

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Education, Science and Culture Committee of the Baltic Assembly in 2018

Agenda of the Committee in 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Foundation of the Baltic Culture Fund: Action Plan- Strategic communication and cooperation of Lithuanian Radio and Television Commission, National Electronic Mass Media Council of Latvia and Estonian Public Broadcasting Council- Introduction of automatic recognition of diplomas and degrees in the Baltic States- Cooperation in higher and vocational education of the Baltic States- Digitalisation and online accessibility of cultural materials and digital preservation- Protection of cultural heritage in the Baltic States
Resolution of the 36th Session of the Baltic Assembly and Statement of the 23rd Baltic Council (2017)	<p>Recommendations of the Baltic Assembly, initiated by the Committee:</p> <p>in regard to the introduction of automatic recognition of diplomas and degrees in the Baltic States:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to finalise and sign the agreement among the governments of the Baltic States on the automatic recognition of diplomas and degrees in the shortest possible time; <p>in regard to cooperation in higher and professional education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to elaborate an action plan for removal of administrative obstacles (coordination, accreditation, compatibility of systems, matriculation, cross-border financial settlements, research infrastructure etc.) for launching of expensive higher and professional education programmes such as medicine and veterinary medicine as well as to carry out measures to synchronise legislative basis;- to continue work on launching of new joint programmes of the Baltic States in higher education in bilateral and trilateral format;- with an active and targeted approach, to continue joint actions in the Baltic Science Network; <p>in regard to the cooperation in vocational education and training (VET):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- with an active and targeted approach, to implement the Declaration of Intent between the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania, and the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia on the Baltic Alliance of Apprenticeship and Work Based Learning;- to continue consultations on expert level in regard to joint VET programmes in bilateral and trilateral format; <p>in regard to the cultural cooperation of the Baltic States:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- taking into consideration the valuable experience and outstanding contribution of the Nordic Culture Fund, to launch intergovernmental negotiations among relevant ministries of the Baltic States about foundation of the Baltic Culture Fund for promotion of cultural partnerships and strengthening of cultural ties among our countries, especially in the light of the 100th anniversaries of our countries; <p>in regard to strategic communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to develop joint educational programmes and joint projects in regard to the strategic communication.

**Resolution
of the 37th
Session of
the Baltic
Assembly
and
Statement of
the 24th
Baltic
Council**

Proposals on recommendations, initiated by the Committee:

in regard to the foundation of the Baltic Culture Fund:

- welcoming decisive actions and political commitment by the Ministries of the Baltic States in regard to the swift implementation of the initiative and recommendation of the Baltic Assembly to establish the Baltic Culture Fund especially in connection with the centennial anniversary of independence of our countries, to ensure that the Baltic Culture Fund will be operating from 1 January 2019;
- to elaborate and adopt the Regulations on the Baltic Culture Fund to ensure efficient and transparent procedures of the Fund;
- to provide funding to the Baltic Culture Fund for the development of cultural initiatives and new cultural projects within the Baltic States thus supporting the mutual interest of the Baltic States in upholding their national identity and self-esteem as well as to promote and reinforce Baltic achievements in culture;
- to provide funding for translation of works of the Baltic Assembly Prize winners for literature;
- to ensure the involvement of the national parliaments and the Baltic Assembly in the work of the Baltic Culture Fund to ensure efficient and transparent work as it is attested by the Nordic Culture Fund;

in regard to the Baltic information space:

- to strengthen exchange of news, develop joint bilateral and trilateral programmes and projects among state funded mass media of the Baltic States;
- to develop an action plan of strategic communication of the Baltic States;

in regard to cooperation in education and research:

- to formulate joint vision of the Baltic States in regard to cooperation and development in research and education;
- to accelerate cooperation of the Baltic States in regard to joint higher and vocational programmes;

in regard to the digitalisation and protection of cultural heritage:

- to elaborate equal systems and common criteria for digitalisation and online accessibility of cultural materials and digital preservation;
- to raise public awareness about the implications of illegal detectorism;
- to launch negotiations among the national libraries of the Baltic States to maintain a network for preservation of cultural heritage.