



**Joint meeting of the Security and Defence Committee and the  
Economics, Energy, and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

18–19 January 2024, Riga (Latvia)

*Saeima of the Republic of Latvia*

**Preliminary programme**

(15/01/2024)

**Thursday, 18 January**

17:00–18:00 **Meeting of the Budget and Audit Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

**Friday, 19 January**

08:30–9:50 **Meeting of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly**

10:00–11:00 **Internal meeting of the Security and Defence Committee and the  
Economics, Energy, and Innovation Committee**

11:00–12:30 **Common approach to the protection of critical infrastructure in the Baltics**

- Level of protection of critical infrastructure in the Baltic States
- Common Baltic strategy in critical infrastructure protection
- Role of digital transformation in the protection of critical infrastructure
- Cooperation of public and private sectors in infrastructure protection
- Protection of the undersea infrastructure in the region

*Chaired by Vice Chair of the Security and Defence Committee **Mr Uģis Rotbergs***

***Introductory report on the protection of critical infrastructure in the region***

- **Dr Māris Andžāns**, Director of the Center for Geopolitical Studies Riga and Associate Professor at Riga Stradins University

***Governmental positions of the Baltic States***

- **Mr Jānis Bekmanis**, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Latvia
- **Mr Imants Lieģis**, Minister's Advisor on International Relations, Ministry of Defence, Latvia
- **Lt. Col. Andrius Mickus**, Senior Advisor of the Defense Policy Group, Ministry of National Defense, Lithuania
- **Mr Priit Saar**, Deputy Director for National Security and Defence Coordination, Government Office, Estonia

Debates

Conclusions for the BA recommendations



13:00–14:30

**Land and sea transport connectivity in the Baltic States: joining forces to improve regional links for passengers and freight**

- Status update on operating cross-border transport connections and gaps in the Baltic States
- Taking stock of the Three Seas Initiative to improve transport connectivity in the Baltic States
- Jointly improving logistics connectivity in the Baltic States
- Cooperation of the Baltic seaports
- Launching passenger train services between the Baltic capitals before the construction of the Rail Baltica railway

*Chaired by Vice Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee **Mr Andris Kulbergs***

***Governmental positions of the Baltic States***

- **Mr Kaspars Briškens**, Minister of Transport, Latvia
- **Mr Gytis Mažeika**, Head of the International Cooperation Group, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Lithuania
- **Ms Eva Killar**, Head of Mobility Development and Investments Department, Ministry of Climate, Estonia

***Report on current and future challenges of the Rail Baltica Project***

- **Ms Kitija Gruškevica**, Chief ESG Officer and Vice-Chairperson of the Management Board

Debates

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

14:30–15:00

**Internal meeting for the conclusions by the members of the Security and Defence Committee and the Economics, Energy, and Innovation Committee**

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