

JOINT SESSION OF THE ESTONIAN-LATVIAN AND LATVIAN-ESTONIAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION FOR THE CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION



Date: 22 May 2026



Time: 10:00-17:00



Location: Estonia Resort Hotel & Spa,
A. H. Tammsaare pst. 4a/6,
Pärnu, Estonia

TIME	AGENDA	PRESENTER
10.00-10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival, registration (Grand Hall) • Joint picture of IGC participants 	
10.30-10.50	<p>Opening of the 2026 Joint Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening speeches by the Chair & Co-Chair of the Joint Session • Speeches by the Ambassadors • Approval of the Agenda 	<p>Hendrik Johannes Terras Estonian Minister of Regional Affairs and Agriculture</p> <p>Raimonds Čudars Latvian Minister of Smart Administration and Regional Development</p> <p>Eerik Marmei Estonian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Latvia</p> <p>Kristīne Lauritsa Latvian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Estonia</p>
10.50-11.05	1. Coordination of cross-border rescue operations' procedures and plans	<p>Ivars Nakurts Fire and Rescue Service, Latvia</p> <p>Ministry of Interior, Estonia (tbc)</p>
11.05-11.20	2. Cooperation on mass movement of population and civil protection	<p>Anastassia Ümar Ministry of the Interior, Estonia</p> <p>Ivars Nakurts Fire and Rescue Service, Latvia</p>
11.20-11.35	3. Coordination of cross-border operations in the field of state unmanned aircraft flights	<p>Imants Zaķis Ministry of Interior, Latvia</p> <p>Ministry of Interior, Estonia (tbc)</p>
11.35-11.50	4. Coordination of the Latvia's pre-registration procedure for third-country nationals	<p>Andres Lindemann Ministry of Climate, Estonia</p> <p>Imants Zaķis Ministry of Interior, Latvia</p>

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11.50-12.10	5. Health care public services in Valga Hospital	<p>Jelena Stepanova Valga Haigla Hospital, Estonia</p> <p>Mariken Ross Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia</p> <p>Andreta Līvena National Health Service of Latvia</p>
12.10-12.30	6. Cross-border cooperation in providing animal shelter services across the Valga–Valka border	<p>Mart Kase Valga Municipality, Estonia</p> <p>Hedvig Liblikas Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, Estonia</p> <p>Antra Briņķe Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia</p>
12.30-13.30	JOINT LUNCH	
13.30-13.50	7. Public transport services and mobility in border areas	<p>Margus Maiste Head of NGO Pärnu County Public Transport Center, Estonia</p> <p>Elīna Šimiņa-Neверovska Ministry of Transport, Latvia</p>
13.50-14.05	8. Geodetic and cartographic works for the maintenance of the Estonian-Latvian border	<p>Ivars Liepiņš Latvian Geospatial Information Agency</p> <p>Karin Kollo Land and Spatial Development Board, Estonia</p>
14.05-14.20	9. Organization of Rail Baltica regional passenger train service	<p>Elīna Šimiņa-Neверovska Ministry of Transport, Latvia</p> <p>Andres Lindemann Ministry of Climate, Estonia</p>
14.20-14.35	10. Guarantees of Origin for biomethane – scope and proportionality	<p>Līga Rozentāle Ministry of Climate and Energy, Latvia</p> <p>Hans Markus Kalmer/Tauno Hilimon Ministry of Climate, Estonia</p>

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14.35-14.55	11. Cross-border wind farm impacts: lack of a compensation mechanism	Tauno Hilimon/ Hans Markus Kalmer Ministry of Climate, Estonia Līga Rozentāle Ministry of Climate and Energy, Latvia
14.55-15.15	12. Strengthening Cross-Border Cooperation to Control African Swine Fever: Coordinated Wild Boar Population Management to Protect Domestic Pig Farms and Food Security	Kadri Kaugerand Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, Estonia Kristīne Lamberga Food and Veterinary Service, Latvia Antra Brinke Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia
15.15-15.30	COFFEE BREAK	
15.30-15.45	13. Ensuring the cross-border movement of food goods in different crisis situations	Toomas Unt Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, Estonia Gunita Aizstrauta Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia
15.45-16.10	Opportunities under the B-Solutions Call	Martín Guillermo Ramírez Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)
16.10-16.20	Estonian and Latvian cooperation – experience of Interreg Programme and the state of play of the upcoming period	Anu-Maaja Pallok Interreg Estonia-Latvia Programme
16.20-16.30	Conclusions, decisions and closure of the 2026 Joint Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions • Farewell speeches by the Chair & Co-Chair Farewell coffee after the meeting	Hendrik Johannes Terras Estonian Minister of Regional Affairs and Agriculture Raimonds Čudars Latvian Minister of Smart Administration and Regional Development

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