



## LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS FISKĀLĀS DISCIPLĪNAS PADOME

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### Council meeting minutes No 2 (34)

Riga

5 April 2019

#### **Chairman:**

Deputy Chairman of Fiscal Discipline Council – I.Eriņš

Chairman of Fiscal Discipline Council – J.Platais (teleconference mode)

#### **Participants of the meeting:**

Member of Fiscal Discipline Council	M.Hansen
Member of Fiscal Discipline Council (teleconference mode)	Ū.Kaasik
Member of Fiscal Discipline Council	I.Šteimbuka
<i>Secretariat –</i>	
Fiscal Discipline Council secretary	D.Kalsone
Fiscal Discipline Council economist	E.Lucka

#### **Participant not attending meeting:**

Member of Fiscal Discipline Council	Ā.Ūbelis
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#### **Invited participant to the meeting agenda #4:**

Ministry of Finance, Fiscal Policy Department, Fiscal Governance Division senior expert	I.E.Švilpe
Ministry of Finance, Deputy Director of Fiscal Policy Department, Head of Fiscal Governance Division	G.Trupovnieks

#### **Taking minutes:**

Fiscal Discipline Council economist

E.Lucka

Meeting starts at 16:00

#### **I.Eriņš opens the meeting**

Fiscal Discipline Council (Council) Deputy Chairman I.Eriņš opens the meeting and announces the agenda (annexed, incl. meeting presentation).

#### **1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting**

**Reporter:** J.Platais

#### **Decision:**

1.1 Approve 7 February 2019 Council meeting minutes.

I.Eriņš votes for;

M.Hansen votes for;

Ü.Kaasik votes for;  
I.Šteinbuka votes for;  
J.Platais votes for.

## **2 State budget 2019**

**Reporters:** J.Platais, D.Kalsone

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*Tour de table of the state budget 2019 macro-fiscal indicators..*

### **Decision:**

2.1 Take note on the information about the state budget 2019 macro-fiscal indicators.

I.Eriņš votes for;  
M.Hansen votes for;  
Ü.Kaasik votes for;  
I.Šteinbuka votes for;  
J.Platais votes for.

## **3 Baltic IFI meeting**

**Reporter:** J.Platais, D.Kalsone

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J.Platais reports on the Baltic IFI meeting on 16-17 June 2019 in Vilnius, and suggests to share the experience about the political parties costing exercise in summer 2018.

*Tour de table of the meeting participants on the Baltic IFI meeting.*

### **Decision:**

3.1 Take note on the information of the Baltic IFIs meeting on 16-17 June 2019.

I.Eriņš votes for;  
M.Hansen votes for;  
Ü.Kaasik votes for;  
I.Šteinbuka votes for;  
J.Platais votes for.

## **4 Council interim report (opinion) on the Stability programme 2019-2022**

**Reporter:** J.Platais, G.Trupovnieks

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J.Platais reports on the Ministry of Finance and Council calculations of the fiscal rules for 2020-2022 in conformity with the Fiscal discipline law and European Union regulations.

G.Trupovnieks reports about the emission quotes revenue one-off included in 2019 budget according to the ESA standards.

*Tour de table of the meeting participants on the fiscal rules, particularly on tax reform one-off and discretionary revenue measures.*

### **Decisions:**

4.1 Agree on the Council's position that the tax reform's one-off does not agree with FDL requirements, consequently involving the modification of the balance rule calculations and adjustment to other discretionary revenue measures, while calculating the expenditure growth rule.

4.2 Agree to recommend the Government fiscal consolidation in line with the recalculated ceilings.

4.3 Ask the Council secretariat to prepare the report according to the discussion on this item.

4.4 Invite the Council member A.Ūbelis to present the conclusions of the interim report on 15 April 2019 Cabinet of Minister's meeting.

4.5 Instruct the Council secretariat to publish and send the interim report to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Saeima and the Ministry of Finance on 23 April.

I.Eriņš votes for;  
M.Hansen votes for;  
Ü.Kaasik votes for;  
I.Šteinbuka votes for;  
J.Platais votes for.

## **5 Technical support issues**

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**Reporter:** D.Kalsone

### *5.1 Council meetings calendar 2019 (updated).*

D.Kalsone reports on the updated meetings of the Council and of the Council working group meetings calendar. An updated meeting plan is available online at the Council's website.

#### **Decision:**

5.1.1 Take note of the updated meetings calendar for 2019.

I.Eriņš votes for;  
M.Hansen votes for;  
Ü.Kaasik votes for;  
I.Šteinbuka votes for;  
J.Platais votes for.

### *5.2 Business trip plan for 2019 (updated).*

D.Kalsone reports on the updated business trip plan for 2019 (enclosed), that has been updated with meetings of Baltic independent fiscal authorities and EU Network of Independent Fiscal institutions.

#### **Decision:**

5.2.1 Take note of the updated business trip plan for 2019.

I.Eriņš votes for;  
M.Hansen votes for;  
Ü.Kaasik votes for;  
I.Šteinbuka votes for;  
J.Platais votes for.

### *5.3 Procurements plan for 2019.*

D.Kalsone reports on the latest developments in procurements.

#### **Decision:**

5.3.1 Take note of the information on the latest developments in Council procurements.

I.Eriņš votes for;  
M.Hansen votes for;  
Ü.Kaasik votes for;  
I.Šteinbuka votes for;  
J.Platais votes for.

### *5.4 Council 2019 first quarter budget execution.*

D.Kalsone reports on the Council's budget execution for the 2019 first quarter (86.2%).

**Decision:**

5.4.1 Take note of information on the Council's 2019 first quarter budget execution.

I.Eriņš votes for;  
M.Hansen votes for;  
Ü.Kaasik votes for;  
I.Šteinbuka votes for;  
J.Platais votes for.

*5.5 Capacity of the Council Secretariat*

D.Kalsone report on the capacity of the Council Secretariat.

**Decision:**

5.5.1 Take note of information on the capacity of the Council Secretariat.

I.Eriņš votes for;  
M.Hansen votes for;  
Ü.Kaasik votes for;  
I.Šteinbuka votes for;  
J.Platais votes for.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:00.

Council Chairman

J.Platais

Meeting Secretary

E.Lucka

Visa: Council Secretary

D.Kalsone

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