



**Joint meeting of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee and the
Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly**
3 March 2017, Riga (Latvia)

Programme

Friday, 3 March

Venue: Parliament of the Republic of Latvia

09:00	<p>Opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Aivar Kokk, Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly
09:05–09:40	<p>Military and defence aspects of energy security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colonel Gintaras Bagdonas, NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence <p>Debate</p>
09:40–11:15	<p>Session 1 Regional Gas Market Development: economically viable long-term regional solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly - Gas market liquidity, integration and competitiveness - Regional gas market: infrastructure projects, interconnectors-ions?, new regional LNG projects - Gas market rules, entry-exit system with common gas transmission tariff regime, pricing and possible socialisation of costs - Increased supply, security and diversification - EU financial support for implementation of regional solutions - Regional cooperation in risk assessment and emergency preparedness: report on regional Preventive Action Plan and Emergency Plan <p><i>Chaired by Mr Atis Lejiņš, Vice Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly</i></p> <p>Government reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Egidijus Purlys, Vice Minister of the Lithuanian Ministry of Energy - Mr Rein Vaks, Expert of the Energy Department of the Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications - Ms Olga Bogdanova, Director of the Energy Market and Infrastructure Department of the Latvian Ministry of Economics <p>Reports by international partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Eero Lehti, Member of the Commerce Committee of the Parliament of Finland - Mr Jan Mosiński, Member of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of Poland - Mr Marcel Oberweis, Vice President of the Benelux Parliament <p>Debate Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>

11:15–11:30	Pause
11:30 –13:00	<p>Session II Regional Electricity Market: economically viable long-term regional solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly - Synchronisation with the European Continental Network: scenarios by the Joint Research Centre - Baltic Energy Market Integration Plan: needed investments, electricity market integration, interconnections, generation adequacy <p><i>Chaired by Mr Atis Lejiņš, Vice Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly</i></p> <p>Keynote speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Marcelo Masera, Head of the Energy Security, Distribution and Markets Unit at the European Commission <p>Governmental reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Egidijus Purlys, Lithuanian Vice Minister of Energy, - Mr Jaanus Uiga, Expert of the Energy Department of the Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications - Ms Olga Bogdanova, Director of the Energy Market and Infrastructure Department of the Latvian Ministry of Economics <p>Reports by international partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Eero Lehti, Member of the Commerce Committee of the Parliament of Finland - Mr Piotr Wach, Senator, Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee of the Senate of Poland - Mr Marcel Oberweis, Vice President of the Benelux Parliament <p>Debate Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
13:00–13:10	Pause
13:10–14:00	<p>Session III Exchange of views on energy projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NordStream II project - Astravets NPP project <p><i>Chaired by Mr Atis Lejiņš, Vice Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Reinis Āboltiņš, Energy expert <p>Views by international partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Marek Suski, Chair of the Energy and State Treasury Committee of the Sejm of Poland - Mr Marcel Oberweis, Vice President of the Benelux Parliament <p>Debate Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
14:00–14:30	Internal meeting of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee, and the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly