



**Meeting of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee
of the Baltic Assembly**

7 March 2025, Vilnius (Lithuania)

Friday, 7 March

09:00–10:00 **Internal meeting of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

10:00–12:00

**FOSTERING COOPERATION OF THE BALTIC STATES:
TOWARDS A MORE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND
FORESTRY TOGETHER**

- Cooperation in addressing challenges created by climate change in the agriculture and forestry sectors of the Baltic States
- Impact of the EU Common Agricultural Policy and Green Deal on Baltic agriculture and forestry sectors (e.g. developing unified positions on sustainable agriculture and forestry for international platforms)
- Harmonizing policy and measures for sustainable agriculture and forestry in the Baltics (e.g. creation of shared environmental criteria)
- Cooperation in research and technological development for climate-resilient practices in the Baltic States
- Facilitating cross-border cooperation and projects for the promotion of precision agriculture in the Baltic States (*BA recommendation*)

*Chaired by **Jānis Grasbergs**, Chair of the BA Natural Resources and Environment Committee*

Introductory speech by Mr Kęstutis Mažeika, Chair of the Seimas Committee on Rural Affairs, Lithuania

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Gediminas Tamašauskis**, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Lithuania
- **Mr Ramūnas Krugelis**, Vice Minister of Environment, Lithuania
- **Mr Āris Jansons**, Director of the Forestry Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia
- **Mr Rauno Reinberg**, Advisor, Department of Forestry, Ministry of Climate, Estonia (*forestry*)
- **Ms Eike Lepmets**, Advisor, Land Use Policy Department, Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture (*agriculture*)

Debates

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

12:30–14:00

COOPERATION OF THE BALTIC STATES IN PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY IN THE BALTIC SEA

- Status update on the Baltic marine biodiversity and main challenges to be addressed in cooperation
- Common activities of the Baltic States to protect marine ecosystems and habitats in the Baltic Sea
- Protection of the Natura 2000 sites in the Baltic Sea of particular importance for the Baltic States
- Sustainable management of fisheries in the Baltic Sea
- Role of sustainable agriculture for reducing the impact of eutrophication on marine life in the Baltic Sea

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Introductory report regarding the cooperation between HELCOM and the Baltic States in protecting biodiversity in the Baltic Sea

- **Mr Rüdiger Stempel**, Executive Secretary of the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM)

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Ramūnas Krugelis**, Vice Minister of Environment, Lithuania
- **Ms Astra Labuce**, Advisor to the Minister for Nature Protection, Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development, Latvia
- **Mr Mart Kiis**, Head of Biodiversity Strategy, Ministry of Climate, Estonia

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