



38th Session of the Baltic Assembly and 25th Baltic Council
28 – 29 November 2019, Riga, Latvia

Programme

Thursday, 28 November	
19:00	The Baltic Assembly Prize and Medal Award Ceremony 2019
Friday, 29 November	
10:00–11:00	Opening of the 38th Session of the Baltic Assembly <i>Chaired by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Prof Jānis Vucāns, President of the Baltic Assembly, Latvia</i>- <i>Prof Aadu Must, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Estonia</i>- <i>Mr Valerijus Simulik, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Lithuania</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- H.E. Ms Ināra Mūrniece, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia- H.E. Mr Henn Põlluaas, President of the Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia- H.E. Prof Viktoras Pranckietis, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania- H.E. Mr Tomasz Grodzki, Marshal of the Senate of the Republic of Poland <p>Report on the implementation of the Latvian presidency programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prof Jānis Vucāns, President of the Baltic Assembly
11:00–12:50	The 25th Baltic Council <i>Chaired by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Prof Jānis Vucāns, President of the Baltic Assembly, Latvia</i>- <i>H.E. Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs, Chair of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prof Jānis Vucāns, President of the Baltic Assembly- H.E. Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs, Chair of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia- H.E. Mr Urmas Reinsalu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia- H.E. Mr Linas Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>

	<p>The development of the <i>Rail Baltica</i> project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Jānis Butāns, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>
12:50–12:55	Signing of the Joint Statement of the 25th Baltic Council
13:00–13:30	Press conference
14:00–18:30	Continuation of the 38th Session of the Baltic Assembly
14:00–14:45	<p>The development of the energy market of the Baltic States <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Atis Lejiņš, <i>Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Latvia</i> - Mr Sven Sester, <i>Vice Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Estonia</i> - Mr Virgilijus Poderys, <i>Vice Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Lithuania</i>
	<p>Synchronization of the Baltic electricity networks with the Continental European Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Ēriks Eglītis, State Secretary of the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia <p>The common Baltic electricity market vis-à-vis third countries (Ostrovets NPP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Egidijus Purlys, Vice-Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>
14:45–15:30	<p>The Baltic hydrogen perspective <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Atis Lejiņš, <i>Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Latvia</i> - Mr Sven Sester, <i>Vice Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Estonia</i> - Mr Virgilijus Poderys, <i>Vice Chair of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, Lithuania</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Ēriks Eglītis, State Secretary of the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>

15:30–16:15	<p>Baltic cooperation in higher education: optimisation of the university network and programmes <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms Dagnāra Beitnere-Le Galla, Chair of the Education, Science and Culture Committee, Latvia</i> - <i>Ms Signe Kivi, Vice Chair of the Education, Science and Culture Committee, Estonia</i> - <i>Ms Irena Šiaulienė, Vice Chair of the Education, Science and Culture Committee, Lithuania</i> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Dmitrijs Stepanovs, Acting Deputy State Secretary, Director of Department of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia - Mr Margus Haidak, Director of the Higher Education Department at the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>
16:45–17:30	<p>Cooperation of the Baltic States in medicine <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms Regīna Ločmele-Luņova, Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee, Latvia</i> - <i>Mr Urmas Espenberg, Vice Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee, Estonia</i> - <i>Mr Antanas Vinkus, Vice Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee, Lithuania</i> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Ilze Viņķele, Minister of Health of the Republic of Latvia - Mr Aurelijus Veryga, Minister of Health of the Republic of Lithuania <p>Questions and answers. Debate</p>
17:30	<p>Continuation of the 38th Session of the Baltic Assembly <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Prof Jānis Vucāns, President of the Baltic Assembly, Latvia</i> - <i>Prof Aadu Must, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Estonia</i> - <i>Mr Valerijus Simulik, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Lithuania</i> - <hr/> <p>Addresses by the foreign delegations and guests</p> <p>Introduction to the Resolution and Final Document of the 38th Session of the Baltic Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof Jānis Vucāns, President of the Baltic Assembly <p>Report of the BA Budget and Audit Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Inga Goldberga, Chair of the Budget and Audit Committee of the Baltic Assembly

	<p>Adoption of the Resolution and the Final Document of the 38th Session of the Baltic Assembly</p> <p>Election of the President and Vice Presidents of the Baltic Assembly and the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Committees for 2020</p> <p>Address by the newly elected President of the Baltic Assembly</p>
	<p>Signing of the Final Document of the 38th Session of the Baltic Assembly</p>
18:30	<p>Closing of the 38th Session of the Baltic Assembly</p>

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