

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

19-20 January 2023, Tallinn (Estonia)

Preliminary programme

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Friday, 20 January

8:00-9:30 Meeting of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly

10:00-11:30

Joint actions of the Baltic States to mitigate the economic impact of Russia's war in Ukraine

- Consequences of the Russian invasion on the economic development of the Baltic States and the necessary joint mitigation measures
- Impact of the war in Europe on the energy policy of the Baltic States and a way forward
- Role of the Baltic States in fostering the resilience of global value chains, food production and markets
- Economic impact of increased migration in the Baltic States and Europe

Chaired by Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee Mr Mihhail Korb

Introductory report on economic implications of the war

 — Ms Natalia Levenko, Researcher at the Department of Economics and Finance of the Tallinn University of Technology

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Raoul Lättemäe**, Head of the Fiscal Policy Department at the Ministry of Finance, Estonia
- **Mr Osvaldas Šmitas**, Director of the Economic Development Department at the Ministry of the Economy and Innovation, Lithuania
- **Mr Dainius Bražiūnas**, Head of the Energy Security Policy Group at the Ministry of Energy, Lithuania
- Mr Andris Čuda, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Economics, Latvia

International experience

— **Mr Radu Marian**, Chair of the Moldovan delegation, GUAM Parliamentary Assembly

Debates

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

12:00-13:30 Digital cooperation of the Baltic States: joint activities for improving cybersecurity and security during digital transformation in the region

- Strengths and weaknesses of 3B cybersecurity cooperation
- Improving cross-border coordination to effectively enhance cooperation in cybersecurity
- Common approach to cybersecurity in the Baltic energy sector
- Security challenges of digital transformation in the Baltic States and joint actions to overcome the obstacles

Chaired by Chair of the Security and Defence Committee Ms Vilja Toomast

Introductory report on the cybersecurity cooperation

— **Mr Viljar Veebel**, Researcher of the Department of Political and Strategic Studies at the Baltic Defence College

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Ms Piret Urb**, Director of International Relations at the Information System Authority, Estonia
- Mr Andrius Vaivada, Head of the Defence Policy Department at the Ministry of National Defence, Lithuania
- Mr Edgars Kiukucāns, Head of the National Cybersecurity Policy Coordination Section, Ministry of Defence, Latvia

Debates

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14:30-15:30

Cooperation of the Baltic States regarding military and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine

- Update on the cooperation of the Baltic States assisting Ukraine
- Plans of the Baltic States to jointly continue helping Ukraine in 2023

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Brief governmental overviews of the Baltic States

- **Mr Peeter Kuimet**, Director of the International Co-operation Department at the Ministry of Defence, Estonia
 - Ms Annely Albert, Head Specialist of the Department for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia
- Mr Andrius Vaivada, Head of the Defence Policy Department at the Ministry of National Defence, Lithuania
- **Mr Edgars Kiukucāns**, Head of the National Cybersecurity Policy Coordination Section, Ministry of Defence, Latvia

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15:30-16:00

Follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly on digital cooperation

— Mechanisms for regular exchange of experience and knowledge about digital transformation in the Baltic States

— Usage of electronic signatures between the Baltic States

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 Mr Mark Erlich, Business Architect and eID expert of the Electronic Identity Department at the Information System Authority, Estonia

Debates

16:00 Internal meeting of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee Internal meeting of the Security and Defence Committee

Departure of the delegations

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