



**Meeting of the Security and Defence Committee
of the Baltic Assembly**
Vilnius—Riga—Tallinn

PROGRAMME

Friday, 29 January

10:00—11:30

Challenges in border control and crisis management of the Baltic states in the light of COVID-19: readiness of cooperation, lessons learned and future preparedness

- Challenges and lessons learned in the internal and external border maintenance and control of the Baltic states
- Crisis management and disaster prevention: lessons learnt and measures for joint actions for future
- Exchange of information between responsible agencies regarding crisis situation in the Baltic states
- Timely exchange of information and experience between competent agencies to improve 3B crisis management capacities and disaster preparedness
- Baltic Road Map 2030 for cooperation in times of crisis

*Chaired by: **Giedrius Surplys**, Chair of the BA Security and Defence Committee, Lithuania*

Introductory reports by:

- **Mr Vygintas Kaziukonis**, Senior Liaison Officer to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Liaison Officers Networks Unit, International and European Cooperation Division of “Frontex”
- **Ms Kinga Dudzińska**, Analyst, the Polish Institute of International Affairs
- **Mr Vitalij Dmitrijev**, Vice-Minister of the Interior, Lithuania
- **Mr Dimitrijs Trofimovs**, State Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior, Latvia
- **Mr Veiko Kommusaar**, Undersecretary for Internal Security, Migration and Public Order, Ministry of the Interior, Estonia
- **Mr Antanas Montvydas**, Deputy Commander, State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania

Debate

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| 11:30—12:30 | <p>Cooperation of institutions to fight against cross-border crime of the Baltic states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Evaluation of cooperation of the law-enforcement institutions of the Baltic states in fight against cross-border crime — Deficiencies in 3B cooperation and improvements needed to ensure more effective cooperation in fight against cross-border crime <p><i>Chaired by: Giedrius Surplys, Chair of the BA Security and Defence Committee, Lithuania</i></p> <p>Introductory report by Mr Vygintas Kaziukonis, Senior Liaison Officer to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Liaison Officers Networks Unit, International and European Cooperation Division of “Frontex”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Dimitrijs Trofimovs, State Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior, Latvia — Mr Veiko Kommusaar, Undersecretary for Internal Security, Migration and Public Order, Ministry of the Interior, Estonia — Mr Arūnas Paulauskas, Deputy Police Commissioner General, Police Department under the Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania — Mr Antanas Montvydas, Deputy Commander, State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania <p>Debates</p> |
| 12:30—13:30 | <p>Status update on nuclear security in the Baltic region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 3B cooperation in addressing nuclear security in the region — Security aspects of the Astravyets Nuclear Power Plant <p><i>Chaired by: Giedrius Surplys, Chair of the BA Security and Defence Committee, Lithuania</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Albinas Zananavičius, Vice-Minister of Energy, Lithuania — Mr Edijs Šaicāns, Deputy State Secretary on Energy Issues of the Ministry of Economics, Latvia — Mr Mindaugas Kanapickas, Deputy Director, Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania — Ms Reelika Runnel, Counsellor for Nuclear Affairs, Permanent Representation to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Estonia <p>Debates</p> |
| 13:30—14:00 | <p>Governmental report: implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Elaborating common approach and understanding of planned activities and mutual cross-border coordination mechanism in case of escalation of security situation — Eliminating gaps in regard to civil protection and disaster preparedness in cross-border cooperation of the Baltic states — Developing joint emergency plans in border regions of the Baltic states and ensuring training of health care providers to enhance their readiness to work in crisis and emergency situations |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Agreement on Cooperation in Disaster Response in the Baltic states ratified by the national parliaments in 2018 and discuss within framework of 3B working group possibility of concluding operational agreements — Agreement on cross-border cooperation between the State Border Guard of the Republic of Latvia and the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board <p><i>Chaired by: Giedrius Surplys, Chair of the BA Security and Defence Committee, Lithuania</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Dimitrijs Trofimovs, State Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior, Latvia — Mr Veiko Kommusaar, Undersecretary for Internal Security, Migration and Public Order, Ministry of the Interior, Estonia — Mr Antanas Montvydas, Deputy Commander, State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania — Mr Arūnas Paulauskas, Deputy Police Commissioner General, Police Department under the Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania — Mr Mindaugas Kanapickas, Deputy Director, Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania — Mr Marius Čiurlionis, Adviser on Long-Term Care Coordination and Implementation at the Ministry of Health, Lithuania <p>Debates</p> |
| 14:00—14:30 | <p>Governmental report: implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Concluding a trilateral agreement and establishing a common system for joint military procurements — Developing regional approach to the air defence and its capabilities of the Baltic states, and assessing wind park impact to airspace surveillance — Enhancing regional, fully interoperable naval cooperation of the Baltic states, operating in conjunction with common equipment and sensor and weapon systems under one combined command <p><i>Chaired by: Giedrius Surplys, Chair of the BA Security and Defence Committee, Lithuania</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Dr Artis Pabriks, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Latvia — Mr Margiris Abukevičius, Vice-Minister of National Defence, Lithuania — Captain (Navy) Renius Pleškys, Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff of the Lithuanian Armed Forces — Mr Kusti Salm, Director General, National Armaments Director, Estonian Centre for Defence Investment <p>Debates</p> |
| 14:30—15:00 | <p>Governmental report: implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Developing military mobility infrastructure and procedures and raising awareness of European and transatlantic partners in regard to the military mobility and military mobility infrastructure capabilities |

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| | <p>— Investing and developing transport infrastructure, with special focus on Rail Baltica, thus increasing technical requirements for the existing infrastructure capabilities in North Sea-Baltic Corridor of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) for military movement</p> <p><i>Chaired by: Giedrius Surplys, Chair of the BA Security and Defence Committee, Lithuania</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Dr Artis Pabriks, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Latvia — Mr Margiris Abukevičius, Vice-Minister of National Defence, Lithuania — Maj Modestas Juška, Head of Logistics Management Division, Logistics Department, Ministry of National Defence, Lithuania — Mr Miiko Peris, Adviser on Military Mobility, Ministry of Defence, Estonia — Ms Loreta Maskaliovienė, Vice-Minister of Transport and Communications, Lithuania <p>Debates</p> |
| 15:00—15:30 | Internal meeting of the BA Security and Defence Committee |

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