Meeting of the
Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly
8-9 June 2023, Vilnius, Lithuania

Preliminary PROGRAMME
(02/06/2023)

Friday, 9 June

09:00-10:30 Addressing challenges in the healthcare systems of the Baltic States: joint solutions for workforce shortage and protecting patients’ rights
— Main challenges in addressing the shortage of the healthcare workforce in the Baltic States
— Common approach and sharing practices to reduce the shortage of nurses and doctors in the Baltics
— Addressing common challenges in protecting the rights of the Baltic patients
— Plans of the Baltic States to improve practice and awareness of patients’ rights
— Best practices in Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia to address workforce shortage and improve the protection of patients’ rights

— Mr Aurimas Pečkauskas, Vice Minister of Health, Lithuania
— Ms Katre Trofimov, Head of Person-Centered eHealth, Department of Health System Development, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia
— Ms Kristīne Kļaviņa, Head of the Human Resources Development Unit, Ministry of Health, Latvia
— Ms Diāna Kriksčūna, Lawyer at the Legal Acts Division, Legal Department, Ministry of Health, Latvia
— Ms Anja Sonemann, Member of the Beneluxa Initiative and International Collaboration Analyst of the Pharmaceutical Policy Department, National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance, Belgium

Debates
Conclusions for the BA recommendations

11:00-12:30 Cooperation of the Baltic States to reduce social inequality in the region
— Progress of the Baltic States in implementing the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights focusing on the 2030 national targets for social protection and inclusion
— Exchanging the best practices in reducing social inequality in Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia
— Social protection system as an effective mechanism to overcome poverty and reduce social inequality in the Baltic States
— Addressing the gaps in the social protection systems of the Baltic States regionally
— **Mr Martynas Šiurkus**, Vice Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania
— **Ms Diāna Jakaite**, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare, Latvia
— **Ms Merle Sumil-Laanemaa**, Head of Pension Policy, Department of Pension Policy and Cross-Border Social Security, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia

**Debates**

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

12:30-14:00  
**Youth unemployment in the Baltic States: identifying common challenges and finding common solutions**
— Status update on youth unemployment in the Baltic States
— Common challenges of the Baltic States in integrating the youth into the labour market
— Cooperation initiatives of the Baltic States in addressing youth unemployment
— Best practices in Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia to reduce youth unemployment

— **Ms Diāna Jakaite**, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare, Latvia
— **Ms Kristi Suur**, Head of Labor Market Services, Department of Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia
— **Ms Indrė Raubė**, Advisor of the Labour Market Group, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania

**Debates**

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14:00-14:30  
**Internal meeting of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee**

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