

Rising Tensions with Russia and Growing Ties with Israel: The Baltic Perspective



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**We are pleased to invite you to a live video conversation with
Boriss Cilevičs**

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Amid Western fears of a Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the ongoing refugee crisis on the Polish border, MP Cilevičs will discuss the growing Europe-Russia tensions and the importance of strengthening security ties between the Baltic countries and Israel. He will also address the implications of this growing security relationship on the future of Europe-Israel ties, and ELNET's critical role in this regard.

Member of the *Saeima* (Latvian Parliament) **Boriss Cilevičs**, will share his perspective as Chairman of the Latvia-Israel Parliamentary Cooperation Group on the growing importance of ties between Israel and the Baltic states.

Boriss Cilevičs was born in 1956 in Daugavpils. He graduated from the University of Latvia, faculty of physics. In the late 1980s, Cilevičs took part in the establishment of the first human rights groups in Latvia. In 1991-1998, he worked with human rights NGOs, participated in a number of international projects, and published several research papers internationally. In 1998, he was

elected member of the *Saeima* (Latvian Parliament), and has continued to be reelected. Since 1998, he chairs the Latvia-Israel Parliamentary Cooperation Group. Cilevičs also serves as a Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Rights and Public Affairs, a member of the European Affairs Committee, and a Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. He is an author of more than 30 reports, which became a basis for the PACE resolutions and recommendations. Along with Parliamentary work, he stays involved with civil society and participates in several NGO projects.



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