**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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| 11:30-12:00  12:00-13:00 | Arrival, registration  Joint lunch  Joint 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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