

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly and 19<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council 28–29 November 2013, Riga Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

### Thursday, 28 November

- Arrival and accommodation of participants  
**Radisson Blu Rīdzene Hotel**  
Reimersa iela 1
- 16:00–19:00 Registration  
*Radisson Blu Rīdzene Hotel*
- 17:30–19:00 **Meetings of the Presidium and committees of the Baltic Assembly**  
*Radisson Blu Rīdzene Hotel*
- Meeting of the Presidium, *room Vērmanis*
  - Meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee, *room Arkādijs*
  - Meeting of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee, *room Viesturs*
  - Meeting of the Legal Affairs and Security Committee, *room Bastejs 3*
  - Meeting of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee, *room Bastejs 2*
  - Meeting of the Welfare Committee, *room Bastejs 1*
- 20:00 **Baltic Assembly Medal Awarding Ceremony**  
**Baltic Assembly Prize Awarding Ceremony**  
**Baltic Innovation Prize 2013 Awarding Ceremony**  
*Reception hosted by the Presidium*  
**Architecture and Media Centre H<sub>2</sub>O 6, Ūdens iela 6**

### Friday, 29 November

- 09:00–12:30 **Registration**  
*Grand vestibule, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11*
- 08:00–09:00 **Meeting of the Budget and Audit Committee**  
*Guest Room, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11*
- 09:00–10:00 **Meeting between the Presidium and chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the committees (acting as the Drafting Committee)**  
*Red Room, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11*
- 10:15–10:45 Opening of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly  
Plenary Chamber, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11  
Chaired by:
- **Mr. Raimonds Vējonis**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*
  - **Mrs. Laine Randjārv**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
  - **Mrs. Giedre Purvaneckienė**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
  - **H.E. Mrs. Solvita Āboltoņa**, *Speaker of the Saeima*
  - **H.E. Mrs. Ene Ergma**, *President of the Riigikogu*
  - **H.E. Mrs. Loreta Graužinienė**, *Speaker of the Seimas*

10:45–12:30	<p><b>19<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council</b>  <i>Plenary Chamber, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11</i>  <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Mr. Raimonds Vējonis</b>, <i>President of the Baltic Assembly</i></li> <li>– <b>Mr. Daniels Pavļuts</b>, <i>Minister for Economics of the Republic of Latvia</i></li> <li>– <b>Mr. Raimonds Vējonis</b>, <i>President of the Baltic Assembly</i></li> <li>– <b>Mr. Daniels Pavļuts</b>, <i>Minister for Economics of the Republic of Latvia</i></li> <li>– <b>H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet</b>, <i>Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia</i></li> <li>– <b>Mr. Neris Germanas</b>, <i>Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and answers</b>  <b>Debate</b></p> <p><b>Signing of the Joint Statement of the 19<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council</b>  <i>Plenary Chamber, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11</i></p>
12:30–13:00	<p><b>Press conference</b>  <i>Red Room, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11</i></p>
12:30–14:00	<p><b>Lunch break</b>  <i>Cafeteria, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11</i></p>
13:30–14:45	<p><b>Lunch for the Speakers of the parliaments of the Baltic States and the chairpersons of the national delegations to the Baltic Assembly</b></p>
14:00–18:30	<p><b>Continuation of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly</b>  <i>Plenary Chamber, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11</i></p>
14:00–15:30	<p><b>Development of a joint regional tourism concept</b>  <b>Joint projects in health resort sector and joint health care projects</b>  <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Mr. Aivar Riisalu</b>, <i>Vice Chairman of the Estonia delegation to the Baltic Assembly</i></li> <li>– Introductory remarks by <b>Mr. Atis Lejinš</b>, <i>Chairman of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee</i></li> <li>– Introductory remarks by <b>Mr. Vitālijs Orlovs</b>, <i>Chairman of the Welfare Committee</i></li> <li>– <b>Mr. Erikas Mačiūnas</b>, <i>Vice Minister for Health of the Republic of Lithuania</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Debate</b></p> <p><b>Proactive and intelligence-led approach towards fight against organised crime</b>  <b>Fight against VAT fraud</b>  <i>Chaired by: Mr. Jānis Vucāns</i>, <i>Deputy Secretary of the Saeima, Chairman of the BA Education, Science and Culture Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Introductory remarks by <b>Mr. Jānis Ādamsons</b>,  <i>Chairman of the Legal Affairs and Security Committee</i></li> <li>– <b>Mr. Andris Vilks</b>, <i>Minister for Finance of the Republic of Latvia</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Debate</b></p> <p><b>Baltic cooperation in research and innovation</b>  <i>Chaired by: Mr. Rytas Kupčinskas</i>, <i>Vice Chairman of the Lithuanian delegation to the Baltic Assembly</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Introductory remarks by <b>Mr. Jānis Vucāns</b>, <i>Chairman of the Education, Science and Culture Committee</i></li> <li>– <b>Mr. Toivo Rääm</b>, <i>Adviser at the Research Policy Department of the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Debate</b></p>
15:30–15:45	<p><b>Coffee break</b>  <i>Voting Room, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11</i></p>

15:45–16:45 **Digital Single Market**

*Chaired by:*

- **Mr. Raimonds Vējonis**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*
- **Mrs. Laine Randjärv**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
- **Mrs. Giedre Purvaneckienė**, *Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
- **Dr. Signe Bāliņa**, *President of the Latvian Information and Communications Technology Association*
- **Mr. Mait Heidelberg**, *Adviser at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Estonia*
- **Mr. Valentinas Kvietkus**, *Head of the Knowledge Society Division, Innovation and Knowledge Society Department, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Lithuania*

**Debate**

16:45 **Continuation of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**

**Addresses by foreign delegations and guests**

- **Mr. Jānis Zulkis**, *Member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Latvian Youth Parliament*
- **Ms. Marit Nybakk**, *President of the Nordic Council, Norway*
- **Mr. Marcel Oberweis**, *President of the Benelux Parliament*
- **Mr. Zurab Abashidze**, *Chairman of the GUAM Parliamentary Assembly, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia*
- **Mr. Paulius Vertelka**, *representative of the Joint Baltic American National Committee and Lithuanian American Council*

**Report of the Presidium**

- **Mr. Raimonds Vējonis**, *President of the Baltic Assembly*

**Debate**

**Report of the Budget and Audit Committee**

- **Mr. Ivans Ribakovs**, *Chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee*

**Debate**

**Adoption of the Final Document of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**

**Election of the President and Vice Presidents of the Baltic Assembly for 2014**

**Election of the chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the committees**

**Address by the newly elected President of the Baltic Assembly**

18:00 **Signing of the Final Document of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**  
*Red Room, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11*