



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

14-15 September 2023, Riga (Latvia)

Preliminary programme

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Friday, 15 September	
09:00-10:30	<p>Balancing environmental protection, economic growth and social well-being in the Baltic States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Sustainable economic development towards the climate-neutral Baltic States— Just green transition and eliminating energy poverty— EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism to improve the competitiveness of Baltic importers— Sustainable agriculture and forest management in the Baltic States <p><i>Chaired by Chair of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee Mr Tiit Maran</i></p> <p>Introductory report on economic growth in contrast to sustainability measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Prof. Dagnija Blumberga, Director of the Institute of Energy Systems and Environment, Riga Technical University <p>Governmental positions of the Baltic States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Mr Silver Sillak, Adviser at the Climate Department, Ministry of Climate, Estonia— Ms Liga Kurevska, State Secretary of the Ministry of Climate and Energy, Latvia <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
11:00-12:30	<p>Baltic States protecting biodiversity together: current status and future plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Challenges and opportunities in protecting the marine and land biodiversity of the Baltic States— Common activities of the Baltic States to address the challenges in biodiversity protection— Cooperation of the Baltic States in the implementation of the EU biodiversity strategy for 2030— The role of sustainable agriculture and forest management to protect biodiversity in the Baltic States <p><i>Chaired by Chair of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee Mr Tiit Maran</i></p> <p>Governmental positions of the Baltic States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Mr Māris Sprindžuks, Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Hanno Zingel, Adviser at the Biodiversity Protection Department, Ministry of Climate, Estonia — Ms Lina Čaplikaitė-Denisovienė, Senior advisor of the Nature Protection Policy Group, Ministry of Environment, Lithuania <p>International experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Staffan Eklöf, Vice Chair of the Committee for Growth and Development in the Nordic Region <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
13:30-15:30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> <p>Baltic long-term strategy for energy security and independence in the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Developing a joint long-term strategy for energy security and independence of the Baltic States — Regional approach of the Baltic States regarding the development of renewable energy projects — Cooperation of the Baltic States regarding the development of wind energy production by developing joint offshore and onshore wind park projects — Building energy system models for the Baltic-Nordic region as sources of information for joint policy-making — Role of nuclear energy as a potential energy source in the future energy production of the Baltic States <p><i>Chaired by Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee Mr Priit Lomp</i></p> </div> <p>Introductory report on the energy sector development trends in the Baltic States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Dr Vaclovas Miškinis, Chief Research Associate at the Laboratory of Energy Systems Research, Lithuanian Energy Institute <p>Governmental positions of the Baltic States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Karlis Goldstein, Head of Renewable Energy Section, Ministry of Climate, Estonia — Ms Orinta Omelytė, Project Manager of Sustainable Energy Policy Group, Ministry of Energy, Lithuania — Ms Liga Kurevska, State Secretary of the Ministry of Climate and Energy, Latvia <p>Baltic-Nordic Roadmap for Co-operation on Clean Energy Technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Dr Klaus Skytte, CEO of the Nordic Energy Research <p>International experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Pim Van Ballekom, President of the Benelux Parliament
15:30	Internal meeting of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee and the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee

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