

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly in 2018

<p>Agenda of the Committee in 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alcohol policy in the Baltic States - Implementation of the Partnership Agreement on Joint Procurements of Medicinal Products and Medical Devices and Lending of Medicinal Products and Medical Devices Procurable Centrally - Signing of agreement on cross-border cooperation in the provision of ambulance services in the Lithuanian-Latvian border area - Specialisation of medical centres in the Baltic States on expert level - Cooperation in exchange of human organs for transplantation
<p>Resolution of the 36th Session of the Baltic Assembly and Statement of the 23rd Baltic Council (2017)</p>	<p>Recommendations of the Baltic Assembly, initiated by the Committee: in regard to the cooperation in admission and integration of asylum seekers and migrants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to work on the elimination of causes of migration and on social economic integration of refugees for a short-term period, and promote return of refugees to countries of origins; - to establish a format for regular discussions in the framework of the Baltic Council of Ministers on the reallocation and resettlement of asylum seekers to compare the approaches, policies, used funds and practical organisational procedures of the Baltic States; <p>in regard to cooperation in health sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with an active and targeted approach, to continue 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 the Declaration on Cooperation in Organ Transplantation signed by the Baltic States; - to urge Latvia and Lithuania to finalise and sign an agreement on cross-border cooperation in the provision of ambulance services in the Lithuanian-Latvian border area; - to commence negotiations on expert level about the list of possible joint procurements and lending of medical devices; - to start consultations on expert level about joint approaches towards producers of medicine and medical devices; - to commence negotiations on expert level about the list of possible joint procurements for medical supplies for hospitals; - to settle obstacles of logistics for exchanging organs for transplantation.
<p>Resolution of the 37th Session of the Baltic Assembly and Statement of the 24th Baltic Council</p>	<p>Proposals on recommendations initiated by the Committee: in regard to the cooperation of the Baltic States in the health care sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to finalise all internal procedures among the relevant ministries of Lithuania and Latvia in order to sign an agreement on cross-border cooperation in the provision of ambulance services in the Lithuanian-Latvian border area during this year; - to agree about the list of possible joint procurements of vaccines for the next period; - to start consultations about joint approaches towards producers of medicine and medical devices;

- to commence negotiations about the list of possible joint procurements for medical supplies for hospitals (for example, syringes, bandage gauzes etc.);
- to find a solution for transitional period concerning cooperation of the Baltic States in exchange of organs for transplantation).

in regard to the Cooperation in Reduction of Alcohol consumption:

- with target-oriented approach and without delay, to implement agreed decisions stated in the *Memorandum of Intent on Cooperation in Reduction of Alcohol consumption, smoking and tackle morbidity trends related to nutrition*;
- to coordinate activities of the relevant institutions of the Baltic States in regard to the implementation of European and global actions plans and other strategic documents in regard to alcohol policies;
- to elaborate concrete action plan for cooperation of the Baltic States in pursuit of reducing alcohol-related harm for the people of the Baltic States;
- to foster cross-border cooperation of municipalities of the Baltic States in developing community-based prevention;
- to strengthen direct contacts of relevant experts and intensify exchange of information on policies and best practices among the Baltic States;
- positively assessing current framework of the cooperation, to strengthen joint measures and intensify coordination of activities among law enforcement institutions of the Baltic States to fight against smuggling of alcohol and tobacco in the region;
- to organise meetings of the tax experts of the Baltic States at least four times a year to ensure regular exchange of information among the Baltic States;
- to ensure exchange of information among relevant stakeholders, especially in the process of elaborating new policies, action plans and taxation;
- to elaborate joint measures against the challenge of “cosmetic spirit” in the Region;
- to promote involvement of NGOs and civil society in educating people of the Baltic States about harmful impact of alcohol use;
- to organise joint social campaigns in the Baltic States to raise public awareness thus strengthening public support and understanding (for example, “O degree”, campaigns against drink driving etc.);
- to elaborate common proposals of the Baltic States for the European action plan to reduce the harmful use of alcohol beyond 2020;
- to promote joint research projects in this field among the Baltic States.