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Baltic Assembly strengthens cooperation with the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly

On 22-24 March 2026, the Baltic Assembly attended the 68th Plenary Session of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA), which was held in Tralee, Count Kerry, Ireland. During the meeting, parliamentarians discussed how to strengthen cross-border partnerships across different fields, with a particular focus on cooperation among the UK, Ireland, and Europe.

To provide a look into the work of the Baltic Assembly, Giedrius Drukteinis, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, stated that the shared history, geography, and challenges of the Baltic States have shown that cooperation has always made the three countries stronger.

He added that the Baltic States have recently made considerable efforts in this regard, through notable joint projects like the disconnection from the BRELL electricity grid, the Baltic Defence Line, and the Rail Baltica project. All of these projects encompass a shared goal of strengthening the security, defence, and independence of the Baltic States.

However, he also underlined that these projects are shaped by a harsh reality, Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, which continues to define the security landscape of Europe. “For the Baltic States, this war is not distant; it is deeply personal. We know from our own history what occupation means. We understand what is at stake. Ukraine is defending its sovereignty and the principles on which Europe is built. Their fight is our fight,” he stressed.

Cooperation between the Baltic Assembly and BIPA was looked at as an important

effort that must continue. By sharing experiences and learning from each other, the Baltic States, Ireland, and the UK can contribute to a stronger Europe.

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