

**PROGRAMME
OF CULTURAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA,
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
AND THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
FOR THE YEARS 2019 – 2022**

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, in accordance with the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Culture between the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania, signed in Vilnius on 8 July 1994, have adopted the following Programme of cultural cooperation for the years 2019 - 2022.

Article 1

1. The Parties shall encourage the participation of each other's artists and experts in music, opera, ballet, drama, dance, traditional culture, film and new interactive media festivals, markets, contests, seminars, workshops, art exhibitions and other cultural events, which will be held in their respective countries.
2. With this aim the Parties will exchange information about their cultural life and prepare a list of trilateral cultural events in the Baltic States and abroad for the years 2019 - 2022 as an Annex to the Programme, which will be available together with the Programme also on the official websites of the Parties.

Article 2

The Parties shall exchange information and best practice about the work of their ministries of culture, the legislative initiatives and acts and policy documents in the fields of their responsibility, including integration (national minorities), media (broadcasting) and media literacy policy, where applicable. With this aim and in order to facilitate preparation of exchanges and cultural events the Parties shall exchange experts (up to 5 persons a year for 5 days).

Article 3

The Parties shall promote literary contacts between writers, publishers and book trade professionals of the Baltic States, encourage the participation of authors and publishers in book fairs and exhibitions and the translation of their literature into languages of the other Parties, enhance the continuation of the annual and rotating Baltic book design competition, as well as the exchange of information and close cooperation between writers' unions and publishers associations.

Article 4

1. The Parties shall exchange information and documentation on the administration of museums, libraries and archives, about the activities in the field of museology, library and archival science.
2. The Parties shall exchange best practices with regard to digitising cultural heritage in museums and libraries, developing new methods of heritage preservation and encouraging heritage repurposing in innovative applications in service of education, tourism and other subsectors of economy.
3. The Parties shall foster co-operation in training programmes for museum and library specialists and developing implementation of new information technologies and services in museums and libraries by organising trilateral seminars, conferences and training courses for them in their respective countries.
4. The Parties shall support according to their possibilities the long-term joint project 'Baltic Museology Summer School'.

Article 5

1. The Parties shall encourage co-operation and the exchange of information in the fields of research, documentation, monitoring, restoration and promotion of cultural heritage, particularly enhancing cultural heritage education and the participation of society in heritage preservation.
2. The Parties agree to continue cooperation in the framework of the Baltic Heritage Committee to exchange information and tackle areas of common interest as well as foster the exchange of heritage experts and the organization of common projects.

Article 6

1. The Parties agreed to continue supporting financially 'Kremerata Baltica', the international chamber orchestra of three Baltic States, in favour of the development of Baltic performing arts and promotion of Baltic music abroad, as it is stated in the Agreement between the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Estonia, the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania on the Orchestra 'Kremerata Baltica', signed in Riga on 13 February, 2012.
2. The Parties shall promote co-operation between the concert agencies of their countries in order to acquaint the public of the respective countries with the original music and achievements in the performing arts of other Baltic States.

Article 7

1. The Parties shall foster co-operation in the field of cinema and audiovisual production, and facilitate joint promotion of the Baltic film and audiovisual production within the Baltic States and abroad. For this purpose the Parties shall consider the possibility of establishing a co-production fund for films and TV-productions between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

2. The Parties shall exchange best practices with regard to digitising audiovisual heritage, developing new methods of heritage preservation and encouraging heritage repurposing in innovative applications in service of education, tourism and other subsectors of the economy.
3. The Parties shall co-operate on developing and offering specialised film education programmes in secondary education as well as in institutions of informal training for youth and encourage the participation of their film professionals in such training programmes organized in either of the countries.
4. The Parties shall co-operate on important film industry events within the Baltic States.
5. The Parties shall facilitate co-operation in the development of the new interactive and audiovisual media, videogames and other innovative forms of audiovisual content.
6. The Parties shall co-operate in exploring ways of enhancing the role of public service media in social integration.

Article 8

The Parties, recognising the need for collaboration in film and audiovisual education and professional training in the Baltic States, shall contribute to the exchange of film and audiovisual media lecturers, shall encourage participation in and foster collaboration between the Baltic Film and Media School and other film and audiovisual schools located in the Baltic States.

Article 9

1. In order to foster the co-operation between the theatres and to acquaint the public of the respective countries with the original drama of the Baltic States, the Parties shall promote the Baltic Drama Forum.
2. The Parties shall also encourage co-production initiatives of theatres and participation in the national and international festivals in the region.

Article 10

In order to develop co-operation in the field of dance and to increase the visibility of the Baltic dance artists within and outside the Baltic States the Parties shall promote the joint initiative of the Baltic dance communities – Baltic Dance Platform.

Article 11

The Parties shall foster co-operation in the field of cultural and creative industries – the exchange of information and experience, as well as the work visits of the representatives of the ministries and experts to organizations linked with cultural and creative industries, participation in seminars and conferences organized in this field in order to facilitate the elaboration of joint initiatives and cross-border projects also at industry and enterprise level.

Article 12

The Parties shall develop co-operation in the field of architecture and city planning, encourage international contacts through the Baltic Architects' Unions Association (BAUA) and joint participation in the activities of the International Union of Architects (UIA) and other organizations related with the mentioned fields (NGOs, cultural, educational institutions etc.).

Article 13

The Parties shall continue cooperation in common projects organized in the framework of the celebration of the 100 years Anniversaries of the republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Article 14

In order to promote cultural cooperation between the Parties within and beyond the Baltic States – Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania – and to strengthen the internationalization of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian culture through joint cultural events, the Parties shall support the Baltic Culture Fund according to the Agreement between the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Estonia, the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania on the Establishment of the Baltic Culture Fund, signed in Riga on 8 July, 2018.

Article 15

The Parties shall foster regional co-operation and contacts with the Council of the Baltic Sea States (Latvian Presidency until July 2019, Lithuanian Presidency 2020-2021), the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Northern Dimension Partnership on Culture and other regional organizations and instruments in order to promote the contribution of culture to sustainable development and competitiveness of the region.

Article 16

1. The Parties shall foster co-operation and exchange of information between their National Commissions for UNESCO in implementing UNESCO culture conventions and programmes.
2. The Parties shall co-operate to carry out preservation, protection and promotion activities that concern properties inscribed on the World Heritage List and thereof inherent programmes.
3. The Parties shall collaborate to preserve, protect and promote common documentary heritage, especially the joint nomination for the International Register of the Memory of the World Programme 'The Baltic Way – Human Chain Linking Three States in Their Drive for Freedom'.

4. The Parties shall co-operate on matters concerning safeguarding and development of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, in particular the exchange of experience in the safeguarding and development of local traditions, as well as creation and update of National Inventories of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

5. The Parties shall jointly consider nominating common cultural values for the Lists of Intangible Cultural Heritage and thereof foster related research as well as the use of such studies. The Parties shall also foster studies on the impact of UNESCO nominations on the safeguarding of respective intangible cultural heritage elements.

6. The Parties, being aware of the special status of the Tradition and Symbolism of the Song and Dance Celebration Process in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, which is inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, shall support the Baltic States Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Song and Dance Celebration Tradition, as specified in the Agreement between the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Estonia, the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania on the Baltic States Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Song and Dance Celebration Tradition, signed in Riga on 8 July, 2018.

Article 17

1. The Parties shall when required exchange information about and have consultations on national positions on policy documents of UNESCO, the Council of Europe and the European Union.

2. The Parties shall exchange information and experience and encourage co-operation within the framework of the European Union programmes for providing support for the culture and audiovisual sectors.

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LIST
Trilateral Cultural Events
in the Baltic States and Abroad
for the Years 2019 - 2022

I. Trilateral Events (involving all three Baltic States)

Competition <i>Best of the Baltic Book Design</i>	Tallinn 2019 Riga 2020 Vilnius 2021 Tallinn 2022
Literary readings of the Baltic authors in Poetry days (September) and Prose Readings (December)	Latvia 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
International Folklore Festival <i>Baltica</i>	
<i>Baltica 2019</i>	Estonia 2019
<i>Baltica 2020</i>	Lithuania 2020
<i>Baltica 2021</i>	Latvia 2021
<i>Baltica 2022</i>	Estonia 2022
Baltic Museology Summer School	Latvia 2019 Estonia 2020 Lithuania 2021 Latvia 2022
<i>LiLaEst</i> – International Seminar of Librarians of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania	Lithuania 2020 Estonia 2022
Congress of Baltic Librarians <i>CoBal</i>	Estonia 2020
International conference on safeguarding and development of the Song and Dance Celebration Tradition	Lithuania 2019 Estonia 2021
Baltic Theatre Forum	Lithuania 2019 Latvia 2020 Estonia 2021 Lithuania 2022
Film Co-production Market <i>Baltic Event</i>	Tallinn

	November 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Baltic Film Days	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania 2019, 2020
Baltic Amateur Theatre Festival <i>Baltic Ramp</i>	Lithuania 2020 Latvia 2021 Estonia 2022
Baltic Dance Platform	Lithuania 2020 Latvia 2021 Estonia 2022
Baltic Symphony Festival	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

II. Trilateral Baltic events abroad

London Book Fair	12-14 March, 2019
Baltic Academies' Orchestra concerts	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Russia, 2019
Smithsonian Folklife Festival	USA 2019
Baltic Prize and programme, <i>Nordic Film Days</i> in Lübeck	Germany 2019
Baltic Award, Trieste Film Market <i>When East Meets West</i>	Italy 2019, 2020
Internationale Tanzmesse NRW	Germany 2020
China Shanghai International Arts Festival	China 2020