

**BALTIC ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION**

**ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH TOURISM IN THE  
BALTIC STATES AND THE BALTIC SEA REGION**

The Baltic Assembly,

**recognising** that youth tourism is an important and promising part of international tourism,

**noting** that the Nordic countries have accumulated long-term experience in organising youth tourism and educational and employment exchange programmes in their region,

**considering** that promoting co-operation among the Baltic States and the Nordic countries in the field of youth exchange programmes and youth tourism sector would facilitate the development of international tourism and integrate the Baltic States' tourism into the common EU and Baltic Sea region tourism network,

**proceeding from** the BA Resolution "On the Development of Tourism in the Baltic States" and the Resolution of the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parliamentarians of the Baltic Sea Countries, as well as the Resolution "On the Development of Youth Exchange Programmes among the Nordic Countries and the Baltic States" adopted by the Nordic Council Committee for Co-operation with Neighbouring Regions,

**calls on** the Baltic Council of Ministers to:

expand the co-operation among Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in the youth tourism sector;

promote the development of youth exchange programmes in the Baltic Sea region in the fields of education, recreation, youth employment, culture and ecotourism;

harmonise the Baltic States' legislation in the youth tourism sector by taking into consideration the legislative and practical experience of the Nordic countries;

promote the development of bilateral youth co-operation programmes in the Baltic Sea region;

develop a common Baltic States' strategy for the development of youth tourism by creating the reduced rate system for international public transport, youth hostels and public service.

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