

COURTESY TRANSLATION

Vilnius, 1 October 2013

**Invitation to the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Environment  
Protection and the Committees on State Administration and Local Authorities  
on 24–25 November 2013**

Dear Colleague,

In our position as Chairs of the Committee on Environment Protection and the Committee on State Administration and Local Authorities of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, we are honoured to extend our sincere invitation to you to the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Environment Protection and the Committees on State Administration and Local Authorities to be held on 24–25 November 2013 in the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, in Vilnius.

The meeting will be dedicated to the topic *Macro-Regional Strategies: Development and Prospects*. The environmental dimension of macro-regional strategies will also be at the focus of our attention. We will consider the ways of boosting economic growth while protecting environment and possibilities to integrate the environmental dimension into such policies as transport, energy and agriculture. We will discuss how to use the opportunities offered by EU financial instruments in a more efficient way and how to achieve the best results through joint efforts of the Member States.

On 24 November 2013, you are kindly invited to attend the dinner with a cultural programme.

Please find enclosed the draft programme of the meeting, general information and hotel booking forms. For more information, please visit the website of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union at [www.eu2013.lrs.lt](http://www.eu2013.lrs.lt). On the website, you can also find an online registration form for the meeting.

You are kindly requested to register **no later than 8 November 2013**.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vilnius.

Yours faithfully,

Algimantas Salamakinas

Chair of the Committee on Environment  
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Chair of the Committee on State  
Administration and Local Authorities