**2022 JOINT SESSION OF THE ESTONIAN-LATVIAN AND LATVIAN-ESTONIAN GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION FOR CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION**

**Date:** September 23, 2022

**Time:** 11:30 – 15:00

**Venue:** Ühishoone, Conference Hall “Tamm”, Suur-Ameerika str. 1, Tallinn, Estonia

**AGENDA**

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| 11:30-12:30 | Arrival, registration, networking coffee & lunch |  |
| **Time** | **Agenda topic** | **Speaker** |
| 12:30-12:40 | **Opening of the 2022 Joint Session** * Opening speeches by the Chairman & Co-Chairman of the Joint Session
* Approval of the Agenda
 | **Riina Solman**Estonian Minister of Public Administration**Artūrs Toms Plešs**Latvian Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development  |
| 12:40-13:40 | **Summary of the inter-session period 2020-2022*** General overview of the activities
1. Coordination of cross-border rescue operations’ procedures and plans
2. Health care and healthcare related public services in cross-border regions:
* Emergency medical assistance;
* Cross-border use of Valka Hospital services;
* Cooperation in health emergencies and disasters.
1. Cooperation in providing passenger traffic service on Riga-Tartu railway line
2. Determination, prioritisation and coordination of the list of road sections for reconstruction in the border area
3. Ferry line connection between Saaremaa and Ventspils
4. Creation of joint geodetic support for the entire Latvian-Estonian border
5. Development of joint packaging deposit system between Estonia and Latvia & creation of joint geodetic support for the entire Estonian-Latvian border
 | **Hannes Nagel** Estonian Ministry of Finance**TBC**Estonian Ministry of Interior**TBC**Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs**TBC**Estonian Ministry of Economics and Communications**TBC**Mayor of Mulgi Municipality **TBC**Mayor of Saaremaa Municipality**Ivars Liepiņš**Latvian Geospatial Information Agency**TBC**Estonian Ministry of Environment |
| 13:40-14:20 | **Introduction of the new proposals** * General overview of the proposals
1. Use of green public procurement
2. **The issue of the possibility for a resident of Ukraine to be employed in medical treatment institutions in the Latvian/Estonian border area in the profession or speciality of a medical practitioner**
3. **United and coordinated activities of Latvia and Estonia to promote the recognition of the Baltic States as a safe tourist destination in the face of increasing geopolitical tensions**
4. **Uniform introduction of epidemiological requirements and entry conditions in case of occurrence of COVID-19 epidemiological situation**
 | **Margarita Golovko** Estonian Ministry of Finance**TBC**Estonian Ministry of Environment**Elīza Bērziņa** Latvian Ministry of Health**Raimonds Lapiņš**Latvian Ministry of Economic Affairs**Raimonds Lapiņš**Latvian Ministry of Economic Affairs |
| 14:25-14:40 | **Current state of the Interreg VI-A Estonia-Latvia programme 2021-2027**  | **Helena Järviste**Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Estonia-Latvia programme |
| 14:40-14:55 | **Conclusions, decisions and closure of the 2022 Joint Session*** Decisions in regard the 2023 agenda
* Farewell speeches by the Chairman & Co-Chairman
 | **Riina Solman**Estonian Minister of Public Administration**Artūrs Toms Plešs**Latvian Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development |
| 14:55-15:00 | Joint Picture & farewell |  |