



Meeting of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly

28 March 2025, Tallinn (Estonia)

Friday, 28 March

09:00–10:00 **Internal meeting of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee**

10:00–12:00 **Health without borders: enhancing healthcare through data exchange in the Baltic States**

- Current status of cross-border healthcare data exchange in the Baltic States
- Jointly improving healthcare connectivity in the Baltic States (e.g. sharing cross-border data, aligning national laws or establishing a shared electronic health record system)
- Role of cross-border data exchange in supporting regional research on health challenges
- Enhancing patient mobility seeking treatment in the Baltic States
- Interoperability of e-Health systems in the Baltic States (*BA recommendation*)
- Collecting and exchanging data about cancer patients through a joint Baltic cancer registry (*BA recommendation*)

Chaired by the Chair of the Committee Ms Antonina Nenaševa

Introductory report on using health services in Nordic or Baltic countries:¹

- **Mr Jukka Lähesmaa**, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

- **Mr Daniel Naumovas**, Vice Minister of Health, Lithuania
- **Ms Aiga Balode**, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Health, Latvia
- **Ms Jaanika Merilo**, Head of Digital Health and Care, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia

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12:30–14:30 **Cooperation of the Baltic States to promote joint medical procurements and building-up reserves in healthcare**

- Status update on activities regarding the renewed partnership agreement between the ministries of health on joint procurements signed in 2022
- Cooperation of the Baltic States to improve procurement efficiency and affordability of medicines in the region
- Building strategic healthcare reserves in the Baltic States (e.g. strategies to maintain and replenish reserves efficiently between the Baltic States)
- Development of a coordinated strategy for addressing and managing health supply chain disruptions or shortages

¹ Read more here: <https://norden.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:1615288/FULLTEXT02.pdf>

— Joint procurements of expensive medications in formats such as the Baltic-Nordic region and the Baltic States together with Poland and Ukraine (*BA recommendation*)

— New objects for joint medical procurements (*BA recommendation*)

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Status update on joint procurements in the Baltic States

— **Ms Eveli Bauer**, Procurement and Warehouse Service Manager, Estonian Health Insurance Fund

Governmental positions of the Baltic States

— **Mr Daniel Naumovas**, Vice Minister of Health, Lithuania

— **Mr Āris Kasparāns**, Head of the National Health Service, Latvia

— *Estonian view*

International experience

— **Mr Truls Vasvik**, Member of the Committee for Welfare in the Nordic Region, Nordic Council

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