### PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

(08/02/2021)

#### 12 February 2021

**10:00—11:30**  
**Economic recovery of the Baltic states: joint efforts and exchange of practices to overcome the challenges posed by the crisis**  
— Prognosis on the economic recovery of the Baltic states  
— Status update on the current cooperation between the Baltic states to overcome the crisis  
— Cooperation areas to be developed for strengthening the Baltic Region  
— Joint measures to decrease dependence on products from distant countries  
— Economic recovery package on the EU level: possibilities for the joint efforts of the Baltic states  
— Baltic Road Map 2030 for cooperation  

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— **Ms Jovita Neliupšienė**, Vice-Minister of Economy and Innovation, Lithuania  
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— **Mr Raimonds Aleksejenko**, Deputy State Secretary on Economic Issues, Ministry of Economics, Latvia  
— **Mr Kaupo Sempelson**, Expert, Economic Development Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia  

Debates

**11:30—13:00**  
**Digital economy and connectivity of the Baltic states: progress and cooperation areas of the Baltic states**  
— Progress of the Baltic states towards developing digital economy  
— Connectivity and integration of digital technologies in the Baltic states  
— Improving of digital economy in the Baltic states to ensure digital competitiveness in the EU and the world  
— The role of digitalisation in the light of the COVID—19 crisis
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<td>Moving towards a digital single market of the Baltic states (identifying and eliminating legislative and administrative obstacles)</td>
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<td>Agreeing on 3B common data standards, lists of data to exchange and ensure digital data exchange and interoperability via already existing different platforms or seeking a common platform</td>
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<td>Creating suitable conditions and a balanced playing field for digital networks and innovative services</td>
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<td>Negotiations about the Single Digital Gateway areas most relevant in a wider 3B and Baltic—Nordic context to ensure cross—border services, data exchange and realisation of Once Only Principle (cross—border KYC; e—CMR; ID documents data verification for AML purposes)</td>
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### Cooperation in the tourism sector in the Baltic region (strategic vision on target markets and tourist flows)
- Possibilities of developing a joint airline company in the Baltic states

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- **Mr Kaupo Sempelson**, Expert, Economic Development Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia
- **Ms Lidija Bajarūnienė**, Chief Specialist of Tourism Policy Division, Ministry of Economy and Innovation, Lithuania

### Governmental report: implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021
- Implementation of the Rail Baltica project (ensuring timely implementation, efficient infrastructure management and preventing increase in the total expenditure of the project)

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- **Mr Tālis Linkaits**, Minister of Transport, Latvia
- **Ms Loreta Maskaliovienė**, Vice-Minister of Transport and Communications, Lithuania
- **Ms Gražina Šiaučiūnaitė**, Senior Adviser of the Management Division of the Networks and International Relations Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Lithuania
- **Mr Ahti Kuningas**, Deputy Secretary General for Transport, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia
- **Mr Kristjan Kaunissaare**, Rail Baltic Coordinator, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia

### Internal meeting of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee and the Natural Resources and Environment Committee

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