



Meeting of the Security and Defence Committee of the Baltic Assembly
29 April 2022, Nida, Lithuania

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
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Friday, 29 April	
10:00–11:30	<p>Russian Federation’s invasion to Ukraine and its effects on the security of the Baltic States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Report on the recent developments in Ukraine and the activities of the Baltic States to support the country— Cooperation of the Baltic States to ensure political, financial and military aid to Ukraine— Security landscape of the Baltic region during the war in Ukraine and times of Russia’s increased imperial interests in Europe— Permanent US military base in the Baltic States to boost the presence of NATO in the region— Joint activities to strengthen air defence capabilities in the Baltic States <p>Introductory report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Dr Gražvydas Jasutis, Vilnius University Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences, Lithuania— Mr Žilvinas Tomkus, Vice-minister of National Defence, Lithuania— Mr Raimonds Bergmanis, Former Minister of Defence, Member of the Saeima Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee, Latvia— Mr Meelis Oidsalu, Civil Society and Governance Expert at Praxis Think Tank, Former Undersecretary for Defence Readiness, Former Undersecretary for Defence Planning at the Ministry of Defence, Estonia <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>

<p>12:00–13:30</p>	<p>Preparedness in civil protection of the Baltic States: current state and ability to jointly respond to emergencies and disasters in the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Deepening the operational cooperation of the Baltic States by removing bureaucratic obstacles — Harmonising the legal framework for cross-border cooperation of the National Armed Forces and other operational authorities — Improving disaster risk reduction capacity and joint disaster prevention and preparedness actions of the Baltic States — Enhancing regular communication and exchange of information between the relevant institutions of the Baltic States in the field of civil protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Mārtiņš Šteins, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of the Interior, Latvia — Mr Gatis Švika, Head of the Sectoral Policy Department, Ministry of the Interior, Latvia — Mr Meelis Oidsalu, Civil Society and Governance Expert at Praxis Think Thank, Former Undersecretary for Defence Readiness, Former Undersecretary for Defence Planning at the Ministry of Defence, Estonia — Mr Ivars Nakurts, Head of the Civil Protection Department, State Fire and Rescue Service under the Ministry of the Interior, Latvia — Maj Giedrius Viganauskas, Civil Protection Planning and Coordination Section of the Civil Protection Board, Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>
<p>15:00–16:30</p>	<p>Political debate on the geopolitics and security in Europe after Russia's invasion of Ukraine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Russia's war against Ukraine reshaping the geopolitical outlook and implications of the changes on the Baltic States — Role of China, India and other key states in the future international cooperation — View of the Baltic Assembly on the relations with China from the security perspective <p>Introductory report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Liudas Zdanavičius, Policy Analyst, Centre for Defense Analysis, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania — Mr Atis Lejiņš, Chair of the BA Security and Defence Committee, Deputy Chair of the Saeima Foreign Affairs Committee, Latvia — Mr Laurynas Kasčiūnas, Chair of the Seimas Committee on National Security and Defence, Lithuania — Mr Meelis Oidsalu, Civil Society and Governance Expert at Praxis Think Thank, Former Undersecretary for Defence Readiness, Former Undersecretary for Defence Planning at the Ministry of Defence, Estonia <p>Debates Conclusions for the BA recommendations</p>

16:30–17:00	Internal meeting of the BA Security and Defence Committee
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