



## The 28th Session of the Baltic Assembly, the 15th Baltic Council 26 – 28 November 2009, Vilnius

### PROGRAMME

#### Thursday, 26 November

21:00 BA Presidium meeting

#### Friday, 27 November

8:00 – 16:30 Registration  
*Place: Lobby, Building I*

8:00 – 10:00 - Education, Science and Culture Committee' meeting  
*Room 442, Building II*  
- Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatics Committee' meeting  
*Room 415, Building II*  
- Environmental Protection and Energy Committee' meeting  
*Baltic Assembly Hall, Building III*

8:00 – 9:00 Meeting of the BA Presidium  
*White Hall, Building I*

8:00 – 9:00 - Social Affairs Committee' meeting  
*Room 443, Building II*

9:00 – 10:00 Meeting between the BA Presidium and Foreign Affairs Committees  
*Meeting room of the European Affairs Committee, Building I*

9:00 – 10:00 - Legal Affairs and Security Committee' meeting  
*Room 414, Building II*

#### **10:15 – 10:45 Opening of the 28th Session of the Baltic Assembly**

##### ***Chairs:***

- ***Dr Mantas Adomėnas***, *President of the Baltic Assembly*
- ***Mrs Ērika Zommere***, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
- ***Mr Trivimi Velliste***, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
  
- **Dr Mantas Adomėnas**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*
- **H.E. Mrs Irena Degutienė**, *Speaker of the Seimas*
- **H.E. Mr Gundars Daudze**, *Speaker of the Saeima*
- **H.E. Mrs Ene Ergma**, *President of the Riigikogu*
- **H.E. Mr David Bakradze**, *Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia*

10:50 – 12:00

## The 15th Baltic Council

### *Chairs:*

- **Dr Mantas Adomėnas**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*
- **H.E. Mr Vygaudas Ušackas**, *Chairman of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania*
  
- **Dr Mantas Adomėnas**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*
- **H.E. Mr Vygaudas Ušackas**, *Chairman of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania*
- **H.E. Mr Māris Riekstiņš**, *Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia*
- **H.E. Mr Urmas Paet**, *Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia*

Questions and answers

Debate

### **Signing of the Joint Statement of the 15th Baltic Council**

12:00 – 12:30

#### **Press conference**

*Press Conference Hall, Building II*

12:30 – 13:30

Working lunch of the BA Presidium and Speakers of the national parliaments of the Baltic States

*Seimas Restaurant, Building III*

12:30 – 13.30

Meeting of the BA Drafting Committee

*White Hall, Building I*

13:30 – 14:45

### **Agenda, priorities and the way ahead: Baltic cooperation institutions by 2020**

***Added value of Baltic cooperation: agenda, priorities and the way ahead***

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- **Mrs Ērika Zommere**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
- **Mr Trivimi Velliste**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
  
- **Mr Audronius Ažubalis**, *Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas*
- **Dr Jānis Eglītis**, *Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima*
- **Mr Sven Mikser**, *Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Rüigikogu*
- **Dr Mantas Adomėnas**, *President of the Baltic Assembly, Chairman of the BA Lithuanian delegation*
- **Mrs Ērika Zommere**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Chair of the BA Latvian delegation*
- **Mr Trivimi Velliste**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Chairman of the BA Estonian delegation*
- **Mr Kent Olsson**, *Vice President of the Nordic Council*
- **Mr Marcel Oberweis**, *representing the President of the Benelux Parliament*

Debate

Conclusions

14:45 – 15:00

Presentation of the book "300 Baltic Writers: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania"

15:00 – 16:45

**„Baltic cooperation and crisis: in quest of security, sustainability and growth”**

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- ***Mr Trivimi Velliste***, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*

**„How to ensure stability in the Baltic region in long term perspective: Baltic solutions?” Economic, social and education dimensions**

- **Dr Mindaugas Jurkynas**, Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University
- **Mr Andris Strazds**, Reseracher of the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga
- **Mr Peep Mühls**, Chairman of the Executive Board, Estonian Cooperation Assembly
- **Mr Helgi Hjörvar**, President of the Nordic Council 2010
- **Mr Marcel Oberweis**, representing the President of the Benelux Parliament
- **Mr Ali Masimli**, Member of the Azerbaijani delegation to the GUAM PA, Member of Committee on Economical Policy of the Azerbaijani Parliament
- **Mrs Christina Gestrin**, Chair of the Standing Committee of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference

Questions and answers

Conclusions

16:45 – 17:15

**Free debate**

17:15 - 18:30

BA Budget and Audit Committee meeting  
*Baltic Assembly hall, Building III*

17:15 - 18:30

Meeting of the BA Drafting Committee  
*White Hall, Building I*

19:30

**Baltic Assembly Prizes Awarding Ceremony** followed by reception hosted by the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly  
*City Hall, Didžiokai 31*

### **Saturday, 28 November**

08:00-09:15

Working breakfast of the BA Presidium, Cchairmen and Vice-chairmen of the BA committees with the delegation of the GUAM Parliamentary Assembly  
*Radisson SAS Astorija*

08:30 – 11:00 Registration

10:00 **The 28th BA Session continued**

**Chairs:**

- **Dr Mantas Adomėnas**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*
- **Mrs Ērika Zommere**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
- **Mr Trivimi Velliste**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*

10:00 – 10:15 **Report of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly**

- **Dr Mantas Adomėnas**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*

Questions and answers

10:30 – 11:30 Reports of the BA committees on the activities in 2009 and priorities for 2010 and introduction to the draft documents, adoption of the documents

- **Mr Gediminas Navaitis**, *Chairman of the Social Affairs Committee*
- **Mr Egidijus Klumbys**, *Member of the Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatic Committee*
- **Mr Mart Jüssi**, *Vice Chair of the Environmental Protection and Energy Committee*
- **Mr Valerijus Simulik**, *Chairman of the Education, Science and Culture Committee*
- **Mr Liudvikas Sabutis**, *Chairman of the Legal Affairs and Security Committee*
- **Mr Rytas Kupčinskas**, *Chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee*
  
- **Dr Mantas Adomėnas**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*

11:30 Adoption of the Final document of the 28th BA Session

Election of the President and Vice Presidents of the Baltic Assembly 2010  
Election of the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the BA Committees

Speech of the newly elected President of the Baltic Assembly

**Signing of the Final document of the 28th Session of the Baltic Assembly**

12:00 Press conference  
*Press Conference Hall, Building II*

12:00 Departure of the delegations