




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 Cemetery
- 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 Cemetery
- 09:00–10:00  Tour of *Muuseumi 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

Reinforcing cooperation and exchange of best practices of the education institutions in the Baltic States

- Cooperation and networks between the secondary and higher education institutions in the Baltic States
- Cooperation between the education institutions to address the shortage of graduates, skills mismatch, and gender imbalance in the STEM field
- Creating education programmes and modules benefiting from joint activities of the Baltic States (e.g. modern engineering)
- Strengthening cooperation between authorities and institutions of higher education in the Baltic States
- Update on the implementation of the Treaty on the Automatic Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications in the Baltic and Benelux countries

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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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