

**10<sup>th</sup> BALTIC COUNCIL**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY**

17 – 19 December 2004  
The Saeima of the Republic of Latvia  
11Jēkaba Street, Riga, Latvia

P R O G R A M M E

**17 December (Friday)**

Arrival of delegations and check-in at the hotels

14:00 – 15:30

**Meeting of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly**

14:00 – 15:30

**Meeting of the Drafting Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

15:30 – 17:00

**Meetings of the Committees of the Baltic Assembly**

- Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatics Committee
- Education, Science and Culture Committee
- Social Affairs Committee
- Legal Committee
- Environmental Protection and Energy Committee
- Security and Foreign Affairs Committee

17:15 – 18:15

**Meeting of the Drafting Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

**Meeting of the Budget and Audit Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

20:30

**Awards Ceremony of the Baltic Assembly Prizes 2004**  
**Reception in honour of the Baltic Assembly Prize winners hosted by the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly**

**18 December (Saturday)**

08:00 – 08:50

**Registration of participants**

08:00 – 08:50

**Meetings of the Committees of the Baltic Assembly**

(if needed)

- Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatics Committee
- Education, Science and Culture Committee
- Social Affairs Committee
- Legal Committee
- Environmental Protection and Energy Committee
- Security and Foreign Affairs Committee

09:00 – 10:30

**23<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY**

Chaired by **Mr. Jānis Reirs**, President of the Baltic Assembly,  
Chairman of the Latvian delegation

09:00 – 09:30

**Opening of the Session**

Address by **H.E. Ingrīda Ūdre**, Speaker of the Saeima of the  
Republic of Latvia

Address by **Mr. Gabriel Romanus**, President of the Nordic Council

Address by **Mr. Jean-Marie Happart**, President of the Benelux Inter-  
parliamentary Consultative Council

**Adoption of the agenda**

**Election of the Vote Counting Commission**

09:30 – 09:50

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

09:50 – 10:10

Questions and answers  
Discussion

10:10 – 10:30

**Greetings by guests**

**Mr. Stef Goris**, President of the Assembly of the Western European  
Union

10:50 – 11:30

**Meeting of the Working Group on planning the 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of the  
Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council** (*working languages: English and  
Russian*)

10:50 – 11:40

**Joint meetings of the Committees of the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic  
Council**

- Joint meeting of the BA Education, Science and Culture  
Committee and the NC Culture, Education and Training  
Committee (working languages: English, Russian and  
Swedish)

**Meetings of the Committees of the Baltic Assembly**

(if needed)

- Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatics  
Committee
- Social Affairs Committee
- Legal Committee
- Environmental Protection and Energy Committee

11:45 – 13:15

**10<sup>th</sup> BALTIC COUNCIL**

**Co-operation in implementing the Schengen Action Plan (border guarding, fight against illegal migration, joining the Schengen Information System)**

Chaired by:

**Mr. Jānis Reirs**, President of the Baltic Assembly, Chairman of the Latvian delegation

**Mr. Artis Pabriks**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, Chairman of the Co-operation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers

11:45 – 12:00 **Mr. Artis Pabriks**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

12:00 – 12:15 **Mr. Raul Mälik**, Director General of the Department for Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

12:15 - 12:30 **Mr. Dalius Čekuolis**, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Co-report

- **Mr. Olegas Skinderskis**, Director of the International Relations and European Integration Department of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania

12:30 – 12:45 Questions and answers  
Discussion

12:45 – 12:50 **Closing of the 10<sup>th</sup> Baltic Council**

12:50 – 13:00 **Signing of the documents**

13:00 – 13:30 **Joint press conference of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers**

*Red Hall, 11 Jēkaba Street*

14:30 – 18:30 **23<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY** (continuation)

**14:30 – 15:45**

**TOPIC I: Mutual information exchange and co-ordination of matters among the Baltic States with regard to the EU and NATO. Co-operation in rendering assistance to and sharing reform experience with third countries**

Chaired by **Mr. Andres Taimla**, Vice-President of the Baltic Assembly, Chairman of the Estonian delegation

14:30 – 14:45 **Mr. Paulis Kļaviņš**, Chairman of the Security and Foreign Affairs Committee of the Baltic Assembly, Republic of Latvia

14:45 – 15:00 **Mr. Margus Hanson**, Member of the Defence Committee of the Riigikogu, Republic of Estonia

15:00 – 15:15 **Mr. Eitvydas Bajarūnas**, Director of the Europe Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

- 15:15 – 15:35 Co-reports
- **Mr. Saulius Pečeliūnas**, Deputy Chairman of the BA Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, Republic of Lithuania
  - **Mrs. Rannveig Guðmundsdóttir**, President of the Nordic Council 2005
  - **Mr. Jean-Marie Happart**, President of the Benelux Inter-parliamentary Consultative Council

15:35 – 15:45 Discussion

16:15 – 17:45 **23<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY** (continuation)

**Reports of the Chairmen of the Committees**

**Mr. Igors Solovjovs**, Chairman of the Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatics Committee

**Mrs. Ināra Ostrovska**, Chairperson of the Education, Science and Culture Committee

**Mr. Indulis Emsis**, Chairman of the Environmental Protection and Energy Committee

**Mrs. Jevgenija Stalidzāne**, Chairperson of the Social Affairs Committee

**Mr. Mihails Pietkevičs**, Chairman of the Legal Committee

**Mr. Uldis Mārtiņš Klauss**, Chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee

**Mr. Paulis Kļaviņš**, Chairman of the Security and Foreign Affairs Committee

18:00 – 19:00 **Meetings of the Party Groups of the Baltic Assembly**

- Conservative/Right Party Group
- Centre Party Group
- Social Democratic Party Group

19:00 – 20:00 **Meeting of the Drafting Committee of the Baltic Assembly** (if needed)

**19 December (Sunday)**

08:00 – 09:00 **Meeting of the Drafting Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

09:00 – 10:00 **Joint meeting of the Presidium with the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the Committees of the Baltic Assembly**

10:00 – 12:25 **23<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY** (continuation)

**10:00 – 11:30**

**TOPIC II: Social aspects of migration**

Chaired by **Mr. Valerius Simulik**, Vice-President of the Baltic Assembly, Chairman of the Lithuanian delegation

10:00 – 10:15 **Mrs. Jevgenija Stalidzāne**, Chairperson of the Social and Employment Matters Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

10:15 – 10:30	<b>Mr. Alfredas Nazarovas</b> , Director of the Social Integration Department of the Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Mr. Ken Koort</b> , Adviser to the Minister of Population Affairs, Republic of Estonia
10:45 – 11:00	Co-reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Inge Lönning</b>, Member of the Presidium of the Nordic Council</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jean-Marie Happart</b>, President of the Benelux Inter-parliamentary Consultative Council</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Report of the Drafting Committee of the Baltic Assembly on the draft documents</b> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Adoption of the documents</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Approval of the Budget Report for the year 2003</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Approval of the Baltic Assembly Budget for the year 2005</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>Presenting of the Final Document and its adoption</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Election of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly and Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Committees of the Baltic Assembly</p>
12:00 – 12:15	<b>Mr. Andres Taimla</b> , Vice-President of the Baltic Assembly, Chairman of the Estonian delegation <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Closing of the Session of the Baltic Assembly</p>
12:25	<b>Signing of the Final Document of the Session</b>
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Press conference of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly</b>
14:15	<b>Awarding of the Baltic Assembly Medals</b>
14:45	Departure of the delegations