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Baltic Assembly shares the experience of the Baltic states regarding economic recovery with the Benelux Parliament

On 9-10 December 2021 in Brussels, the delegation of the Baltic Assembly participated in the Plenary Session of the Benelux Parliament. The main topic of the Session was economic recovery after the COVID-19 crisis. During the Plenary Session, parliamentarians also discussed energy market, sustainable mobility and just transition.

President of the Baltic Assembly Andrius Kupčinskas shared the experience of the Baltic states regarding economic recovery during the COVID-19 crisis. He highlighted that economic cooperation of the Baltic states has been an important topic on the agenda of the Baltic Assembly. “We see the cooperation of the Baltic states and our cooperation with other partners as very important to ensure economic stability and growth. It is more than clear that further active cooperation among the Baltic states and beyond will help to successfully overcome the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and reduce the negative impact on the economy in the hard-hit sectors,” said Andrius Kupčinskas.

Vice President Jānis Vucāns introduced the colleagues in the Benelux Parliament about the priorities of the Baltic Assembly in 2022 under the Latvian presidency. He noted that many of the topic for both organisations – the Baltic Assembly and the Benelux Parliament – are similar e.g., energy policy, mitigation of climate change, economic recovery and others.

On 10 December 2021, the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly and the Bureau of the Benelux Parliament signed the document on the common priorities for 2022-2023. Document was signed by Vice President of the Baltic Assembly Jānis Vucāns and

President of the Benelux Parliament Patricia Creutz. The priorities of the Baltic Assembly and the Benelux Parliament for 2022-2023 are:

➤ exchange of information and practices to combat COVID-19 and mitigate the negative effects of the crisis, as well as to prepare for possible cross-border crises in the future;

➤ security and defence cooperation with an emphasis on cybersecurity, and cooperation with the Eastern Partnership countries;

➤ digital transformation and mitigation of its negative impacts;

➤ transport, energy and infrastructure interconnectivity;

➤ circular economy and sustainable development in the Baltic and Benelux countries;

➤ interconnected education systems and mutual recognition of qualifications in the Baltic and Benelux states.

Photos of the Plenary Session and the signing ceremony