



**Conference of the Baltic Assembly & the Baltic Council of Ministers**  
**“Energy future of the Baltic States: addressing regional challenges together”**  
16–17 May 2024, Vilnius (Lithuania)

**Preliminary programme**

<b>Thursday, 16 May</b>	
12:00	<b>Internal meeting of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly &amp; Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania Mr Simonas Šatūnas</b> <i>A. M. Brazauskas Hall at the Seimas Palace I</i>
<b>Friday, 17 May</b>	
10:00–10:30	<b>OPENING</b> <i>Moderator – Energy Market Analyst at the Public Utilities Commission of Latvia <b>Dr Reinis Āboltiņš</b></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— <b>H.E. Ms Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen</b>, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania</li><li>— <b>Mr Andrius Kupčinskas</b>, President of the Baltic Assembly</li><li>— <b>Ms Inga Žilienė</b>, Vice-Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania</li></ul>
10:30–12:30	<b>Session I</b> <b>INCREASING COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF THE BALTIC STATES TO ENHANCE ENERGY SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE IN THE REGION</b> <p>Since Russia’s war in Ukraine, the Baltic States have accelerated their activities in the energy sector and are rapidly moving ahead with plans to diversify energy supply. The Baltic States which used to be among the most vulnerable to Russia using energy as a weapon, now are on the way to becoming immune to such threats. Despite the much progress achieved, numerous issues require solutions and many challenges continue to persist. For further increasing energy security and independence in the region, the cooperation and coordination of the Baltic States are vital. Therefore, the Session aims to address the cooperation challenges to produce lasting solutions.</p> <i>Moderator – Energy Market Analyst at the Public Utilities Commission of Latvia <b>Dr Reinis Āboltiņš</b></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— <b>Col. Thierry Segard</b>, Deputy Director at the NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence</li><li>— <b>Ms Inga Žilienė</b>, Vice-Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Ms Līga Rozentāle</b>, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Climate and Energy, Latvia</li> <li>— <b>Mr Kristjan Kaldmaa</b>, Advisor on Security of Supply, Department of Energy, Ministry of Climate, Estonia</li> <li>— <b>Ms Patricia Creutz</b>, Vice President of the Benelux Parliament</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions &amp; panel discussion</i></p>
13:00–15:00	<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #d9ead3;"> <p>Session II</p> <p><b>RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THE BALTIC STATES: HARMONIZING APPROACHES AND ENCOURAGING JOINT PROJECTS</b></p> <p>Producing energy from renewable resources is a key response to the climate change crisis and energy transition. However, despite the clean energy transition being vital for the Baltic States, there is an insufficient amount of activities where the trilateral cooperation is active. More projects aimed at working together to solve issues regarding the clean energy transition and the development of renewable energy are necessary. The Session aims to identify the main challenges in reaching progress in this area as well as the next practical steps to be made for harmonizing approaches and encouraging joint energy projects.</p> <p><i>Moderator – Energy Market Analyst at the Public Utilities Commission of Latvia <b>Dr Reinis Āboltiņš</b></i></p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Ms Līga Rozentāle</b>, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Climate and Energy, Latvia</li> <li>— <b>Mr Nikon Vidjajev</b>, Advisor on Wind Energy, Department of Energy, Ministry of Climate, Estonia</li> <li>— <b>Mr Lukas Satkauskas</b>, Senior Specialist of Sustainable Energy Policy Group, Ministry of Energy, Lithuania</li> <li>— <b>Ms Annette Holmberg-Jansson</b>, Member of the Nordic Council, Chair of the Åland delegation to the Nordic Council</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions &amp; panel discussion</i></p>

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