**2024 JOINT SESSION OF THE LATVIAN-ESTONIAN AND ESTONIAN-LATVIAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION**

**FOR CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION**

**Date:** **November 27, 2024**

**Time:** 11:30 – 16:15. Meeting starts at 13:00.

**Venue:** Latvian National Library, “Klīversala” Hall (ground floor), Mūkusalas Street 3, Riga, Latvia

**DRAFT AGENDA**

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| 11:30-12:0012:00-13:00 | Arrival, registrationJoint lunchJoint picture of IGC participants |  |
| **Time** | **Agenda topic** | **Speaker** |
| 13:00-13:20 | **Opening of the 2024 Joint Session** * Opening speeches by the Chair & Co-Chair of the Joint Session
* Speeches by the Ambassadors
* Approval of the Agenda
* Information on the amended Rules of Procedure of the IGC
 | **Inga Bērziņa**Minister of Smart Administration and Regional Development, Latvia**Piret Hartman**Minister of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, Estonia**Kristīne Našeniece**Latvian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Estonia**Eerik Marmei** Estonian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Latvia |
| 13:20-15:10 | **Summary of the inter-session period 2022-2024 and introduction of the new proposals** Introduction of status of issues agreed in previous Joint Session  |  |
|  | 1. Coordination of cross-border rescue operations’ procedures and plans
 | **Ivars Nakurts**Fire and Rescue Service, Latvia |
|  | 1. Cooperation on mass movement of population and civil protection
 | **Priit Laaniste**Ministry of Interior, Estonia |
|  | 1. The actions of the Baltic states in joint restoration of temporary border control at the internal borders
 | **Gatis Švika**Ministry of Interior, Latvia |
|  | 1. Coordination of cross-border operations in the field of state unmanned aircraft flights
 | **Gatis Švika**Ministry of Interior, Latvia |
|  | 1. Healthcare and healthcare related public services in cross-border regions. Cross-border use of Valga Hospital services.
 | **Andreta Līvena** National Heath Service, Latvia |
|  | 1. Cooperation in health emergencies and disasters.
 | **Eha Lannes** Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia |
|  | 1. Organization of Rail Baltica regional passenger train service
 | **Elīna Šimiņa - Neverovska** Ministry of Transport, Latvia |
|  | 1. Cooperation in providing passenger train service on Riga-Tartu railway line
 | **Indrek Laineveer**Ministry of Climate, Estonia **Elīna Šimiņa - Neverovska** Ministry of Transport, Latvia |
|  | 1. Public transport services and mobility in border areas
 | **Elīna Šimiņa - Neverovska** Ministry of Transport, Latvia |
|  | 1. Geodetic and cartographic works for the maintenance of the Latvian-Estonian border
 | **Ivars Liepiņš** Latvian Geospatial Information Agency**Karin Kollo** Land Board, Estonia |
| 15:10 – 15:30 | **Coffee break** |
| 15:30 -15:45 | **Current state, challenges and development opportunities of Latvian and Estonian regions on EU external border**  | **Ilze Oša** Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development, Latvia**Margarita Golovko** Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, Estonia |
| 15:45 -15:55 | **Foreign language learning reform in Latvia** | **Kristīne Niedre-Lathere**Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia**Kristīne Našeniece**Latvian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Estonia |
| 15:55 -16:05 | **Latvian and Estonian cooperation – experience of Interreg programme** | **Inese Nikopensius** Joint Secretariat of Estonia-Latvia Programme |
| 16:05-16:15 | **Conclusions, decisions and closure of the 2024 Joint Session*** Decisions
* Farewell speeches by the Chair & Co-Chair
* Signing of the Minutes of Joint Session of the IGC
 | **Inga Bērziņa**Minister of Smart Administration and Regional Development, Latvia**Piret Hartman**Minister of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, Estonia |

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