

**Baltic states conference „The Sustainability of the Song and Dance Celebration Tradition:
from UNESCO Recognition Towards the Future“**

PROGRAMME

25 November

- 10.00 Welcome speech by the Lithuanian Vice Minister for culture Albinas Vilčinskas
Welcome speech by the Lithuanian National Culture Centre director Saulius Liausa

Session I. Measures for preserving the tradition of Baltic Song and Dance Celebrations from the UNESCO inscription to today: legal documents, program, condition, results achieved in both education and culture systems

Each country presents their situation in culture and education systems

- 10.15 val. Lithuanian speeches and questions
Latvian speeches and questions
Estonian speeches and questions

13.00 val. *Break*

Session II. News from the Song and Dance Celebration events: experience of recent and forthcoming celebrations, preparatory plans, vitality of art groups, new challenges

Each country presents their situation

- 14.00 val. Lithuanian speeches and questions
15.00 val. Latvian speeches and questions
16.00 val. Estonian speeches and questions

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Session III. The basis of preserving the tradition for the future. Panel discussions

- 9.00 val. Specialist preparation and training – specialists (not) being prepared, ways of additional training, good experience, dangers
10.00 val. Vitality of Song Celebrations in municipalities and regions
11.00 val. *Break*
11.15 val. Models of state protection and funding – solutions that work and perspectives
12.30 val. Final discussions and wrap-up of the conference