presidium**
- 8:45 – 9:55 - **Internal meeting of the BA Education, Science and Culture Committee**
- **Internal meeting of the BA Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatics Committee**
- **Internal meeting of the BA Legal Affairs and Security Committee**
- **Internal meeting the BA Social Affairs Committee**
- **Internal meeting of the BA Environmental Protection and Energy Committee**
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Internal meeting of the BA Presidium’ members and chairmen and vice-chairmen of the BA committees (*acting as the Drafting Committee*)**
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Trilateral meeting of the BA Presidium, delegation of the Benelux Parliament and delegations of the GUAM PA**
- 11:15 **Opening of the 30th Session of the Baltic Assembly in the Plenary Hall**
Chaired by:
- ***Mrs Laine Randjärv, President of the Baltic Assembly***
- ***Mr Paulius Saudargas, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly***
- ***Mr Raimonds Vējonis, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly***
- **Mrs Laine Randjärv, President of the Baltic Assembly**
- **H.E. Mrs Ene Ergma, President of the Riigikogu**
- **H. E. Mrs Irena Degutienė, Speaker of the Seimas**
- **H.E. Mrs Solvita Āboltiņa, Speaker of the Saeima**
- 11:45 – 13:00 **17th Baltic Council**
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- *H.E. Mr Urmas Paet, Chairman of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia*

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- **H.E. Mr Audronius Ažubalis**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania,
- **H.E. Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

Questions and answers

Debate

Signing of the Joint Statement of the 17th Baltic Council

13:00 – 13:30 **Press conference in the Plenary Hall**

14:00 – 18:30 30th BA Session continued in the Riigikogu Plenary Hall

14:00 – 15:00 **Joint Health Care Projects in the Region**

Chaired by:

Mr Aadu Must, Deputy Head of the BA Estonian delegation

Mrs Irena Šiaulienė, Deputy Head of the BA Lithuanian delegation

Mr Jānis Reirs, Deputy Head of the BA Latvian delegation

- **Mr Gediminas Navaitis**, Vice Chairman of the Social Affairs Committee of the Baltic Assembly
- **Ms Ivi Normet**, Deputy Secretary General on Health of the Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia

Debate

15:00– 16:30 **Sustainable energy market in the region**

Chaired by:

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- *Mr Paulius Saudargas, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*

- *Mr Raimonds Vējonis, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*

- **Ms Catharina Sikow-Magny**, Deputy Head of Unit of the Energy Policy, Security of Supply & Networks of the Directorate General for Energy, European Commission
- **Mr Einari Kisel**, Deputy Secretary General on Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia
- **Dr. Arvydas Galinis**, Expert from the Lithuanian Energy Institute
- **Mr Dins Merirands**, Director of the Energy Department of the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia

Debate

17:00 – 17:30 **Awarding of the Medals of the Baltic Assembly**

Adresses by foreign delegations

- **Mr Bertel Haarder**, President of the Nordic Council
- **Mr Jack Biskop**, President of the Benelux Parliament
- **Mr Anatolie Dimitriu**, Chairman of the Moldavian delegation to GUAM Parliamntary Assembly

- **Mr Nikola Novakovic**, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia representing the South East Europe Cooperation Process

17:30 – 18:00

Governmental report on the progress of joint infrastructure projects in the region

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Report by Mr Anti Moppel, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia

Debate

18:00 – 18:15

Report of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly

- **Mrs Laine Randjärv**, President of the Baltic Assembly

Debate

18:15 – 18:30

**Adoption of the Final document of the 30th Session of the Baltic Assembly
Election of the President and Vice Presidents of the Baltic Assembly for 2012**

**Election of the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the BA Committees
Speech of the newly elected President of the Baltic Assembly**

18:30

Signing of the Final document of the 30th Session of the Baltic Assembly
White Hall of the Riigikogu