



Joint meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee and the Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly

6 June 2025, Palanga (Lithuania)

Preliminary programme

Friday, 6 June

08:00–09:00 **Internal meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee and the Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

09:00–10:30 **Strengthening scientific excellence through the creation of the Baltic Science Fund**

- Moving forward with the establishment of the Baltic Science Fund
- Vision and expectations of the Baltic States regarding the fund
- Practical challenges of the creation of the fund (e.g. implementation plan, management mechanism and budgetary framework)
- Funding sources to build on the critical expertise of Baltic researchers

*Chaired by the Chair of the BA Education, Science and Culture Committee **Mr Juris Viļums***

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Dāvis Mārtiņš Daugavietis**, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia
- **Mr Rimantas Vaitkus**, Adviser to the Minister of Education, Science and Sports, Lithuania
- **Mr Marko Piirsoo**, Head of the Strategic Analysis Department, Estonian Research Council

Debates/Q&A

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

10:30–11:00 **The Baltic Way: a historic legacy, a present bond and a path for the future**

- Plans for future cross-border initiatives to commemorate the Baltic Way
- The role of cultural and sporting events in honoring the historic legacy of the Baltic Way
- Securing long-term financial sustainability for commemorative projects
- Deepening connections between the Baltic States, Poland and Ukraine through the celebration of the Baltic Way

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- **Mr Dāvis Mārtiņš Daugavietis**, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia

- **Mr Viktor Denisenko**, Vice-Minister of Culture, Lithuania
- **Mr Marko Piirsoo**, Head of the Strategic Analysis Department, Estonian Research Council

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11:15–12:45

Fostering regional cooperation in healthcare research across the Baltics

- Status update on current cooperation in healthcare research in the Baltic States
- Opportunities and challenges for joint research programs to address common healthcare challenges
- Exchange of experience to strengthen research education and training for healthcare professionals
- Facilitating mobility of healthcare researchers within the Baltic region (e.g. through exchange programs)
- Exploring collaborative research opportunities on cancer prevention, early detection and treatment

*Chaired by the Chair of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee **Ms Antonina Nenaševa***

Introductory report on the Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis and the view on the cooperation of the Baltic States in healthcare research:

- **Prof Maija Dambrova**, Head of the Laboratory of Pharmaceutical Pharmacology, Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Daniel Naumovas**, Vice-Minister of Health, Lithuania
- **Asoc. Prof. dr. Anda Ķīvīte-Urtāne**, Director of the Institute of Public Health, Rīga Stradiņš University, Latvia
- **Mr Marko Piirsoo**, Head of the Strategic Analysis Department, Estonian Research Council

International experience

- **Ms Eva Lindh**, Chair of the Committee on Welfare in the Nordic Region, Nordic Council

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12:45-13:45

Developments in the creation of the Advanced Particle Therapy Centre for the Baltic States

- Status update on the developments regarding the joint initiative of the CERN Baltic Group and CERN on the Advanced Particle Therapy Center for the Baltic States
- Progress regarding the implementation of a full-scale feasibility study of the advanced particle cancer therapy centre in the Baltic States (*BA recommendation*)
- Steps towards securing financing from the EU for implementing the initiative (*BA recommendation*)

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Introductory report regarding the developments of the initiative:

- **Assoc. Prof. dr. Brigita Abakevičienė**, Chair of the CERN Baltic Group

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

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