

**Joint meeting of the Security and Defence Committee and the Health, Welfare  
and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

*11 May 2018, Tallinn, Estonia*

**“External – Internal Security Nexus of the Baltic States:  
National and Regional Measures to face Security Threats”**

**Programme**

**Friday, 11 May**

09:00 – 09:30

**Session 1**

**Annual Assessment of Threats to the National Security of the Baltic States**

*Chaired by:*

- *Mr Andrius Kubilius, Chair of the Security and Defence Committee*
- *Mr Jānis Ādamsons, Vice Chair of the Security and Defence Committee*
- *Ms Urve Tiidus, Vice Chair of the Security and Defence Committee*

- **Mr Sven Sakkov**, Director of the International Centre for Defence and Security, Estonia

Debates

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

09:30 – 11:00

**Session 2**

**Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Prevention, Preparedness and Response:**

- Implementation of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Estonia, the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on Mutual Assistance and Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- Cooperation of the Baltic States with neighbouring third countries
- Securing communication with society in case of crisis and diminishing vulnerability

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- *Mr Andrius Kubilius, Chair of the Security and Defence Committee*
- *Mr Jānis Ādamsons, Vice Chair of the Security and Defence Committee*
- *Ms Urve Tiidus, Vice Chair of the Security and Defence Committee*

- **Mr Edgaras Geda**, Head of Civil Protection Board of the Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania
- **Ms Evika Siliņa**, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Interior,

Latvia

- **Mr Jaanis Otsla**, Deputy Head of the Rescue and Crisis Management Policy Department of the Ministry of the Interior, Estonia

Debates

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

11:00 – 11:15 Pause

11:15 – 12:30

### Session 3

#### **Societal security and risks: crisis management and civil protection**

- Transboundary coordination between various sectors and areas of responsibility in emergency management
- Measures to enhance health care sector preparedness in emergency cases
- Supply and distribution of articles of prime necessity in times of crisis
- Introduction to civil protection in educational programmes

*Chaired by:*

- **Mr Andrius Kubilius**, Chair of the Security and Defence Committee
- **Mr Helmen Kütt**, Vice Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee
- **Mr Romualds Ražuks**, Member of the Presidium

- **Mr Rimas Ališauskas**, Head of Defence Policy Section, Defence Policy and Euroatlantic Cooperation Department, Ministry of National Defence, Lithuania
- **Dr Romualds Ražuks**, Chair of the Public Health Subcommittee of the Social and Employment Matters Committee of the Saeima, Member of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly

*“Readiness of Latvian Health Care Institutions and Personnel for Disaster management”*

- **Mr Martin Kadai**, Head of the Primary Health Care Department of the Health Board, Estonia

Debates

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

12:30 – 13:30 Pause

13:30 – 14:45

#### **Governmental reports of the Baltic Council of Ministers regarding implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly 2017**

*Chaired by:*

- **Mr Andrius Kubilius**, Chair of the Security and Defence Committee
- **Mr Jānis Adamsons**, Vice Chair of the Security and Defence Committee
- **Ms Urve Tiidus**, Vice Chair of the Security and Defence Committee

### Session 4

#### **Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in regard to the coordinated border management:**

- to take coordinated measures for protection of the external border of the European Union
- to finalise and sign agreements between the governments of the Republic of Latvia, Republic of Estonia and Republic of Lithuania on the maintenance of Latvian-Estonian and Latvian-Lithuanian borders and

- activities of border guard representatives
- based on the signed agreement "Joint Patrol Agreement between the State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, the Police Department under the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, the State Border Guard of the Republic of Latvia and the State Police of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia", to continue preparation of practical instructions, ensure communication compatibility and remove organisational and bureaucratic obstacles
- to ensure continuation of the operational cooperation of state border guard services of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in combating cross-border crime;
- to continue international cooperation in the framework of the joint operations related to the combatting of illegal immigration and preventing the activities of international organized crime groups

- **Dr Agnė Vereškienė**, Chief Specialist of the International Operations Division, of the State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania

Debates

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### Session 5

#### **Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in regard to the support to the Eastern Partnership countries:**

- to continue provision of political and economic support to GUAM countries
- to promote strengthening of cooperation and coordinated efforts between the EU and the U.S. in regard to the Eastern Partnership policies which would give new impetus for development
- to strengthen state and societal resilience and provide support for reform processes in the Eastern Partnership countries
- to stress absolute support to the proposals to the Eastern Partnership Summit, which were listed in the Letter of the Leaders of the Baltic Assembly to Heads of State and Government of the Eastern Partnership Summit 2017 on 10 October 2017

- **Mr Simonas Šatūnas**, Ambassador-at-Large, Special Coordinator for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania
- **Mr Andris Razāns**, Ambassador, Director of Policy Planning of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latvia

Debates

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### Session 6

#### **Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in regard to the cooperation in security and defence:**

- to coordinate actions of the Baltic States in implementation of the decisions of the NATO Warsaw Summit, continue target-oriented coordination of activities in defence planning and capability development and to ensure permanent and robust presence of the US and other NATO member states' troops in the Baltic States;
- to continue further cooperation in the areas of defence planning and capability development

- to facilitate smooth and rapid movement of Allied forces in the region and simplify related bureaucratic procedures among the Baltic States;
- to develop an action plan for strengthening of the cross-border operational cooperation of the Baltic States
- to take coordinated steps to ensure our ability to effectively address the challenges posed by hybrid warfare and to develop a set of tools to deter and defend against hybrid warfare by using complex and adaptive combination of conventional and non-conventional means

**in regard to the joint military procurements of the Baltic States:**

- to continue negotiations of the Baltic States for synchronisation of procurements of military equipment, establishment of joint management and maintenance systems and repair services for military equipment in the Region
- to coordinate plans for joint military procurements of the Baltic States in bilateral, trilateral and multilateral format for a time period of four years
- to introduce Baltic standard and standardization for simple military procurements

- **Ms Eve Vungo**, Director of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Defence, Estonia

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14:45

Internal meeting for members of the Security and Defence Committee and Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly