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## Conference "Local Action against Human Trafficking"

project STROM "Strengthening the Role of Municipalities in the Work against Trafficking in Human Beings in the Baltic Sea Region" – CBSSPSF/SC 042014/1

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Riga, Latvia, 19 – 20 May 2015, Hotel "Albert Hotel", Dzirnavu str.33

### PROGRAMME

This conference aims to provide a platform for sharing knowledge and expertise on how to deal with cases of human trafficking at the municipal level.

#### Specific objectives:

- To identify common challenges and proven practices to counteract trafficking in human beings at the local level in the Baltic Sea Region and beyond.
- To provide local stakeholders with expert knowledge and tools needed to deal efficiently with human trafficking cases.
- To expand national and regional cooperation networks by strengthening the role of municipalities and local stakeholders in the chain of assistance to victims.

#### Day 1, 19 May

11:00 – 12:00

**Welcome coffee and registration**

12:00 – 12:40

**Welcome and opening remarks**

**Ms Ilze Pētersone-Godmane**, State Secretary, Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Latvia

**Mr Anthony Jay Olsson**, Head of Media and Communication Unit, CBSS

**Mr Dainis Turlais**, Head of Public Order and Corruption Prevention Committee, Council of Riga

**Mr Arnoldas Abramavicius**, EU Committee of the Regions, CIVEX Member and Member of Zarasai District Municipal Council/ Lithuania

**Ms Malgorzata Tarasiewicz**, Union of the Baltic Cities, Commission on Gender Equality



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12.40 – 13.40

Lunch

13.40 – 14.00

**Baseline assessment study on the role and responsibilities of the municipalities in the chain of assistance to the victims of trafficking in human beings in the CBSS Member States.**

Ms Vineta Polatside, Senior Adviser, Head of Task-Force against Trafficking in Human Beings, the Council of Baltic Sea States

14.00 – 15.50

**Panel 1: Cooperation models and coordination mechanisms at the municipal level. Cooperation between national and local authorities, law enforcement agencies and social service providers.**

**Moderator: Mr Jan Austad, Trafficking Coordinator Royal Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security, CBSS TF-THB National Coordinator of Norway**

**Poland: “Regional Structures to Prevent Trafficking in Human Beings – Polish Experience and Practise”**

Ms Aneta Suda, Main Expert, Unit against Trafficking in Human Beings, Migration Policy Department Ministry of Interior

**Sweden: “Cooperating against Trafficking in Human Beings on a local level – structures and coordination in Sweden”**

Mr Endrit Mujaj, Project Officer, National Coordinators Office against Trafficking at the County Administrative Board of Stockholm

**Denmark: “Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings – The Danish Model”**

Mr Anders Lisborg, Senior Adviser, Centre against Human Trafficking, National Board of Social Services, Ministry of Children, Gender Equality, Integration and Social Welfare

**The Netherlands: “Integrated approach against human trafficking”**

Mr Brian Oedayrajsingh Varma, Senior Policy Advisor in the Administrative Approach against Organised Crime, City of Amsterdam



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## **Germany: " Municipalities as Initiators of Local Networks against Labour Trafficking – Examples from Germany"**

Ms Luiza Lupascu, Arbeit und Leben Berlin/Alliance against Labour Trafficking

15.50 – 16.10

Coffee break

16.10 – 18.00

**Panel 2: The role of local actors in provision of the rehabilitation and reintegration assistance to victims of trafficking. How to provide safety nets to the potential victims of trafficking and prevent re-victimization.**

**Moderator: Ms Natalia Zaibert, Director of Information and Consultation Centre on Migration Legislation of the St. Petersburg Regional Branch of the Russian Red Cross**

**Lithuania: "The systematic approach in providing the rehabilitation and integration services to the victims of human trafficking in Lithuania"**

Ms Kristina Mišinienė, NGO "Caritas Lithuania"

**Poland: "Assistance to victims of human trafficking by Association PoMOC, cooperation with institutions"**

Ms Magdalena Lasota, NGO Association PoMOC, National Consulting and Intervention Center for the Victims of Trafficking

**Finland: "Experiences in assisting victims of labour trafficking in cooperation with municipalities in Finland"**

Ms Katri Lyijynen, Senior Advisor, Assistance System for Victims of Trafficking, Joutseno Reception Centre

**Norway: Challenges in coordinating assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings in Oslo**

Mr Svein Dahle, Coordinator, City of Oslo



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**The Russian Federation: "Assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings in Russia: examples of multilevel cooperation in Moscow and St Petersburg"**

Ms Yulianna Pavlovskaya, Head of the Migrant Assistance Division, IOM Bureau in Moscow

19.00

Dinner at the "Albert Hotel"

**Day 2, 20 May**

9.00 – 10.30

**Panel 3: Prevention of human trafficking at the grass root level. Expanding the target group beyond the conventional ones.**

**Moderator: Ms Vineta Polatside, Senior Adviser, Head of Task-Force against Trafficking in Human Beings, the Council of Baltic Sea States**

**Latvia: "Prevention Activities in the Municipalities of Latvia"**

Ms Sandra Zalcmāne, Chair, NGO "Shelter "Safe House"

**Germany: "Informing workers about the Enforcement of Labour Rights – A Contribution to the Prevention of Labour Trafficking in Germany"**

Dr. Philipp Schwertmann, Head of Section "Migration and Decent Work", Arbeit und Leben Berlin/Alliance against Labour Trafficking

**Lithuania: "Prevention of trafficking in human beings in municipalities of Lithuania"**

Dr. Reda Sirgediene, Advisor, Ministry of the Interior, and Mr Aleksandras Tiaškevičius, Advisor in Legal Affairs, Association of Local Authorities

**Estonia: "Human Trafficking Prevention Hotline Service and Cooperation with Municipalities. Estonian experience."**

Ms Sirle Blumberg, Director, NGO "Living for Tomorrow"

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee break



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11.00 – 13.00

**Session on the role of municipalities within multidisciplinary cooperation against trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation. Project "TeamWork! Strengthening multidisciplinary cooperation against trafficking for labour exploitation".**

**Moderators: Mr Brian Oedayrajsingh Varma, Senior Policy Advisor in the Administrative Approach against Organised Crime, City of Amsterdam, and Ms Evelien Pennings, Senior Policy Officer, Ministry of Security and Justice, the Netherlands**

13.00 – 13.30

**The development of guidelines for municipalities**

Ms Lāsma Stabiņa, Senior Desk Officer, Sectoral Policy Department, Ministry of the Interior, Latvia

**Discussion and final remarks**

13.30 – 15.00

Lunch

**End of the conference**