

“ADSTRINGO – Addressing trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation through improved partnerships, enhanced diagnostics and intensified organisational approaches” is a transnational project that focuses on trafficking for forced labour and labour exploitation in 9 countries in the Baltic Sea region.

Main objective of the project

- To prevent trafficking for forced labour through enhanced national and regional partnerships and through improved understanding of the mechanisms that facilitate exploitation of migrant labour within the region.

Activities of the project

- **Two national meetings will be organised in each of the 9 countries** to establish a dialogue among key labour actors at the national level.
- A **focused research component** will look into the recruitment practices and roles of recruitment agencies and employers in the exploitation of migrant labour, which facilitates trafficking, in 4 countries.
- A set of **concrete guidelines for employers, recruitment agencies** and other actors will be developed for the prevention of trafficking for forced labour and labour exploitation.
- An **international high-level conference** during the Lithuanian EU Presidency in 2013 will be organised to present the project findings and to initiate discussion between actors in the Baltic Sea Region and within the EU.

Participating countries

- Estonia, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, and Sweden. A parallel project is implemented in Poland and the Russian Federation.

Partners

- Coordinator of the project: the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI).
- Partners: the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania and the University of Tartu in Estonia.
- Associate partner: the Council of the Baltic Sea States, Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings (CBSS TF-THB).

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