



Meeting of the Economics, Energy, and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly

22–23 February 2024, Riga (Latvia)

Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Preliminary programme

Friday, 23 February

09:00–10:00 **Internal meeting of the Economics, Energy, and Innovation Committee**

10:00–12:00 **Innovative and connected business environment of the Baltic States**

- Building innovative and connected business environment by focusing on strengths and specialisation of the Baltic States
- Role of the geopolitical situation in building an innovative and connected business environment in the Baltic States
- Joining forces to accelerate innovations in the region
- Impact of business environment on innovation in the Baltic States
- Common platform for sharing experiences between the Baltic States on captivating companies and attracting private investments

*Chaired by the Vice Chair of the Committee **Mr Andris Kulbergs***

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Viktors Valainis**, Minister of Economics, Latvia
- **Mr Silver Tammik**, Director of the EU and International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia
- **Mr Gytis Puišė**, Chief Specialist of the Innovation Policy Division, Ministry of the Economy and Innovation, Lithuania

Debates

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

12:30–14:00 **Cooperation of the Baltic States to boost digital transformation and connectivity in the region**

- Baltic roadmap on digital transformation and connectivity in the region
- Cooperation of the Baltic States on cross-border digital solutions
- Improving the mechanisms for regular exchange of experience and knowledge about digital transformation in the Baltic States
- Harmonizing legal framework in the digital sector of the Baltic States
- Cross-border obstacles on the way to a digital single market



— Role of the Three Seas Initiative to improve digital connectivity in the region
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Introductory report on the readiness of the Baltic States for digital transformation

— **Dr Ģirts Karnītis**, Senior Researcher at the Faculty of Computing, University of Latvia

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

— **Mr Gatis Ozols**, Deputy State Secretary on Digital Transformation issues, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia

— **Mr Silver Tammik**, Director of the EU and International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia

— **Mr Žydrūnas Nevardauskas**, Advisor of the Digital Solutions Division, Information Society Development Committee, Lithuania

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14:00–14:20 **Internal meeting for the conclusions by the members of the Economics, Energy, and Innovation Committee**

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