



**Joint meeting of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee and the
Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee of the Baltic Assembly**
Vilnius—Riga—Tallinn

PROGRAMME

30 April 2021	
10:00—11:30	<p>Towards climate neutral Baltic states by 2050: challenges and opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Challenges and opportunities of the transition towards climate neutral Baltic states — Impact of the transition to economies, industries and societies of the Baltic states — Joint long-term strategy of the Baltic states to meet the climate neutrality goals of the European Union — Joint projects and approaches to ensure smooth transition to climate neutral Baltic states — Encouraging investments that aim to contribute to sustainability and climate neutrality — Multifunctional and carbon neutral agriculture: challenges and opportunities in the Baltic states <p><i>Chaired by Ligita Girskenė, Chair of the BA Natural Resources and Environment Committee</i></p> <p><u>Introductory reports by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ms Alla Shogenova, Senior Researcher, and Mr Kazbulat Shogenov, Author of PhD research about CO² storage, Department of Geology, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia — Mr Simonas Gentvilas, Minister of Environment, Lithuania — Ms Alda Ozola, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia — Ms Kristina Simonaitytė, Adviser to the Minister of Agriculture, Lithuania — Mr Arvīds Ozols, Head of the Forest Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia — Ms Kādi Ristkok, Head of Climate Department, Ministry of Environment, Estonia <p>Debates</p>
11:30—13:00	<p>Energy security in the Baltic states: interconnected, stable and sustainable energy systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Effective policy instruments to foster interconnected, stable and sustainable energy systems of the Baltic states

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Cross-border cooperation and inter-connections for smooth energy flow in the Baltic states — Joint Baltic projects to move towards interconnected, stable and sustainable energy systems of the Baltic states — Decarbonisation of the gas systems: future challenge for the Baltic states — Role of the European Union, its funds and projects in ensuring energy security and sustainability of the Baltic states and beyond <p><i>Chaired by Kęstutis Masiulis, Chair of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee</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, Ministry of Economics, Latvia — Mr Jaanus Uiga, Director of Energy Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia <p>Debates</p>
13:00—13:15	Short technical break
13:15—13:45	<p>Regional solution in regard to the regional transmission tariff for electricity trade with third countries</p> <p><i>Chaired by Kęstutis Masiulis, Chair of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee</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, Ministry of Economics, Latvia — Mr Jaanus Uiga, Director of Energy Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia
13:45—14:15	<p>Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Continuing coordination of activities towards a common regional electricity and gas market of the Baltic states — Continuing the technical implementation of synchronization of the Baltic electricity networks with the continental European network — Agreeing about a regional approach of the Baltic states in regard to development of renewable energy projects — Elaborating and signing an intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia regarding possible offshore wind energy project if necessary <p><i>Chaired by Kęstutis Masiulis, Chair of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Albinas Zananavičius, Vice Minister of Energy, Lithuania

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14:15—14:45	<p>Implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly in 2020 and plans for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Analysing possibilities to establish a joint waste packaging system in the Baltic states — Launching joint projects to recycle used textiles, especially synthetics by involving researchers and businesses — Agreeing on a common approach and measures to eliminate “waste tourism” <p><i>Chaired by Kęstutis Masiulis, Chair of the BA Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Mr Simonas Gentvilas, Minister of Environment, Lithuania — Ms Alda Ozola, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia — Mr Mihkel Krusberg, Adviser of Environmental Management Department, Ministry of Environment, Estonia
14:45—15:15	Internal meeting of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee and the Economics, Energy and Innovation Committee

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