



**Joint meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee and the  
Security and Defence Committee of the Baltic Assembly**  
16–17 January 2025, Riga (Latvia)

**Preliminary programme**

**Thursday, 16 January**

- 17:30–18:30    **Meeting of the BA Budget and Audit Committee**
- 18:30–19:30    **Internal meeting of the BA Security and Defence Committee**

**Friday, 17 January**

- 08:30–9:50    **Meeting of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly**
- 10:00            **Awarding of the BA medal**
- 10:15–11:00    **Internal meeting of the BA Education, Science and Culture Committee  
and the BA Security and Defence Committee**

- 11:00–12:30    **Comprehensive defence in the education systems of the Baltic States**
- National approaches of the Baltic States to comprehensive defence in education
  - Strengthening cooperation between military and educational institutions
  - Incorporating defence and resilience themes into school curriculums
  - Enhancing cooperation of the Baltic States regarding comprehensive defence in education (e.g. curriculum development, youth engagement practices, shared teaching resources, research cooperation, and policy exchange)
  - Joint teacher training in crisis preparedness and emergency response

*Chaired by the Chair of the Education, Science and Culture Committee **Mr Juris Viļums***

***Introductory report regarding comprehensive defence in the education systems of the Baltic States***

- **Dr Jānis Bērziņš**, Lead Researcher at the Security and Strategic Research Centre, National Defence Academy of Latvia

***Governmental positions of the Baltic States***

- **Ms Silvija Amatniece**, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia
- **Mr Aare Jamnes**, Head of National Defence Education, Defence Resources Agency, Estonia

- **Ms Irena Raudienė**, Head of Educational Programmes Division, Department of Education, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Lithuania

*International experience*

- **Mr Lars Mejern Larsson**, Vice Chairman of the Committee for Knowledge and Culture in the Nordic Region, Nordic Council

13:00-14:30

**Fostering resilience and patriotism in Baltic youth through conscription**

- Strengths and challenges of the conscription models in the Baltic States
- Role of conscription in strengthening the Baltic identity in youth
- Policies to improve youth engagement and patriotism through national defence services
- Aligning conscription standards and training in the Baltic States
- Exchange programmes for young people enlisted through conscription

*Chaired by the Chair of the Security and Defence Committee **Mr Uģis Rotbergs***

*Governmental positions of the Baltic States*

- **Mr Karolis Aleksa**, Vice Minister of National Defence, Lithuania
- **Mr Rolands Henriņš**, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, Latvia
- **Mr Kristers Grauze**, Deputy Director of the Department of the National Defence Service, Ministry of Defence, Latvia
- **Mr Aare Jamnes**, Head of National Defence Education, Defence Resources Agency, Estonia

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