

Conference
Citizenship Institute in Baltic Countries
(Jurmala, 20th – 21st November, 2008)

Agenda

Thursday, November 20
Baltic Day

9.30 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.30

Opening

P.Vinķelis – moderator

G.Bērziņš – Minister of Justice of the Republic of Latvia

B.Moran – OSCE HCNM director

E.Aldermane – Head of the Naturalization Board of the Republic of Latvia

10.30 – 13.00

Reports of Baltic Countries

10.30 – 11.00

Latvia (S.Vība – Deputy Head of the Naturalization Board)

11.00 – 11.30

Lithuania (D.Vežikauskaite - Head of the Division on Citizenship Matters,
Migration Department, Ministry of Interior)

11.30 – 11.50

Coffee break

11.50 – 12.30

Estonia (A.Juur - Head of the Processing Bureau of the Citizenship
Department, Citizenship and Migration Board; S.Leskov – Adviser of Migration
and Border Policy Department, Estonian Ministry of the Interior)

12.30 – 13.00

Questions: Citizenship of Baltic countries

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch

14.30 – 16.00

Presentations of Baltic countries on topical issues.

14.30 – 15.00

Accession of the Naturalization Board to the Association of Language
Testers in Europe (M.Kokina – Head of Foreign Relations Department,
Naturalization Board of Latvia)

15.00 – 15.30

From Asylum to Naturalisation - Implementation Procedures in the Republic
of Lithuania (L.Voišnis – Head of the Division on Asylum Affairs,
Migration Department, Ministry of Interior)

15.30 – 16.00

Citizen's Day (S.Jakobsen – Office of the Minister for Population and
Ethnic Affairs)

16.00 – 16.20

Coffee break

16.20 – 17.20

Questions and resume of the first day (moderator)

18.00

Official Dinner

Friday, November 21
Nordic Day

9.30 – 11.40

Reports of Nordic Countries

9.30 – 10.00 Denmark (K.Reinholt – Deputy Head, Nationality Division at the Ministry of Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs)

10.00 – 10.30 Finland (T.Suominen – Director of Finnish Immigration Service)

10.30 – 10.50 Questions to representatives of Denmark and Finland

10.50 – 11.10 Coffee break

11.10 – 11.40 Norway (K.Jacobsen – Head the Citizenship Division at the Directorate of Immigration)

11.40 – 12.00 Results of a research project funded by the EU Sixth Framework Programme: The Acquisition of Nationality in EU Member States: Rules, Practices and Quantitative Developments (E.Ersbøll – Researcher, the Danish Institute for Human Rights)

12.00 – 13.00 Questions to representatives of Nordic countries and resume of the second day (moderator)
Closing