



LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS FISKĀLĀS DISCIPLĪNAS PADOME

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Minutes of the meeting of the Council No. 4 (79)

Riga

May 29, 2025

The meeting is chaired by:

Chairwoman of the Fiscal Discipline Council - I.Šteinbuka

Participants of the meeting:

Vice-Chairman of the Fiscal Discipline Council	J.Priede
Member of the Fiscal Discipline Council	A.Jakobsons
Member of the Fiscal Discipline Council	U.Kaasiks
Member of the Fiscal Discipline Council	I.Golsts
<i>Secretariat –</i>	
Fiscal Discipline Council secretary	N.Malnačs
Fiscal Discipline Council macroeconomics expert	V.Zaremba
Fiscal Discipline Council fiscal risks expert	I.Verpakovska
Fiscal Discipline Council lawyer	I.Jansone

Taking minutes:

Fiscal Discipline Council lawyer

I.Jansone

The meeting starts on 29 May 2025 at 15:30.

Opening of the meeting – I. Šteinbuka

Chairwoman of the Fiscal Discipline Council (hereinafter – the Council) I. Šteinbuka opens the meeting and announces the meeting agenda.

I. Šteinbuka informs that at the Cabinet of Ministers meeting on May 27, 2025, the “Amendments to the Education Law” were approved, aimed at sustainable and efficient education system and resource management. The draft law’s annotation assesses the impact on the state budget as amounting to EUR 39,863,590 in 2026 and EUR 117,939,846 in 2027 and 2028. The annotation notes that additional funding for the education reform should be considered in the preparation process of the draft “State Budget Law for 2026 and Budgetary Framework for 2026, 2027, and 2028.”

Thus, a non-conformity with Article 9, Paragraph 1 of the Fiscal Discipline Law is identified, and considering the above, the Council must prepare a Non-conformity Report, which includes recommendations for eliminating the non-conformity. The Non-conformity Report shall be prepared immediately after the non-conformity is identified, submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers and the Saeima, and published on the Ministry of Finance's website.

In response to the above and the need for prompt action, the Council's work is organized remotely and issues are discussed in written consultation.

Accordingly, the Secretariat of the Council has prepared a draft Non-conformity Report of the Fiscal Discipline Council, and the Secretary of the Council will send an email to the Council members requesting comments, additions, and opinions on the draft Non-conformity Report and asking them to vote.

Additionally, I. Šteinbuka informs Council members that amendments are required to the Fiscal Discipline Council Procedure (hereinafter – the Procedure), Section 2 (Convening and Preparing

Council Meetings), point 9, clarifying the procedure for convening meetings regarding the preparation of a Non-conformity Report. A proposal is made to amend point 9 of the Procedure as follows:

"9. Chairman of the Council shall call for a meeting outside the Council's annual indicative plan, if it is necessary to consider an non-conformity report, in accordance with the second part of the Article 29 of the Law on Fiscal Discipline 29th. Such a meeting shall be deemed an extraordinary meeting. This amendment to the Fiscal Discipline Council Procedure shall enter into force on May 29, 2025."

Council members are invited to provide comments, additions, opinions, and to vote on the proposed amendment.

The meeting of May 29, 2025, is closed at 16:00 and a recess is announced until May 31, 2025, at 16:30.

The Council meeting of May 29, 2025, is resumed on May 31, 2025, at 16:30

1. Non-conformity Report of the Fiscal Discipline Council

I. Šteinbuka thanks all Council members for their opinions provided in the written consultation and for the votes cast.

Based on the above, the Council **d e c i d e s**:

1.1. To approve the prepared Fiscal Discipline Non-conformity Report and submit it to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Saeima and the Ministry of Finance.

I. Šteinbuka – votes for;
J. Priede – votes for;
I. Golsts – votes for;
A. Jakobsons – votes for;
U. Kaasiks – votes for.

2. On Amendments to the Fiscal Discipline Council Procedure

I. Šteinbuka thanks all Council members for their opinions and votes regarding the amendment to the Fiscal Discipline Council Procedure.

Based on the above, the Council **d e c i d e s**:

2.1. To approve the proposed amendment text, providing that the amendment shall enter into force on 29 May 2025.

I. Šteinbuka – votes for;
J. Priede – votes for;
I. Golsts – votes for;
A. Jakobsons – votes for;
U. Kaasiks – votes for.

The meeting of May 31, 2025, is closed at 17:00

Chairwoman of the Council:

I. Šteinbuka

Meeting Secretary:

I. Jansone

Visa of the Council Secretary:

N. Malnačs