



**31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly and 18<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council**  
**8 - 9 November 2012, Vilnius**  
*Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania*

**Thursday, 8 November**

20:00 **Baltic Assembly Medal Awarding Ceremony**

**Friday, 9 November**

7:45-11:30 **Registration**

8:00 – 8:45 **Internal meeting of the BA Budget and Audit Committee**

8:45 – 9:55

- **Internal meeting of the BA Education, Science and Culture Committee**
- **Internal meeting of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee**
- **Internal meeting of the BA Legal Affairs and Security Committee**
- **Internal meeting the BA Welfare Committee**

10:00 – 11:00 **Internal meeting of the BA Presidium' members and chairmen and vice-chairmen of the BA committees (*acting as the Drafting Committee*)**

11:15 – 11:45 **Opening of the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**

*Chaired by:*

- *Mr Paulius Saudargas, President of the Baltic Assembly*
- *Mr Raimonds Vējonis, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*
- *Mrs Laine Randjārv, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*

- **Mr Paulius Saudargas, President of the Baltic Assembly**
- **H. E. Mrs Irena Degutienė, Speaker of the Seimas**
- **H.E. Mrs Solvita Āboltiņa, Speaker of the Saeima**
- **H.E. Mrs Ene Ergma, President of the Riigikogu**

11:45 – 13:00 **18<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council**

*Chaired by:*

- *Mr Paulius Saudargas, President of the Baltic Assembly*
- *H.E. Mr Audronius Ažubalis, Chairman of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania*

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- **H.E. Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
- **H.E. Mr Urmas Paet**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

## Questions and answers

### Debate

## Signing of the Joint Statement of the 18<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council

13:00 – 13:30 **Press conference**

**14:00 – 18:30 31<sup>st</sup> BA Session continued**

14:00 – 15:30

### **Actions to ensure the regulative and supervisory cooperation mechanisms of the Nordic and Baltic financial markets**

*Chaired by: Mr Aadu Must, Member of the BA Presidium, Vice Chairman of the BA Estonian delegation*

- Introductory remarks by **Mr Sven Sester**, Vice Chairman of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly
- Report by **Ms Ingrida Šimonytė**, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania

### *Debate*

### **Baltic cooperation in developing joint external economic policy and joint investment projects**

*Chaired by: Mr Jānis Reirs, Member of the BA Presidium, Vice Chairman of the BA Latvian delegation*

- Introductory remarks by **Mr Atis Lejiņš**, Vice Chairman of the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly
- Governmental report by the **Estonian representative**

### *Debate*

### **Current and future Baltic health care projects**

*Chaired by: Mrs Irena Šiaulienė, Member of the BA Presidium, Vice Chairman of the BA Lithuanian delegation*

- Introductory remarks by **Mr Gediminas Navaitis**, Chairman of the Welfare Committee of the Baltic Assembly
- Governmental report by **Ms Agnese Raboviča**, Head of Division of European Affairs and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia

## *Debate*

15:45 – 17:00

### **Optimizing Baltic interests in the European Union: presidencies of the EU Council**

*Chaired by:*

- **Mr Paulius Saudargas**, President of the Baltic Assembly
- **Mr Raimonds Vējonis**, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly
- **Mrs Laine Randjärv**, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly

- Keynote speech by **Mr Jón Baldvin Hannibalsson**, Foreign Affairs Minister of Iceland (1988-1995)

*„What is wrong with Europe? - And by the way: Why don't you fix it?“*

- **Mr Remigijus Motuzas**, Director of the European Union Presidency Department of the Ministry on Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

*The forthcoming Lithuanian EU presidency (15 min)*

- **Mr Kimmo Sasi**, President of the Nordic Council

*EU presidencies from perspective of the Nordic regional cooperation: case of Finland*

- **Mr Marc Hendrickx**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs of the Benelux Parliament

*EU presidencies from perspective of the Benelux regional cooperation*

## *Debate*

17:00 – 17:10

### **Addresses by foreign delegations and guests**

- **Mr Jack Biskop**, President of the Benelux Parliament
- **Mr Elton Mammadov**, President of the GUAM Parliamentary Assembly

17:10 – 17:30

### **Report of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly**

- **Mr Paulius Saudargas**, President of the Baltic Assembly

### **Report of the Budget and Audit Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

- **Mr Rytas Kupčinskas**, Chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee of the Baltic Assembly

## *Debate*

17:30 – 18:00

### **Adoption of the Final document of the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**

### **Election of the President and Vice Presidents of the Baltic Assembly for 2013**

### **Election of the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the BA Committees**

### **Speech of the newly elected President of the Baltic Assembly**

- 18:00            **Signing of the Final document of the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**
- 20:00            **Prize Awarding Ceremony of the Baltic Assembly**