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**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Meeting of the Intergovernmental commission for Cross border cooperation of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania**

**18 April 2024**

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**Venue: “Clavin PIANO” Meeting Hall, Kaļķu iela 16, Kuldīga, Latvia.**

Chair: Ministry of the Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia;

Co-chair: Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania.

**DRAFT AGENDA**

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| **9:00** | Arrival, registration, coffee.  Joint Picture |  |
| **Time** | **Agenda topic** | **Speaker** |
| **10:00- 10:10** | **Opening of the IGC meeting**   * Opening speeches by the Chairman & Co-Chairman of the Joint Session * Approval of the Agenda | **Inga Bērziņa**  Latvian Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development   1. **Arnoldas Abramavičius** 2. Vice-Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania |
| **10:10-12:40** | **Summary of the inter-session period 2021-2024 and Introduction of the new proposals**  Overview of the activities and reached goals in the issues of the previous meeting Agenda and overview of the new proposals |  |
| 1. **The migration crisis caused by the Belarusian regime** | Ministry of the Interior (LV) / Ministry of the Interior (LT) |
| 1. **Cooperation on mass movement of population and civil protection** | State Fire and Rescue Service (LV) / Fire and Rescue Department (LT) |
| 1. **The actions of the Baltic states in joint restoration of temporary border control at the internal borders.** | Ministry of the Interior (LV) / State Border Guard Service (LT) |
| 1. **Coordination of cross-border operations in the field of state unmanned aircraft flights** | Ministry of the Interior (LV) / State Border Guard Service (LT) and Police Department (LT) |
| 1. **Possibilities of renewal of train traffic on cross border sections (Visaginas-Daugavpils)** | Ministry of Transport (LV) / Ministry of Transport and Communication (LT) |
| 1. **Reconstruction of border roads** | Ministry of Transport (LV) / Ministry of Transport and Communication (LT) and Rokiškis Municipality |
| 1. **Organization of Rail Baltica regional passenger train service** | Ministry of Transport (LV)/ Ministry of Transport and Communication (LT) |
| 1. **Public transport mobility between Latvia and Lithuania** | Ministry of Transport (LV)+ Zemgale Planning Region/ Ministry of Transport and Communication (LT) + Rokiškis Municipality |
| 1. **Mutually agreed strategy and actions in managing the rivers of the Lielupe basin and reducing water eutrophication** | Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (LV) + Zemgale Planning Region/ Ministry of Environment (LT) + Rokiškis Municipality |
| 1. **Import of grain of Russian origin and its impact on the Baltic States (TBC)** | Ministry of Agriculture (LV) / Ministry of Agriculture (LT) |
| **12:40-12:50** | **Current state of the Interreg VI-A Latvia-Lithuania programme 2021-2027**  *-first conclusions after the first call for project proposals* | Managing Authority of the programme / Ministry of the Interior (LT) |
| **12:50-13:00** | **Conclusions, decisions and closure of the 2024 Joint Session**   * Decisions in regard the next meeting agenda * Farewell speeches by the Chairman & Co-Chairman | **Inga Bērziņa**  Latvian Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development   1. **Arnoldas Abramavičius**   Vice-Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania |
| **13:00** | Joint lunch |  |

!!! Delegations (list of participants) of both countries: to be formed by mid March 2024 and added here.

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