



**Meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee
of the Baltic Assembly**
Vilnius—Riga—Tallinn

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

26 March 2021	
10:00—11:00	<p>Strategic partnerships of the Baltic states in education and science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Baltic cooperation in research and education: challenges and opportunities for intensifying the cooperation between countries — Impact of the COVID-19 crisis on strategic partnerships of the Baltic states in education and science — Exchange of best practices to mitigate impact of the crisis on quality of education in the Baltic states — COVID-19 research in the Baltic states: current and future joint efforts — Baltic Road Map 2030: how ready is 3B cooperation in times of crisis? <p><i>Chaired by Vytautas Juozapaitis, Chair of the BA Education, Science and Culture Committee</i></p> <p><u>Introductory report by Dr Reda Cimperman</u>, Scientific Secretary of the Research Council of Lithuania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ms Liina Kersna, Minister of Education and Research, Estonia — Mr Reinis Znotiņš, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia — Ms Vilma Popovienė, Head of the Division of Science of the Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Lithuania <p>Debates</p>
11:00—12:00	<p>Employment and labour market during and after COVID-19 pandemic: future challenges on education of the Baltic states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Changing situation of employment and labour market in the Baltic states: how to help citizens upskill and reskill? — Cooperation of the Baltic states in higher education to adapt the changing labour market in the region — Role of the Baltic education institutions in addressing the labour market challenges in the worst hit sectors, e.g., tourism, aviation, hospitality and others — Baltic Road Map 2030: how ready is 3B cooperation in times of crisis?

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12:00—12:15	Short technical break
12:15—13:15	<p>Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Baltic ministers of culture on the translation, publication and dissemination of literary works awarded with the BA Prize for Literature</p> <p><i>Chaired by Vytautas Juozapaitis, Chair of the BA Education, Science and Culture Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ms Daina Urbanavičienė, Vice Minister of Culture, Lithuania — Mr Kalmar Kurs, Head of the International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Culture, Estonia
13:15—14:15	<p>Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Negotiations about conclusion of the new Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia by elaborating a new cooperation vision and strategy by formulating priorities and objectives, areas and topics for the cooperation of the Baltic states in education, research and innovation for a period of 2021 – 2027, improving academic recognition and removing regulative obstacles — Possibility of concentrating the resources and expertise of scientists and PhD students of the Baltic states and strengthening existing joint initiatives to enhance the quality of research, improve academic recognition, encourage cooperation between institutions and boost mobility, thus increasing the overall scientific competitiveness of the region — Development of coordinated approach of the Baltic states for common challenges in increasing scientific capacity and excellence in the Baltic research area — Cooperation with the CERN (recent developments, allocation of state funding and Internship Programme for the students of the Baltic states)

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- **Mr Mario Kadastik**, Senior Researcher, National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics, Estonia

14:15—14:45

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