



**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

Conclusions for the BA recommendations

14:00-14:30

Internal meeting of the BA Health, Welfare and Family Committee

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