



**Meeting of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee  
of the Baltic Assembly**

3-4 March 2022, Vilnius, Lithuania

**“Cooperation of the Baltic States in addressing the humanitarian crisis in Europe  
and providing help to refugees arriving from Ukraine”**

**PROGRAMME**

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**Friday, 4 March**

09:00-10:30

**Joint labour market policies to address the current and future challenges in the Baltic States**

- Adapting the labour market policies in the Baltic States to the mass influx of refugees from Ukraine
- Activating the internal labour reserves of the Baltic states, including youth, ethnic minorities and people living in disadvantaged regions
- Attracting external labour to the Baltic states: movement of labour from the third countries, remigration of the Baltic labour force and possible cross-border labour mobility programmes in areas lacking workforce
- Effects of the COVID-19 to the existing labour market challenges in the Baltic states
- Sharing experience on the labour market measures to be implemented during the economic recovery from the pandemic and beyond

*Chaired by **Regīna Ločmele**, Chair of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee*

- **Dr Boguslavas Gruževskis**, Director of the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences
- **Mr Vytautas Šilinskas**, Vice-minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania
- **Mr Sten Andreas Ehrlich**, Deputy Secretary General on Labour and Employment Policy, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia
- **Ms Dace Zīle**, Head of Analytical Service, Ministry of Economics, Latvia

Debates

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

<p>10:30-12:00</p>	<p><b>Promotion of mental health and prevention of mental disorders in the Baltic States, including providing mental health assistance in connection with the war in Ukraine and its impact on people in the region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Joint actions in providing mental health assistance to Ukrainian refugees</li> <li>— Promoting the mental health and preventing mental disorders of children and young people in the Baltic States</li> <li>— The current situation in mental health care of the Baltic states and the impact of the pandemic</li> <li>— Investing in mental health to ensure the health and welfare in the Baltics</li> <li>— Joint activities and projects to improve the mental health of Baltic citizens</li> <li>— Modernizing mental health services and developing a humane, user-focused and community-oriented mosaic of mental health care services</li> <li>— Joint actions to improve the physical and mental health of the Baltic population</li> </ul> <p><i>Chaired by Antanas Vinkus, Vice Chair of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Dr Dainius Pūras</b>, Professor of Child Psychiatry and Public Mental Health, Clinic of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University</li> <li>— <b>Ms Marika Petroviča</b>, Head of Integrated Healthcare Division Ministry of Health, Latvia</li> <li>— <b>Ms Rimma Beļikova</b>, Senior Expert, Health Care Department, Ministry of Health, Latvia</li> <li>— <b>Ms Anniki Lai</b>, Head of the Department of Mental Health, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia</li> <li>— <b>Mr Ignas Rubikas</b>, Head of Mental Health Division, Public Health Department, Ministry of Health, Lithuania</li> <li>— <b>Mr Linas Slušnys</b>, Member of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee, Lithuania</li> </ul> <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
<p>12:00-12:30</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>12:30-14:00</p>	<p><b>Social protection system for reducing inequality and poverty in the Baltic States, including the capacity of the systems to adapt to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and its consequences in the region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Joint approach of the Baltic States in providing social protection to the refugees arriving from Ukraine</li> <li>— Social protection systems in the Baltic states: differences, similarities and common activities in the future</li> <li>— Social protection system as effective mechanism to overcome poverty and reduce income inequality in the Baltic states</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Evaluating and drawing conclusions about the impacts of COVID-19 to poor and vulnerable groups in the Baltic societies and to discuss possible cooperation areas</li> <li>— Comparing the gaps in social protection systems of Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania and to identify common problems that can be addressed regionally</li> </ul> <p><i>Chaired by <b>Regīna Ločmele</b>, Chair of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Mr Gatis Eglītis</b>, Minister of Welfare, Latvia</li> <li>— <b>Ms Monika Navickienė</b>, Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania</li> <li>— <b>Mr Sten Andreas Ehrlich</b>, Deputy Secretary General on Labour and Employment Policy, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia</li> </ul> <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
14:00-14:30	Internal meeting of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee
14:30-16:00	Lunch at the hotel's Restaurant
	Departure of the delegations

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