



## Meeting of the Security and Defence Committee of the Baltic Assembly

25 January 2019, Rīga  
Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

### Preliminary programme (22/01/2019)

Friday, 25 January	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Opening remarks by <b>Jānis Vucāns</b>, President of the Baltic Assembly</p> <p><b>Developments in the defence cooperation of the Baltic States</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Harmonisation of the national defence plans</li><li>- Simplification process of Allied military movement (air, land, maritime)</li><li>- Defence planning and capability building measures</li><li>- Naval surveillance and information sharing</li><li>- Allocation of the United States Security Assistance for Baltic States for Joint Program for Interoperability and deterrence against Aggression</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Mr Jānis Garisons</b>, State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, Latvia</li><li>- <b>Mr Kusti Salm</b>, Head of the Defence Investments Department of the Ministry of Defence, Estonia</li><li>- <b>Mr Robertas Šapronas</b>, Defence Policy Director of the Ministry of National Defence, Lithuania</li><li>- <b>Marc Hendrickx</b>, President of the Committee of Foreign Affairs of the Benelux Parliament</li></ul> <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Results of negotiations about joint procurements in the military sector: implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Report by the Baltic Council of Ministers:</b> <b>Mr Kusti Salm</b>, Head of the Defence Investments Department, Ministry of Defence, Estonia</li><li>- <b>Benelux approach towards joint military procurements:</b> <b>Mr Martijn van Helvert</b>, Chair of the Dutch delegation of the Benelux Parliament</li></ul> <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
11:00 – 11:20	Pause

11:20 – 12:30	<p><b>External border control and management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordinated measures for protection of the external border</li> <li>- Implementation of the “Joint Patrol Agreement between the State Border Guard Service under the Lithuanian Ministry of Interior, the Police Department under the Lithuanian Ministry of Interior, the State Border Guard of Latvia and the State Police of the Ministry of Interior of Latvia”</li> <li>- Operational cooperation of state border guard services of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in combating cross-border crime</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr Dimitrijs Trofimovs</b>, State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, Latvia</li> <li>- <b>Ms Helen Neider-Veerme</b>, Police Adviser on Strategic Border Management Police and Border Guard Board, Estonia</li> <li>- <b>Mr Artūras Čeida</b>, Chief Specialist of the National Coordination Centre of the Border Control Organization Board (BCOB) of the State Border Guard Service (SBGS) under the Ministry of Interior, Lithuania</li> </ul> <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Cooperation in the field of disaster prevention, preparedness and response, crisis management and civil protection: implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr Dimitrijs Trofimovs</b>, State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, Latvia</li> </ul> <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
13:00 – 13:30	<p><b>Cooperation in countering hybrid threats and establishment of a regional centre for monitoring and analysis of information space: implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Report by the Baltic Council of Ministers:</b> <b>Mr Robertas Šapronas</b>, Defence Policy Director of the Ministry of National Defence, Lithuania</li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction to the Baltic Security Strategy project: conclusions and recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr Otto Tabuns</b>, Executive Director of Baltic Security Strategy project</li> </ul> <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
13:30	<p>Internal meeting for members of the Security and Defence Committee of the Baltic Assembly</p>