



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

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Conference Hall of Riigikogu

Preliminary programme
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Friday, 4 February	
09:00-10:30	<p>Taking stock of the COVID-19 crisis: the Baltic states turning challenges into opportunities to foster economic growth in the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Economic growth forecasts for the Baltic states after the COVID-19 crisis— Joint policy initiatives and common strategy of the Baltic states to ensure swift economic recovery after the COVID-19 crisis— 3B cooperation initiatives to foster the economic growth in long-term— Challenges and possible joint actions to address the challenges regarding human resources of the Baltic states <p>Introductory report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Mr Karsten Staehr and Ms Katri Urke, Authors of research “The Coronavirus Pandemic and Next Generation EU in the Baltic States” (2021) <p>Governmental positions of the Baltic states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Latvian view— Mr Andres Kikas, Counsellor of Economic Development Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia— Lithuanian view <p>International experience</p> <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
11:00-12:30	<p>Industry 4.0 and 5.0 in the Baltic states: joint activities to enable digital and green transitions in the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— The current level of 3B industrial modernization and sustainability— Key drivers for circular production and taking stock of support technologies that make the use of natural resources more efficient— Joint activities to use the full potential of Industry 4.0 and 5.0 in the Baltic states

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Digital transformation of manufacturing and supply chains, shaping the next generation of industry — Revising existing value chains and energy consumption practices to make industries more resilient against external shocks such as the COVID-19 crisis <p><i>Introductory report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Samir Halimanovic, Project manager of the “Baltic Inventor” <p><i>Governmental positions of the Baltic states</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Latvian view — Ms Jekaterina Iljina, Sustainability adviser, Economic Development Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia — Lithuanian view <p><i>International experience</i></p> <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
13:30-15:00	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e6f2e6;"> <p>Development of joint energy infrastructure projects in the Baltic states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Development of new joint renewable energy projects, including hydrogen stations, offshore and onshore wind farms, solar power plants and others — Production of nuclear power in the Baltic states: opportunities and challenges — Developments towards a common regional electricity and gas market of the Baltic states — Baltic gas sector in transition: the repurposing of the existing gas infrastructure, exploring the possibilities of hydrogen; and challenges regarding trade with Russia — Cooperation of the Baltic states within the Three Seas Initiative improving energy connectivity of the region — Effects of the energy price shocks to the economies of the Baltic states and their mitigation </div> <p><i>Introductory report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ms Agnia Grigas, energy & political risk expert, <i>video message</i> — Mr Reinis Āboltniš, Energy expert <p><i>Governmental positions of the Baltic states regarding energy connectivity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Latvian view — Mr Timo Tatar, Deputy Secretary General for Energy and Mineral Resources, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia — Lithuanian view <p><i>International experience</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Elnur Allahverdiyev, Head of the delegation of Azerbaijan to the GUAM Parliamentary Assembly

	<p>Debates</p> <p>Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
15:00-15:20	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e1f5fe; padding: 5px;"> <p>Follow-up on the implementation of the Rail Baltica project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Follow-up on the implementation of the Rail Baltica project — Evaluation of the cooperation of the Baltic states within the Rail Baltica project — Current challenges and opportunities for the Baltic states </div> <p><i>Report about the implementation of the project</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Kristjan Kaunissare, Rail Baltic Coordinator, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia <p>Debates</p>
15:20	Internal meeting of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee

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