



ECONOMIC, AGRICULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

This standing committee of the Saeima was established during the 5th convocation of the Saeima in 1993. During the 9th convocation there was a period from November 2006 to late 2008, when the Committee was split into two separate committees: the Economic Committee and the Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Policy Committee. Since 2009 the two committees are reunited under the name of the Economic, Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Policy Committee (hereinafter – Committee).

Currently the Committee consists of 13 members.

The Committee deliberates issues pertaining to economy, including agriculture, construction, energy, communications, transport (land, air, maritime, as well as governance of sea ports), environmental protection and regional economic policy. Furthermore, the Committee covers such areas as trade, advertising, protection of consumer rights, commerce, competition, public procurement, regulation of public services, governance of public enterprises, privatisation, land use, tourism, safety of services and commodities, electronic communications, animal protection, waste management, game and forestry management. Based on a resolution of the Saeima, the Committee considers draft laws submitted by the Cabinet of Ministers, the Committee itself or other committees, five members of the Saeima, or the President of the State or one-tenth of the electorate, according to the procedure and provisions stipulated in the Constitution.

Before each reading the Committee holds meetings, where it considers draft



■ Krišjānis Feldmans, chairman of the Economic, Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Policy Committee

laws together with representatives of society. Where appropriate, draft laws are submitted to a relevant subcommittee or an ad-hoc working group for preliminary drafting. Working groups comprise members of the Committee, representatives of relevant line ministries, the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments, non-governmental organisations, as well as relevant experts.

The Committee also performs parliamentary scrutiny over implementation of laws and the executive power within the scope of its competence. The Committee performs parliamentary scrutiny over the Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, and Ministry of Transport.

The Committee exchanges information and works closely with other standing committees of the Saeima and holds joint meetings to discuss topical

issues within the scope of the committees' competence, as well as to exchange information.

In the area of external policy, the Committee maintains contacts with relevant parliamentary committees from other countries and the European Parliament. Submissions, complaints and proposals are examined according to the procedure stipulated in relevant statutory regulations.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Committees are authorised to appoint their members and invite other members of the parliament to form a maximum of two subcommittees that perform preparatory work and specific tasks.

In the 5th Saeima the Committee had four subcommittees:

Industry and Energy, Transport and Maritime, Regional Development, and Agricultural Subcommittee.

In the 6th Saeima – the Agricultural Subcommittee.

In the 7th Saeima – the Maritime, Fishery and Transport Subcommittee, the Agriculture and Forestry Subcommittee, Industry, Energy and Construction Subcommittee, as well as the Environmental Subcommittee.

In the 8th Saeima – the Agriculture and Forestry Subcommittee and the Environmental Subcommittee.

In the 9th Saeima – The Energy Subcommittee.

In the 10th Saeima – the Natural Resources Subcommittee was established

that covered environmental, agricultural and energy issues.

In the 11th Saeima – Environment Subcommittee and Innovation and Research Subcommittee.

In the 12th Saeima – Environment and Climate Policy Subcommittee and Information Technology and Innovative Entrepreneurship Subcommittee.

CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Convocation	Name	Tenure
5 th Saeima	Voldemārs Novakšānovs	27.07.1993 – 07.12.1994
	Jevgēnijs Zašcerinskis	07.02.1994 – 06.11.1995
6 th Saeima	Atis Sausnītis	16.11.1995 – 14.01.1998
	Ernests Jurkāns	14.01.1998 – 02.11.1998
7 th Saeima	Atis Slakteris	12.11.1998 – 16.07.1999
	Kārlis Leiškalns	16.07.1999 – 04.11.2002
8 th Saeima	Indulis Emsis	15.11.2002 – 18.03.2004
	Dzintars Jaundžeikars	18.03.2004 – 03.11.2005
	Dzintars Zaķis	08.11.2005 – 06.11.2006
9 th Saeima	Guntis Blumbergs	20.11.2006 – 16.07.2009
	Vents Armands Krauklis	16.07.2009 – 02.11.2010
10 th Saeima	Andris Bērziņš	08.11.2010 – 01.07.2011
11 th Saeima	Vjačeslavs Dombrovskis	20.10.2011 – 07.05.2013
	Jānis Ozoliņš	07.05.2013 – 05.11.2014
12 th Saeima	Romāns Naudiņš	06.11.2014 – 06.11.2018
13 th Saeima	Jānis Dūklavs	20.11.2018 – 30.01.2019
	Jānis Vitenbergs	30.01.2019 – 02.04.2020
	Ralfs Nemiro	22.04.2020 – 04.06.2021
	Krišjānis Feldmans	Since 04.06.2021

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the 13th Saeima, the Committee has delegated the Environmental and Climate Policy Subcommittee to perform parliamentary scrutiny over the implementation of the statutory regulations on environmental protection, as well as to supervise the development of climate policy.

ARTISAN AND SMALL BUSINESS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Committee has delegated the Subcommittee to perform parliamentary scrutiny over the implementation of the statutory regulations governing business and economic activity.

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