



**Joint meeting of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee and the
Natural Resources and Environment Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

Vilnius—Riga—Tallinn

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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12 February 2021	
10:00—11:30	<p>Economic recovery of the Baltic states: joint efforts and exchange of practices to overcome the challenges posed by the crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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 <p><i>Chaired by Ligita Girskienė, Chair of the BA Natural Resources and Environment Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ms Jovita Neliupšienė, Vice-Minister of Economy and Innovation, Lithuania — Mr Mindaugas Liutvinskas, Vice-Minister of Finance, Lithuania — 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 <p>Debates</p>
11:30—13:00	<p>Digital economy and connectivity of the Baltic states: progress and cooperation areas of the Baltic states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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

	<p><i>Chaired by Ligita Girskienė, Chair of the BA Natural Resources and Environment Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Arūnas Cijūnaitis, Director of Digital Agenda Department, Ministry of Economy and Innovation, Lithuania — Mr Raimonds Aleksejenko, Deputy State Secretary on Economic Issues, Ministry of Economics, Latvia — Mr Indrek Ūnnik, Global Affairs Director, Department of State Information Systems, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia <p>Debates</p>
13:00—13:15	Short technical break
13:15—13:45	<p>Governmental report: implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Moving towards a digital single market of the Baltic states (identifying and eliminating legislative and administrative obstacles) — 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 — Creating suitable conditions and a balanced playing field for digital networks and innovative services — 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) — To introduce e—invoicing in the Baltic states — Common regional approach and overcoming obstacles in using Real—Time Economy <p><i>Chaired by Atis Lejiņš, Vice Chair of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Arūnas Cijūnaitis, Director of Digital Agenda Department, Ministry of Economy and Innovation, Lithuania — Mr Raimonds Aleksejenko, Deputy State Secretary on Economic Issues, Ministry of Economics, Latvia — Ms Sirli Heinsoo, Project Manager (Real-Time Economy), Internal Market Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia
13:45—14:15	<p>Governmental report: implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Thematic focus of joint projects within framework of the EU territorial programme 2021—2027 — Common approach towards crowdfunding regulations and cryptocurrency markets — Development of the Baltic Innovation Fund III

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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 <p><i>Chaired by Atis Lejiņš, Vice Chair of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Mindaugas Liutvinskas, Vice-Minister of Finance, Lithuania — 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 — Ms Lidija Bajarūnienė, Chief Specialist of Tourism Policy Division, Ministry of Economy and Innovation, Lithuania
14:15—14:45	<p>Governmental report: implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Implementation of the Rail Baltica project (ensuring timely implementation, efficient infrastructure management and preventing increase in the total expenditure of the project) <p><i>Chaired by Atis Lejiņš, Vice Chair of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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
14:45—15:15	Internal meeting of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee and the Natural Resources and Environment Committee

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