



**29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly  
16<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council  
21–23 October 2010, Riga  
Saeima of the Republic of Latvia**

**Thursday, 21 October**

20:00                    **Ceremony of awarding the Baltic Assembly Medals**

**Friday, 22 October**

7:45                    Registration

8:00 – 8:45            BA Budget and Audit Committee meeting

8:45 – 9:55            Internal meeting of the BA Presidium

9:00 – 9:55            -            **Meeting of the BA Education, Science and Culture Committee**  
-            **Meeting of the BA Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatics Committee**  
-            **Meeting of the BA Legal Affairs and Security Committee**  
-            **Meeting the BA Social Affairs Committee**  
-            **Meeting of the BA Environmental Protection and Energy Committee**

10:00 – 11:00        **Meeting between the BA Presidium and chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the BA committees** (*instead of the Drafting Committee*)

11:15                    **Opening of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**  
*Co-chaired by Mrs. Ērika Zommere, President of the Baltic Assembly; Mr. Trivimi Velliste, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly; Paulius Saudargas, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*

- **Mrs. Ērika Zommere**, President of the Baltic Assembly
- **H.E. Mr. Gundars Daudze**, Speaker of the Saeima
- **H.E. Mrs. Ene Ergma**, President of the Riigikogu
- **H.E. Mrs. Irena Degutienė**, Speaker of the Seimas

11:45 – 13:00        **16<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council**  
*Co-chaired by Mrs. Ērika Zommere, President of the Baltic Assembly, and Mr. Aivis Ronis, Chairman of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers*

- **Mrs. Ērika Zommere**, President of the Baltic Assembly
- **H.E. Mr. Aivis Ronis**, Chairman of the Cooperation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
- **H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia
- **Mr. Egidijus Meilūnas**, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Questions and answers  
Discussion

## **Signing of the Joint Statement of the 16<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council**

13:00 – 13:30 **Press conference**

14:00 – 18:30 **29<sup>th</sup> BA Session continued**

*Co-chaired by Mr. Trivimi Velliste, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, and Mrs. Silva Bendrāte, Chairperson of the BA Social Affairs Committee*

14:00 – 15:15 **Joint Health Care Projects in the Baltic States**

- **Mrs. Silva Bendrāte**, Chairperson of the BA Social Affairs Committee
- **Mr. Didzis Gavars**, Minister for Health of the Republic of Latvia
- **Mrs. Nora Ribokienė**, Vice Minister for Health of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Mrs. Ivi Normet**, Deputy Secretary General on Health, Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

*Discussion*

15:30 – 17:00 **Towards a Safe Society and the Quality of Life: A Challenge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

*Chaired by Paulius Saudargas, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly*

- **M. Phil., Ph. D. (Cantab) Mr. Roberts Kīlis**, Chairman of the Strategic Analysis Commission under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Latvia
- **Mr. Edward Lucas**, *The Economist's* international editor and correspondent for Central and Eastern Europe
- **Dr. Marju Lauristin**, professor, University of Tartu, Faculty of Social Sciences and Education, Institute of Journalism and Communication, Department of Social Communication, Estonia
- **Mr. Arvydas Juozaitis**, philosopher, publicist, Lithuania

*Discussion*

17:00 – 18:30 **29<sup>th</sup> BA Session continued**

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### **Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the BA and BASTIC**

#### **Addresses by foreign delegations**

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

Reports of the BA committees on activities in 2010 and priorities for 2011  
Discussion on the Resolution of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly  
Election of the President and Vice Presidents of the Baltic Assembly for 2011

Election of the chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the BA Committees  
Address by the newly elected President of the Baltic Assembly

### **Signing of the Final Document of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltic Assembly**

20:00 **Ceremony of awarding the Baltic Assembly Prizes**