

Conference of the Baltic Assembly

Health as an Investment in Baltic Security and Future

12 December, Riga (Latvia) Saeima of the Republic of Latvia Jēkaba str. 6/8, Baltic Hall

09:00 Registration and morning coffee

9:30 **Opening**

Chaired by **Ms Antoņina Ņenaševa**, Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly

- H.E. Ms Daiga Mieriņa, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
- Mr Jānis Vucāns, President of the Baltic Assembly

10:00 Keynote presentation "The impact of healthcare on demographics and national security in the Baltic States"

• Dr Malina Müller, Head of Health Economics of the WifOR Institute

10:30 Panel 1 – Social and economic value of health

The panel discussion aims to answer the following questions: 1) How does the burden of disease affect the economy and employment in the Baltic States? 2) How to calculate the public value of healthcare? 3) How to integrate public value into policy decisions? The discussion will also feature health as a security factor from an international perspective (the NATO and EU approach to health security).

Moderator: **Ms Elīna Vrobļevska**, Lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Rīga Stradiņš University

- Ms Antonina Nenaševa, Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly
- **Ms Irja Lutsar**, Vice Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly
- **Mr Saulius Čaplinskas**, Vice Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly
- Ms Karina Palkova, Ombudsperson, Latvia
- Dr Malina Müller, Head of Health Economics at the WifOR
- **Mr Karl-Henrik Peterson**, Interim CEO of the Estonian Health Insurance Fund
- Mr Olegs Krasnopjorovs, Chief Economist at the Bank of Latvia

Discussion with the audience

12:00

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ministry of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania on the Cooperation in the Supply of Blood and Blood Components, Equipment, and Materials Baltic way hall, Jekaba 6/8

12:20 Panel 2 – Path to socially responsible health policy

The panel discussion aims to answer the following questions: 1) How to turn data into policy instruments? 2) How to strengthen Baltic cooperation and data governance? 3) How to integrate public value approaches into budget and pricing decisions? 4) What hinders the introduction of innovative approaches in policy? What approaches work in the Baltic States (e.g. financing mechanisms)? The discussion will also feature a debate on demographics, maternal and youth health as a strategic investment in national security.

Moderator: **Ms Elīna Vrobļevska**, lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Rīga Stradiņš University

- Mr Hosams Abu Meri, Minister of Health, Latvia
- Ms Karmen Joller, Minister of Social Affairs, Estonia
- Ms Marija Jakubauskienė, Minister of Health, Lithuania
- Ms Maija Āboliņa, Council Member of the State Audit Office, Latvia
- Mr Juris Beikmanis, Chairman of the Board of the Latvian Alliance for Rare Diseases

Discussion with the audience

13:40 **Summary and roadmap**

Summary by the moderator of the conference **Ms Elīna Vrobļevska**, and political roadmap by **Ms Antoņina Ņenaševa**, Chair of the Health, Welfare and Family Committee of the Baltic Assembly

14:00 Awarding of the BA medal

Jēkaba 6/8, 1st floor, Hall of the Baltic Way