



**Joint meeting of the Welfare Committee & the Education, Science
and Culture Committee of the Baltic Assembly**

5 June 2015

Klaipėda, Lithuania

PROGRAMME

09:00–09:10	<p>Conference Halls <i>Regata & Meridian</i> Radisson Blu Hotel Klaipėda, Šaulių g. 28</p> <p>Introductory Session</p> <p><u>Chaired by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Jolita Vaickienė, Chairperson of the BA Welfare Committee, Lithuania- Mr Valerijus Simulik, Chairman of the BA Education, Science and Culture Committee, Lithuania <p>Welcome address on behalf of the Seimas Committee on Education, Science and Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Orinta Leiputė, Member of the Committee, Lithuania
09:10–10:10	<p>SESSION I: LABOUR MARKET</p> <p>Labour market of the Baltic States: outlook, key challenges and policy responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are the recent trends in employment and unemployment?- What are the recent trends in wages, productivity and earnings?- What policies need to be adopted to address challenges in the labour market? <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Andrius Adomaitis, Deputy Director, Klaipėda Labour Exchange Office, Lithuania- Mr Gundars Ignats, OECD expert, Labour Market Policy Department, Ministry of Welfare, Latvia- Ms Egle Käärats, Deputy Secretary General on Labour and Employment Policy, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia <p>Debate</p>

<p>10:10–11:10</p>	<p>SESSION II: CORRELATION BETWEEN THE LABOUR MARKET AND THE EDUCATION SYSTEM</p> <p>Investments in workers: outlook, key challenges and policy responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to ensure effective correlation between the labour market and the education sector? - What policy measures should be taken to invest in skills and training of workers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Mečislavas Griškevičius, Head, Vocational Training Division, Life-long Learning Department, Ministry of Education and Science, Lithuania - Ms Kristina Selezniova, Specialist, Division of Higher Education Studies, Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Ministry of Education and Science, Lithuania - Mr Gundars Ignats, OECD expert, Labour Market Policy Department, Ministry of Welfare, Latvia <p>Debate</p>
<p>11:10–12:10</p>	<p>SESSION III: POSTED WORKERS IN THE BALTIC STATES</p> <p>Posted workers in the Baltic States: outlook, key challenges and policy responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Posted workers in the Baltic States: state of play, outlook, key challenges and policy responses - What is the current state of play and the regulatory framework? - What are the weaknesses of the current regulatory framework and types of abuse? What are the existing regulatory loopholes? - How to ensure better enforcement of the current legal framework in regard to the posted workers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Aras Petrevičius, Senior Labour Inspector, Legal Division, State Labour Inspectorate under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania - Ms Ineta Vjakse, Deputy Director, Labour Relations and Labour Protection Policy Department, Ministry of Welfare, Latvia - Ms Egle Käärats, Deputy Secretary General on Labour and Employment Policy, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia <p>Debate</p>
<p>12:10–12:30</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>12:30–13:30</p>	<p>SESSION IV: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY</p> <p>Report by the Baltic Council of Ministers on the implementation of the recommendations of the Baltic Assembly of 2012–2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to continue <u>joint health projects of the Baltic States</u>; - to develop an action plan for coordinated implementation of the <u>Cross-border Healthcare Directive</u>;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to develop an action plan for introducing a common <u>E-Health system</u> that would link the Baltic healthcare systems (legal and organisational aspects, content and technical standards, as well as data exchange); - to commence negotiations on expert level on the <u>specialization of medical centers of the states</u>. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">- Ms Rimantė Šalaševičiūtė, Minister of Health, Lithuania</p> <p>Debate</p>
13:30–14:00	Internal meeting of the BA Welfare Committee
	Departure of the participants