**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Meeting of the Intergovernmental commission for Cross border cooperation of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania**

**09 September 2020**

Venue (Video Conference):

Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania;

Ministry of the Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia.

**Lithuanian delegation:**

1. T. Tamulevičius, Vice-Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania;
2. H.E. Mr A. Žurauskas, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Lithuania to the Republic of Latvia;
3. M. Narmontas, Vice-Minister of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania;
4. N. Germanas, Vice-Minister of the Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania;
5. L. Šemetulstytė; Director of the EU Investments and International Programmes Department; Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania;
6. R. Tamulevičiūtė, Head of the Regional Policy Group; Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania;
7. G. Geimanaitė, Head of the International Cooperation Group, Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania;
8. D. Jankūnaitė, Head of the Territorial Cooperation Programmes Division, EU Investments and International Programmes Department, Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania;
9. K. Jurkšienė, Adviser of International Cooperation Group, Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania;
10. T. Antulis, Head of the Group, Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania ;
11. I. M. Jankuvienė (TBC), Head of the International Cooperation Division of the Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania;
12. M. Stanys, Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
13. A. Treinienė, Chief adviser, Ministry of Environment;
14. J. Šukštienė; Adviser, Networks and International Relations Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications;
15. K. Semėnė; Director of Networks and International Relations Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications;
16. V. Gailius, Mayor of Joniškis District Municipality;
17. R. Godeliauskas, Mayor of Rokiškis District Municipality;
18. N. Gusevas, Mayor of Zarasai District Municipality;
19. V. Jareckas, Mayor pf Biržai District Minicipality;
20. V. Macevičius, Mayor of Mažeikiai District Municipality;
21. P. Pušinskas, Mayor of Skuodas District Municipality.

**Latvian delegation:**

1. J. Pūce, Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia;
2. H.E. Mr Indulis Bērziņš, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Latvia to the Republic of Lithuania
3. D. Merirands, Deputy State Secretary, the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia;
4. I. Oša, Deputy State Secretary, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia;
5. S. Cakuls – Deputy State Secretary, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia;
6. G. Švika, Director of the Sectoral Policy Department, the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia;
7. E. Tanne, Head of Baltic, Nordic Countries and Regional Cooperation Division-advisor, European Department, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
8. A. Kucins - Chairman of Daugavpils County Council, Member of the Development Council of Latgale Planning Region;
9. A. Okmanis - Chairman of Rundāle District Council, Chairman of Development Council of Zemgale Planning Region;
10. J. Vilnītis – Chairman of Liepāja City Council, representative of Kurzeme Planning Region;
11. I. Zitāns – Deputy Chief of the State Fire and Rescue Service of the Republic of Latvia;
12. I. Kravale – Director of Development Instruments Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia;
13. K. Kedo - Head of Spatial Planning Policy Division, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia;
14. A. Škabireva – Head of Territorial Cooperation Unit, Development Instruments Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia;
15. V. Prokopoviča – Senior expert of Territorial Cooperation Unit, Development Instruments Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia.

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| **12:30** | ***Opening of the meeting*** | Welcoming speech of the Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania R. TamašunienėOpening speech of the Vice-Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania T. TamulevičiusOpening speech of the Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia J.Pūce |
| **12:45** | ***Approval of the Agenda*** | Vice-Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania T. Tamulevičius |
| **12:50** | ***Overview of the progress concerning issues discussed during the previous Meeting of the Commission*** | *Presentation* by the Vice-Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania T. Tamulevičius |
| **13:00** | ***State and municipality level spatial (territorial) planning at the cross- border territories (regions) according to the Comprehensive plan of the territory of Lithuania***  | *Presentation by the representative (TBC) of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania* Remarks by the Deputy State Secretary, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia I. Oša*Discussion* |
| **13.20** | ***Transport issues:*** ***1. Overview of the progress concerning transport issues discussed during the previous Meeting of the Commission;******2. New issues in improvement of cross-border connections:******2.1. Improvement of cross-border connections:******- Necessity of the road Skuodas - Liepoja reconstruction;******- Possibilities of renewal of train traffic on cross border sections (Visaginas-Daugavpils).*****2.2. *Establishment of a system for drivers to move around the Baltic States with only identity documents*** | *Presentation by K. Semėnė; Director of Networks and International Relations Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications**Presentation* by K. Semėnė; Director of Networks and International Relations Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications*Presentation* by the Deputy State Secretary, the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia D.Merirands*Discussion* |
| **14:00** | ***Coordination of procedures and plans for the mutual cross-border rescue operations between Latvia and Lithuania*** | *Presentation* by Director of the Sectoral Policy Department, the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia G. Švika and Deputy Chief of the State Fire and Rescue Service of the Republic of Latvia General I.Zitāns.Remarks by the Head of the International Cooperation Division of the Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania I. M. Jankuviene (TBC).*Discussion* |
| **14:20** | ***Informative part******Priorities of Latvia and Lithuania for the new 2021–2027 Interreg cross border cooperation programme***  | *Presentation* by Director of Development Instruments Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia I. Kravale*Remarks by the representatives of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania* |
| **14:50** | ***Closing of the IGC meeting******-Future of the IGC******-Conclusions of the meeting******-Farewell***  | Vice-Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania T. TamulevičiusMinister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia J. Pūce |
| **15:00** | ***End of the meeting*** |  |

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