



**Meeting of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee
of the Baltic Assembly
Vilnius—Riga—Tallinn**

PROGRAMME

4 June 2021	
10:00—11:30	<p>Food contamination and food safety: challenges, policy preparedness and areas of 3B cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — New risks concerning food safety and the fight against food fraud (harmonisation of standards, control of pesticides, food chain trackability, enhancing food analysis capabilities, appropriate food safety information to consumers etc.) — Cooperation of the Baltic states in ensuring the safety of imported food commodities — Effective cooperation of authorities responsible for food safety: evaluation of the cooperation between the Baltic states, problems and potential improvements — Suitability of the current EU risk assessment procedures for new food ingredients, food products and food-related technologies <p><i>Chaired by Antanas Vinkus, Chair of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee</i></p> <p><u>Introductory report by Ms Victoria Villamar, Head of Engagement & Cooperation Unit of the Communication, Engagement & Cooperation Department, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ms Pārsla Rigonda Krieviņa, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia — Mr Hendrik Kuusk, Deputy Secretary General for Food Safety, Ministry of Rural Affairs, Estonia — Ms Jurgita Bakasėnienė, EFSA AF Member, Deputy Director of State Food and Veterinary Service (SFVS), Lithuania <p>Debates</p>
11:30—13:00	<p>Use of antibiotics in the Baltic states and antibiotic resistance: emerging public health danger in the Baltic states?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Antibiotics in human and veterinary medicine: situation in the Baltic states — Use of antibiotics: common regulations and targets

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Cooperation of the Baltic states in fighting misuse of antibiotics (prescription practices of antibiotics, habits of patients using antibiotics, excessive use of antibiotics in animal farming, insufficient infection control in hospitals, insufficient hygiene etc.) — Strategy/guidelines of the Baltic states promoting rational use of antimicrobials and infection prevention — Exploring possibilities for attracting investment for joint NB8 research on new antibiotics <p><i>Chaired by Antanas Vinkus, Chair of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ms Antra Valdmane, Director of Healthcare Department, Ministry of Health, Latvia — Ms Loreta Ašoklienė, Head of the Health Promotion Division of the Public Health Department, Ministry of Health, Lithuania — Ms Rolanda Valintėlienė, Head of the Public Health Technology Centre, Institute of Hygiene, Lithuania — Ms Snieguolė Trumpickaitė Dzekčorienė, Member of the EMA Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use, Head of the Veterinary Medicines and Feed Department, State Food and Veterinary Service (SFVS), Lithuania — Mr Tanel Tenson, Professor in the Technology of Antimicrobial Compounds, University of Tartu, Estonia <p>Debates</p>
13:00—13:15	Short technical break
13:15—14:45	<p>Health care cooperation of the Baltic states: joint procurements and projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Baltic states and their health systems in 2020-2021: tendencies and new cooperation areas — Joint procurements and projects to address challenges in health care posed by COVID-19, including addressing the mental health issues in the Baltic states — Joint procurements of the Baltic states in health care: status update and plans — Joint projects in health care: what the Baltic states can do more together? <p><i>Chaired by Antanas Vinkus, Chair of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Aurimas Pečkauskas, Vice Minister of Health, Lithuania — Mr Audrius Ščeponavičius, Director of the Public Health Department, Ministry of Health, Lithuania — Mr Āris Kasparāns, Director of National Health Service, Latvia — Ms Lina Reinartienė, Head of the Centrally Paid Medicines Department, National Health Insurance Fund, Lithuania — Ms Agnė Dmitrijevaitė, Adviser of the Centrally Paid Medicines Department, National Health Insurance Fund, Lithuania — Ms Eveli Bauer, Chief Specialist of Medicines and Medical Equipment Department, Estonian Health Insurance Fund <p>Debates</p>

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