



Joint meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee & the Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly

8 March 2024, Vilnius (Lithuania)
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Preliminary programme

Friday, 8 March

09:00–10:00 **Internal meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee & the Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

10:00–11:00 **Meeting between the members of the Baltic Assembly, the Benelux Parliament & the Nordic Council** *regarding automatic recognition of higher education degrees in the region*

11:30–12:30 **Moving together towards the advanced particle cancer therapy centre in the Baltic States**

- Status update on the developments regarding the joint initiative of the CERN Baltic Group and CERN on Advanced Particle Therapy Center for the Baltic States
- Implementation of a full-scale feasibility study of the advanced particle cancer therapy centre in the Baltic States
- Prospects of the EU co-financing for implementing the initiative

*Chaired by: Chair of the Education, Science and Culture Committee **Vytautas Juozapaitis***

Introductory report regarding the developments of the initiative

- **Dr Toms Torims**, Convener of the Working Group on Advanced Particle Therapy Center for the Baltic States

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Jānis Paiders**, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia
- **Mr Tadas Juknevičius**, Head of Division of Science, Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Lithuania
- **Mr Sergei Nazarenko**, Adviser on Clinical-Consultative Specialties, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia



Debates
Conclusions for the BA recommendations

12:30–13:30

Baltic Research Fund to facilitate cooperation and increase scientific excellence of the Baltic States

- Opportunities and challenges in establishing a Baltic Research Fund to finance and facilitate regional research cooperation
- Fund as an instrument for enhancing scientific quality in the region
- Funding research to build on the critical expertise of Baltic researchers

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Introductory report on the research needs in the Baltic States

- **Dr Inta Mieriņa**, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Latvia & Director of the Center for Diaspora and Migration Research at the University of Latvia

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Jānis Paiders**, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia
- **Ms Rasa Kulvietienė**, Adviser to the Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Lithuania
- **Ms Julia Rosend**, Chief Expert at the Research and Development Policy Department, Ministry of Education and Research, Estonia

International experience

- **Ms Veronika Honkasalo**, Chair of the Nordic Council's Committee for Knowledge and Culture, Finland

Debates
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14:00–15:30

Joining forces to improve access and affordability of medicines in the Baltic States

- Similarities and differences in the pharmaceutical market, regulatory requirements and reimbursement systems in the Baltic States
- Cooperation of the Baltic States to improve access and affordability of medicines in the region
- Possible scenarios for ensuring sustainable access to innovative medicine at an affordable cost in the Baltic States



- Prospects for joint procurements of expensive medications in formats such as the Baltic–Nordic region and the Baltic States together with Poland and Ukraine
- Joint system for addressing medicine shortages in the region efficiently

*Chaired by: Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee **Antanas Vinkus***

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Artjoms Uršulskis**, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health, Latvia
- **Ms Anželika Oraitė**, Director of the Pharmaceutical Policy Department, Ministry of Health, Lithuania
- **Ms Edita Laurinavičienė**, Director of the Investment Department, Ministry of Health, Lithuania
- **Ms Eda Lopato**, Head of the Medicines Department, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia

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