



**Meeting of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee
of the Baltic Assembly**

6-7 February 2025, Tallinn (Estonia)

Preliminary programme

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Friday, 7 February

09:00–10:00 **Internal meeting of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee**

10:00–11:30 **Regional integration through logistics: Enhancing Baltic connectivity**

- Current status of logistics network connectivity in the Baltic States
- Jointly improving logistics connectivity in the Baltic States (e.g. aligning national logistics policies)
- Modernizing rail, road and port connections to improve the efficiency and capacity of logistics networks in the Baltic States
- Coordination of national port development plans (*BA recommendation*)
- Shared electronic vignette system for the Baltic States (*BA recommendation*)

*Chaired by the Chair of the Committee **Mr Andris Kulbergs***

Introductory report on improving competitiveness for logistics service providers in the Baltic region

- **Mr Normunds Kozlovskis**, Lecturer at the Department of Commerce, Faculty of Business Administration, Turība University

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Andris Maldups**, Deputy Head of Transport Logistics and International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Transport, Latvia
- **Mr Jaak Viilipus**, Head of Maritime Department, Ministry of Climate, Estonia
- **Mr Gytis Mažeika**, Head of International Cooperation Group, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Lithuania

Debates

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

11:30–12:30 **Status update on the challenges in the Rail Baltica project**

- Identifying the main challenges of the implementation of the Rail Baltica
- Strategy for reducing the funding gap of the Rail Baltica project
- Reframing the Rail Baltica from a primarily civilian to a military mobility infrastructure project
- Endorsing the implementation of the Rail Baltica project through the necessary legislative changes

- Implementation of regional aspects of Rail Baltica infrastructure management (e.g. agreement on a common model for train ownership, procurement and public service provision)
- Ensuring synergy of Rail Baltica with the private sector in the Baltic States

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Report on the challenges of the Rail Baltica project:

- **Mr Marko Kivila**, Interim Chairperson of the Management Board and CEO of RB Rail AS

Political debate on the role of the BA in addressing the challenges

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

13:00–14:30

Moving forward with enhancing regional energy networks and interconnections through the creation of the Baltic energy strategy

- Status update on the development of a Baltic energy security strategy
- Accelerating the synchronization of Baltic electricity grids with the European network
- Enhancing physical energy connectivity in the Baltic States (e.g. through the development of electrical grids)
- Overcoming challenges in cooperation for effective wind energy production (incl. via coordinating regional offshore wind energy projects in the Baltic Sea)
- Strengthening the protection of energy infrastructure (*BA recommendations: harmonizing measures for the protection of energy infrastructure and the development of preventive and emergency action plans and table-top exercises to improve cooperation in energy security*)

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Introductory report on the results and achievements of the Joint Baltic-Nordic Energy Research Programme

- **Dr Klaus Skytte**, CEO of the Nordic Energy Research

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Arnoldas Pikžirnis**, Vice Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Mr Gunārs Valdmanis**, Director of the Energy Market Department, Ministry of Climate and Energy of the Republic of Latvia
- **Mr Rein Vaks**, Head of Energy Department, Ministry of Climate, Estonia

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