



LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS
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Conference

Energy Independence in the Baltics – Shared Responsibility and Opportunities

29 May 2026, 12:00–16:30
Baltic Hall of the Saeima, Jēkaba Street 6/8, Rīga

ORGANIZER:

Economic, Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Policy Committee of the Saeima

OBJECTIVE:

The aim of the conference is to highlight issues of energy security and electricity system resilience in the Baltic States, share best practices in energy policy governance in a rapidly evolving geopolitical environment, and promote timely involvement of policymakers in addressing these challenges. Given that the electricity systems of the Baltic States are closely interconnected and challenges in one country directly impact the energy security of the entire region, it is important to discuss these issues within the framework of Baltic parliamentary cooperation, bringing together policymakers from the three Baltic States, industry experts, and other stakeholders

Working languages: Latvian, English, Lithuanian

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11:30 Arrival of participants, registration, coffee

12:00 Opening of the conference

***Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica**, Deputy Speaker of the Saeima*

***Andris Kulbergs**, Prime Minister*

***Kaspars Briškens**, Chairman of the Saeima Economic, Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Policy Committee*

12:15 **Introductory presentation: Conflict in the Middle East and Europe's energy independence**

***Fatih Birol**, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (remote)*

*Moderator: **Olga Bogdanova**, Deputy State Secretary at the Ministry of Climate and Energy, President of the World Energy Council Latvia, Associate Professor at the University of Latvia*

SESSION I: Energy system design as the basis for resilience and security

12:40 **Panel 1: Renewable energy sources (RES) from a system security perspective**

Presentation

***Olivier Feix**, Head of Corporate Development at 50Hertz and Head of Strategy at Elia Group (remote)*

Panel discussion

Moderator: **Reinis Ābolģiģš**, energy expert

Participants:

Rolands Irģklis, Chairman of the Board of AS "Augģstsprieguma tģkģs" (AST)

Sandis Jansons, Chairman of the Management Board of AS "Sadales tģkģs"

Ivars Zariģģš, Executive Director of the Latvian Association of Power Engineers and Energy Constructors

13:40 Panel 2: What constitutes a balanced energy generation portfolio

Presentation

Mikko Heikkila, Director of Communications of Fingrid (remote)

Panel discussion

Moderator: **Reinis Ābolģiģš**, energy expert

Participants:

Rota Ŗģņuka, Member of the Board, Public Utilities Commission of Latvia

Mģrtģģģ Ŗģģkste, Chairman of the Board of AS "Latvenerģo"

Uģģģģ Biģģģģ, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of AS "Latvijas Finģģģģģ"

14:40 Coffee / lunch break, networking

SESSION II: The role of society in strengthening energy security

15:25 Disinformation as a mechanism to divide, and ways to strengthen social cohesion

Presentation

Aramis Zinke, Senior Strategic Communications Officer at WindEurope

Panel discussion

Moderator: **Olģģģ Bogģģģģģģ**, Deputy State Secretary at the Ministry of Climate and Energy, President of the World Energy Council Latvia, Associate Professor at the University of Latvia

Participants:

Mario Kadastik, Member of the Economic Affairs Committee, Parliament of Estonia

Birutė Vėģģģģģģ, Member of the Committee of Energy and Sustainable Development, Parliament of Lithuania

Uģģģģ Rotģģģģģģ, Deputy Chairman of the European Affairs Committee, Parliament of Latvia

16:25 Conference summary