



Baltic Sea Region

Counter Trafficking Award



2017

Since 2006 the CBSS Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings has been working against human trafficking in the Baltic Sea region. On our tenth anniversary, we want to celebrate other counter trafficking activists in the region, as only joint actions can be truly effective in prevention of human trafficking.

To this end we are launching the Baltic Sea Region Counter Trafficking Award.



Call for Nominations

The Baltic Sea Region Counter Trafficking Award is designed to honour and recognise the commitment, dedication, creativity and leadership of individuals who fight human trafficking – a crime that is all our responsibility.

Who can be nominated?

Individuals representing, for example, a state institution, non-governmental organisation, private entity or academic institution, who have made a significant impact in tackling human trafficking can be nominated for the Award.

Work of the individual can address different dimensions of human trafficking and offer different types of solutions: awareness raising, ensuring respect for the human rights of employees, promotion of fair pay and decent working conditions, reduction of the opportunities for traffickers to commit crime, identification of groups at risk, mapping the extent of the problem and assisting victims of human trafficking since 2014.

Nominees must be residents of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Norway, the Russian Federation or Sweden.

Unlimited number of individuals can be nominated for consideration under the CBSS Baltic Sea Region Counter Trafficking Award scheme.



The work of the nominated individual shall:

- focus on prevention, identification, assistance and/or combating human trafficking.
- as far as possible, be innovative, involving new methods or new approaches.
 - be based on co-operation between partners where possible.
- have capacity to inspire individuals, organisations and groups in other Member States to replicate these or similar efforts.
- be carried out not only at the national but also local level, if applicable.
 - Engage, where possible, vulnerable groups to human trafficking.

Award period

The Award is launched on 14 September and the deadline for submission of the nominations is 23 October 2017.

Who can nominate?

Residents of the participating countries who are involved in anti-trafficking work in the Baltic Sea region can nominate a person for the award.

How to nominate?

Send the name of your nominee and a brief explanation of the actions or events in which the nominee displayed significant efforts to counteract human trafficking, as defined in the award criteria. You may include news clips and other background materials pertaining to the actions or events described; however, supporting materials are not required.

When submitting your nomination, please include your name, the name of the institution you represent, the contact details (phone and address) and, if possible, the names and contact details of persons who can provide further information on the nominee.

Please note that award recipients will not be selected based on the volume of nominations an individual receives. A single nomination will place the individual's name in consideration for the Award. To download the nomination form and other information please visit: www.cbss.org/tfthb

**Please send the completed form to the
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The evaluation process

Submitted nominations will be evaluated by the selection committee composed of government representatives from various ministries of the CBSS Member States.

The appraisal process starts with the registration of the nominations by the CBSS Secretariat and ends with the selection committee's decision to present award to the selected individuals.

Award

The three selected finalists of the Award will be invited to a Gala Dinner in Stockholm in the end of November, hosted by the Council of the Baltic Sea States and the Swedish Government – to showcase their innovative approaches to counteract human trafficking in the Baltic Sea region.

Practical arrangements

Travel, hotel costs for up to 2 nights and daily subsistence allowance for the award winners will be arranged and financed by the CBSS.

About the TF-THB

The Award is presented by the Council of the Baltic Sea States Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings (CBSS TF-THB). The CBSS is an overall political forum for regional inter-governmental cooperation. The Members of the CBSS are the eleven states of the Baltic Sea Region: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, as well as the European Union. The Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings is one of the expert groups of the CBSS which works to counteract trafficking in human beings and all its forms of exploitation in the Baltic Sea Region and its near vicinity through preventive measures and protective actions. Since its establishment in 2006, the TF-THB has developed in to an important arena for knowledge transfer and presentation of best practices in order to increase prevention and enhance the protection of victims of human trafficking in the region.

