

Protocol on Co-operation
between the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers

In conformity with the Agreement on Parliamentary and Governmental Co-operation between the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania, seeking to achieve more efficient co-ordination of activities,

The Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers determine the following order of cooperation:

1. The Baltic Council is the highest form of co-operation between the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers.
2. Time, place and agenda of the Baltic Council are co-ordinated by the respective Secretariats of the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers.
3. The Chairman of the Co-operation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers answers the questions of the members of the Baltic Assembly after presenting the report of the Cooperation Council to the Baltic Assembly session during the Baltic Council.
4. The members of the Baltic Assembly may submit questions on Baltic co-operation to the Baltic Council of Ministers not later than one month before the Baltic Council. Additional questions on relevant subject may be asked during the Baltic Council.
5. Joint documents may be adopted during the Baltic Council according to the principle of consensus.
6. The co-operation between the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers is also exercised by Committees of the Baltic Assembly and Committees of Senior Officials of the Baltic Council of Ministers and the Secretariats of the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers.
7. The meeting of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly and the Co-operation Council of the Baltic Council of Ministers during the Baltic Council is held to set priorities for the next calendar year and to consider the issues of common interest.
8. Committees of the Baltic Assembly and of the Baltic Council of Ministers on corresponding areas hold joint meetings to discuss issues of co-operation in their areas.
9. The Secretariats of the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers ensure the exchange of information, coordination of their activities and assistance to the structures of the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers in their co-operation.