

# 34th Session of the Baltic Assembly and 21st Baltic Council

19–20 November 2015 Vilnius, Lithuania

# **PROGRAMME**

Thursday, 19 November

# 17:30–18:30 Internal meetings of the Presidium and Committees of the Baltic Assembly - Meeting of the Presidium - Meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee - Meeting of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee - Meeting of the Legal Affairs and Security Committee - Meeting of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee - Meeting of the Welfare Committee 18:30–19:15 Meeting of the Budget and Audit Committee 18:30–19:15 Baltic Assembly Prize Award Ceremony

## Friday, 20 November

| Arrival of participants to | the Seimas of the | Republic of Lithuania |
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**08:00–16:30 Registration** 

08:00-09:30 Meeting between the Presidium and chairs and vice chairs of the

committees

09:45 Family photo

# 10:00–10:30 Opening of the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly

Plenary Chamber

Chaired by:

- **Dr Giedrė Purvaneckienė**, President of the Baltic Assembly
- **Dr Jānis Vucāns**, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly
- **Dr Aadu Must**, Member of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly

#### National anthems of the Baltic States

# **Speeches by the Speakers of Parliaments of the Baltic States:**

- H.E. Ms Loreta Graužinienė, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- H.E. Ms Ināra Mūrniece, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
- H.E. Mr Eiki Nestor, President of the Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia

# 10:30–11:40 **21**<sup>st</sup> **Baltic Council**

Chaired by:

- **Dr Giedrė Purvaneckienė**, President of the Baltic Assembly
- H.E. Mr Linas Linkevičius, Chair of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- Dr Giedrė Purvaneckienė, President of the Baltic Assembly
- H.E. Mr Linas Linkevičius, Chair of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- H.E. Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
- H.E. Ms Marina Kaljurand, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

#### Questions and answers. Debate

# 11:45 Signing of the Joint Statement of the 21st Baltic Council

12:00–12:50 Press conference

13:00-14:00 Pause

# 14:00–18:30 Continuation of the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly

#### 14:00–14:30 **Session 1**

Development of joint transport and infrastructure projects in the region: RailBaltica/RailBaltic and ViaBaltica projects

Chaired by:

- Mr Rytas Kupčinskas, Member of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly, Vice Chair of the Lithuanian Delegation to the Baltic Assembly
- **Dr Romualds Ražuks,** Member of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly, Vice Chair of the Latvian Delegation to the Baltic Assembly
- **Mr Toomas Kivimägi**, Vice Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Member of the Estonian delegation to the Baltic Assembly
- Mr Rimantas Sinkevičius, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania

#### Questions and answers. Debate

#### 14:30-15:00

# **Session 2**

Cooperation of the Baltic States in cybersecurity and cyber defence *Chaired by:* 

- Mr Rytas Kupčinskas, Member of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly, Vice Chair of the Lithuanian Delegation to the Baltic Assembly
- **Dr Romualds Ražuks**, Member of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly, Vice Chair of the Latvian Delegation to the Baltic Assembly
- Mr Toomas Kivimägi, Vice Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Member of the Estonian delegation to the Baltic Assembly
- Ms Karolina Ainge, Head of Estonian Cyber Security Policy,
   Department of State Information Systems, Ministry of Economic
   Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Estonia

#### **Ouestions and answers. Debate**

15:00-16:00

# **Session 3**

Implementation of the Partnership Agreement on Joint Procurements of Medicinal Products and Medical Devices and Lending of Medicinal Products and Medical Devices Procurable Centrally and other joint health care projects

Chaired by:

- **Dr Giedrė Purvaneckienė**, President of the Baltic Assembly
- **Dr Jānis Vucāns**, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly
- **Dr Aadu Must**, Member of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly

- Mr Valentin Gavrilov, Vice Minister of Health of the Republic of Lithuania
- Ms Egita Pole, Deputy Secretary of State, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia

#### **Questions and answers. Debate**

#### 16:00–16:30 **Pause**

#### 16:30-17:30

#### **Session 4**

Internal security of the European Union: coherence between the internal and external dimensions to protect our societies

Chaired by:

- **Dr Giedrė Purvaneckienė**, President of the Baltic Assembly
- **Dr Jānis Vucāns**, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly
- **Dr** Aadu Must, Member of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly
- Mr Artūras Norkevičius, Vice Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania
- Ms Evika Siliņa, Parliamentary Secretary of State, Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Latvia
- Mr Väino Linde, Senior Adviser to the Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Estonia

#### **Questions and answers. Debate**

#### 17:30

# Continuation of the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly

# Addresses by foreign delegations and guests

- Ms Ólína Kjerúlf Þorvarðardóttir, Vice President of the Nordic Council
- Mr Jef Van den Bergh, Chairman of the Belgian delegation of the Benelux Parliament
- **Mr Anatoliy Matviyenko**, Chairman of the GUAM Parliamentary Assembly, Head of the Ukrainian delegation to the GUAM PA
- Mr Zurab Abashidze, Head of the Georgian delegation to the GUAM PA

#### **Report of the Presidium**

Dr Giedrė Purvaneckienė, President of the Baltic Assembly

#### **Questions and answers. Debate**

# Report of the Budget and Audit Committee

Ms Irena Degutienė, Chair of the Budget and Audit Committee

## Questions and answers. Debate

Adoption of the Final Document of the 34th Session of the Baltic Assembly

Election of the President and Vice Presidents of the Baltic Assembly for

# 2016

Election of the chairs and vice chairs of the committees

Address by the newly elected President of the Baltic Assembly

Signing of the Final Document of the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly