Meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee of the Baltic Assembly
6–7 June 2024, Tartu (Estonia)
Estonian National Museum

Preliminary programme

Friday, 7 June

08:15  Bus to the ENM with a stop at the Vana–Jaani Cemetary

08:30  Paying respects to the former President of the Baltic Assembly and long–term member of the Baltic Assembly Mr Aadu Must at the Vana–Jaani Cemetary

09:00–10:00  Tour of Museumi tee 2

10:00–10:30  Words of welcome by :
  — Ms Kertu Saks, Director of ERM
  — Mr Urmas Klaas, Mayor of Tartu
  — Mr Kuldar Leis, CEO of Tartu2024

10:30–11:30  Internal meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee of the Baltic Assembly

11:30–13:00  Building culture-driven social resilience in the Baltic States together
  — Role of culture in addressing resilience challenges in the Baltic States
  — Joint cultural activities to unite Baltic people, nurture their sense of belonging, and strengthen societal resilience
  — Providing space and framework for culture to unfold its potential to strengthen social resilience
  — Common initiatives for building a strong Baltic cultural identity and bringing communities in the region together
  — Role of the Baltic Culture Fund in fostering culture-driven social resilience
  Chaired by: Ms Margit Sutrop, Vice Chair of the BA Education, Science and Culture Committee

Report on the results of the Baltic Culture Fund project competition and the role of the Fund in fostering culture-driven social resilience in the Baltics
  — Ms Agrita Ozola, Representative of the Baltic Culture Fund in Latvia
Governmental positions of the Baltic States
— **Mr Uldis Zariņš**, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, Latvia
— **Ms Janina Krušinskaitė**, Head of Creative Sectors and International Cooperation Policy Unit, Ministry of Culture, Lithuania
— **Ms Kristiina Alliksaar**, Secretary General of the Ministry of Culture, Estonia

International experience
— **Mr Lars Mejern Larsson**, Vice Chairman of the Committee for Knowledge and Culture of the Nordic Council, Sweden

Debates

**Conclusions for the BA recommendations**

13:30–15:00

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*Chair by:* **Ms Margit Sutrop**, *Vice Chair of the BA Education, Science and Culture Committee*

Introductory comparison of the educational systems of the Baltic States
— **Assoc. Prof. Irena Stonkuvienė**, Docent at the Institute of Educational Sciences, Vilnius University

Governmental positions of the Baltic States
— **Ms Diāna Laipniece**, Director of the Higher Education, Science and Innovation Department, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia
— **Mr Margus Haidak**, Head of the Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training Policy and Lifelong Learning Department, Ministry of Education and Research, Estonia
— **Mr Simonas Šabanovas**, Adviser of the Department of General Education, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports, Lithuania

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