



**The 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly and 20<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council**  
**23 – 24 October 2014, Tallinn**  
*Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia*

**Thursday, 23 October**

Arrival and accommodation of participants

**Nordic Hotel Forum**

Viru väljak 3, [www.nordichotels.eu](http://www.nordichotels.eu)

16:00–19:00 Registration in the hotel lobby

**17:30–18:30 Internal meetings of the Presidium and committees of the Baltic Assembly**

*At the Nordic Hotel Forum*

- Meeting of the Presidium, *meeting room Capella*
- Meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee, *Altair*
- Meeting of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, *Miitsar*
- Meeting of the Legal Affairs and Security Committee, *suite*
- Meeting of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee, *Vega*
- Meeting of the Welfare Committee, *Arcturus*

18:30 – 19:00 Meeting of the Budget and Audit Committee, *Miitsar*

**18:45 – 19:00 Welcome of winners of the essay competition<sup>1</sup>**

by the Presidium and other Members of the Baltic Assembly

*At the Nordic Hotel Forum, meeting room Capella*

**20:00 Baltic Assembly Medal Awarding Ceremony**  
**Baltic Assembly Prize Awarding Ceremony**  
**Baltic Innovation Prize 2014 Awarding Ceremony**  
*Reception hosted by the Presidium*  
*Estonian Concert Hall, Estonia blv 4, [www.concert.ee](http://www.concert.ee)*

## Friday, 24 October

- 08:00–12:30      **Registration**  
*In the lobby of the Riigikogu, Lossi plats 1A*
- 08:00 – 09:30      **Meeting between the Presidium and chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the committees (acting as the Drafting Committee)**  
*Small Conference Halls of the Riigikogu L333*
- 10:00 – 10:30      **Opening of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**  
**Awarding of the Winners of the Baltic Way 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Essay Competition**  
*Riigikogu Plenary Chamber, Lossi Plats 1 A*  
*Chaired by:*
- **Mrs. Laine Randjärv**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*
  - **Mrs. Giedrė Purvaneckienė**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
  - **Mr. Jānis Vucāns**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
- **H.E. Mr. Eiki Nestor**, *President of the Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia*
- **H.E. Mrs. Loreta Graužinienė**, *Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania*
- **H.E. Mrs. Solvita Āboltiņa**, *Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia*
- 10:30–13:00      **20<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council**  
*Riigikogu Plenary Chamber, Lossi Plats 1 A*  
*Chaired by:*
- **Mrs. Laine Randjärv**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*
  - **H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet**, *Chairman of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia*
- **Mrs. Laine Randjärv**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*
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- **Mr. Neris Germanas**, *Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania*
- **Ms. Dace Melbārde**, *Minister for Culture of the Republic of Latvia*
- Questions and answers**  
**Debate**
- 12:00-12:15      **Press point of the Speakers**  
*White Hall of the Riigikogu*
- 12:15              **Signing of the Joint Statement of the 20<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council**  
*White Hall of the Riigikogu*
- 12:15 – 12:45      **Press conference**  
*White Hall of the Riigikogu*
- 12:30 – 14:00      **Lunch break**  
*At Riigikogu*

13:00 – 15:00 **Working lunch for the Speakers of the parliaments of the Baltic States and the chairpersons of the national delegations to the Baltic Assembly**  
*Restaurant in the Old Town*

**14:15–18:30** **Continuation of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**  
*Riigikogu Plenary Chamber, Lossi Plats 1 A*

14:15 – 14:45

**Session 1**

**Digital signatures – as a tool of removing borders in the Region**

*Chaired by: Mr. Sven Sester, Chairman of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly*

- **Mr. Hannes Kiiwet**, Head of Interoperability Section, Architecture Department, Estonian Information System Authority

**Debate**

14:45 – 15:15

**Session 2**

**Development of transport and infrastructure in the Region**

*Chaired by: Mr. Rytas Kupčinskas, Vice Chairman of the Lithuanian delegation to the Baltic Assembly*

- **Mr. Arenijus Jackus**, Director of Development and International Relations Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Lithuania

**Debate**

15:15 – 15:45

**Session 3**

**EU Eastern Partnership**

*Chaired by: Mr. Atis Lejiņš, Vice Chairman of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly*

- **Mr. Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš**, Chairman of the Saeima Foreign Affairs Committee, Latvia

**Debate**

15:45–16:15

**Coffee break**

16:15 - 17:30

**Safe societies and regional security**

*Chaired by:*

- **Mrs. Laine Randjārv**, President of the Baltic Assembly
- **Mrs. Giedrė Purvaneckienė**, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly
- **Mr. Jānis Vucāns**, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly

**Session 1**

**10 years of the Baltic States in NATO: defence capabilities,**

### **pooling and sharing**

- **Mr. Raimonds Vējonis**, Minister of Defence of Latvia
- **Mr. Sven Sakkov**, Undersecretary for Defence Policy, Estonian Ministry of Defence

#### **Debate**

### **Session 2**

#### **Defence and security at a time of fiscal, operational and strategic transition**

- **Mr. Antanas Valys**, Vice-Minister of National Defence, Lithuania

#### **Debate**

### **Session 3**

#### **Soft power – can we jointly respond to it?**

- **Mr. Jānis Kārklīņš**, Director of the NATO STRATCOM Centre of Excellence

#### **Debate**

17:30

### **Continuation of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**

#### **Addresses by foreign delegations and guests**

#### **Report of the Presidium**

- **Mrs. Laine Randjärv**, President of the Baltic Assembly

#### **Debate**

#### **Report of the Budget and Audit Committee**

- **Mr. Sven Sester**, Chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee

#### **Debate**

#### **Adoption of the Final Document of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**

#### **Election of the President and Vice Presidents of the Baltic Assembly for 2015**

#### **Election of the chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the committees**

#### **Address by the newly elected President of the Baltic Assembly**

18:30

#### **Signing of the Final Document of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**

*White Hall of the Riigikogu*

19:00

#### **Reception hosted by the Presidium**

*At the parliament*