



## Meeting of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly

Vilnius—Riga—Tallinn

10:00—14:45

### Preliminary programme (01/03/2021)

**5 March 2021**

10:00—11:00

#### **Public health and health care in the light of COVID-19: joint efforts and exchange of practices to overcome the challenges posed by the crisis**

- Public health during the crisis and recovery period in the Baltic states
- Status update on the health care systems and cooperation practices of the Baltic states
- Cooperation between the Baltic states and joint efforts to overcome the health crisis
- Baltic Road Map 2030: how ready is 3B cooperation in times of crisis?

*Chaired by Antanas Vinkus, Chair of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee*

Introductory report by **Ms Kinga Dudzińska**, Analyst of the Polish Institute of International Affairs, author of the article “The Baltic states and COVID-19”

- **Ms Danguolė Jankauskienė**, Vice-Minister of Health, Lithuania
- **Ms Maris Jesse**, Deputy Secretary General on Health, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia
- **Ms Līga Timša**, Head of European Affairs and International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Health, Latvia

Debates

11:00—12:00

#### **Renewing sustainable social growth in the Baltic states: joint efforts and exchange of practices to overcome the challenges posed by COVID-19**

- Deficiencies in the social systems of the Baltic states revealed by the crisis
- Growing social and gender inequality in the light of COVID-19
- Joint efforts and exchange of practices between the Baltic states to overcome the challenges posed by the crisis
- Baltic Road Map 2030: how ready is 3B cooperation in times of crisis?

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	<p>Introductory report by <b>Ms Graciela Malgesini</b>, Co-Chair of the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) Inclusion Strategies Group/EAPN Spain, co-author of the report “The impact of COVID-19 on people experiencing poverty and vulnerability”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Mr Vytautas Šilinskas</b>, Vice Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania</li> <li>— <b>Mr Ingus Alliks</b>, State Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare, Latvia</li> <li>— <b>Mr Rait Kuuse</b>, Deputy Secretary General on Social Policy, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia</li> </ul> <p>Debates</p>
12:00—12:15	Short technical break
12:15—13:15	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Estimating potential impact of COVID-19 pandemic in health care and social sector, from the point of cross-sectoral and cross-border regions preparedness and regional coordination</li> <li>— Eliminating obstacles to 3B common E-Health network and ensuring compatibility of systems and proper health data exchange</li> </ul> <p><i>Chaired by <b>Antanas Vinkus</b>, Chair of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee</i></p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Ms Danguolė Jankauskienė</b>, Vice-Minister of Health, Lithuania</li> <li>— <b>Mr Vytautas Šilinskas</b>, Vice Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania</li> <li>— <b>Ms Līga Timša</b>, Head of European Affairs and International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Health, Latvia</li> <li>— <b>Ms Triin Uusberg</b>, Head of European Union Affairs and International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia</li> </ul> <p>Debates</p>
13:15—14:15	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Joint procurements of medicine, developing a strategy and publishing a plan of joint procurements, and harmonising the list of joint procurements (vaccines, chemotherapy drugs, medicine for rare diseases etc.)</li> <li>— Based on the positive experience in the joint procurements of vaccines, responsible agencies taking stock of crisis reserves in the Baltic states and negotiate promptly joint procurements of protective gear and medical supplies, coordinating to that end 3B procurement cycles, if necessary, and taking into account the possibilities in the framework of the EU joint procurement agreement</li> </ul> <p><i>Chaired by <b>Antanas Vinkus</b>, Chair of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee</i></p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Ms Danguolė Jankauskienė</b>, Vice-Minister of Health, Lithuania</li> <li>— <b>Ms Līga Timša</b>, Head of European Affairs and International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Health, Latvia</li> </ul>

	<p>— <b>Ms Eveli Bauer</b>, Chief Specialist of Medicines and Medical Equipment Department, Estonian Health Insurance Fund</p> <p>Debates</p>
14:15—14:45	Internal meeting of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee

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