



Soft security and Migration in the Baltic Sea Region

House of the Estates, Snellmaninkatu 9-11, 00170 Helsinki, Finland

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Day 1, 30 May 2017

- 13.00 – 14.00 **Buffet lunch**
- 14.00 **Opening speeches**
- Laura Yli-Vakkuri, Director General, International Affairs, Ministry of the Interior, Finland
- Guðmundur Árni Stefánsson, Chair, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland, CBSS Presidency
- Bernd Hemingway, Deputy Director General, Council of the Baltic Sea States
- Erja Tikka, Ambassador for Baltic Sea Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- 14.30 **Key note speech - Eugenio Ambrosi, Regional Director of IOM's Regional Office for the EU, Norway and Switzerland**
- 15.00 Commentary: Kirsi Pimiä, Non-Discrimination Ombudsman, Finland
- Discussion
- 15.30 **Coffee break**
- 16.00 **Setting the scene: Migration management, soft security and protection of migrants**
- Panel discussion moderated by Bernd Hemingway, Deputy Director General, CBSS

Bjarney Fridriksdottir, Researcher and Consultant, Iceland

Magdalena Lesińska, Researcher and Consultant, Poland

Anders Lisborg, International migration expert and Consultant, Denmark

Mia Luhtasaari, Project Coordinator, Ministry of Justice, Finland

17.00 Discussion

17.30 Final remarks

18.00 – 20.00 **Reception**

Day 2, 31 May 2017

9.00 Working groups 1-3

Group 1: Irregular migration in a soft security perspective - new migration management challenges

Introduction to the working group and concept by the moderator: Anders Lisborg, International migration expert and Consultant, Denmark

Rapporteur: Anniina Jokinen, Adviser, Council of the Baltic Sea States

Discussants (s): Georgios Vourekas, Head of Sea Border Sector, FRONTEX

Kimmo Lehto, Head of Section, Finnish Migration Service, Finland

Maksim Afanasjev, Chief Specialist of the Migration Affairs Unit, Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania

Morten Lisborg, Migration Expert, Denmark

Tjörvi Einarsson, Detective Chief Inspector, National Commissioner of the Icelandic Police, Iceland

Iwona Przybyłowicz, Adviser, Major, Polish Border Guard Headquarters, Poland

Group 2: Impact of migration on host societies and the challenge of early integration – lessons learned at the national and local level

Introduction to the working group and concept by the moderator:
Magdalena Lesinska, Researcher and Consultant, Poland

Rapporteur: Jacek Paszkowski, Adviser, Council of the Baltic Sea States

Discussant(s): Anders Bergström, Policy Area Coordinator, Norden
Association, Sweden

Birte Steller, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Family and
Integration, Germany

Gunta Viksne, Project Manager, NGO Shelter Safe House, Latvia

Sergey Ryazantsev, Director, Institute Socio-Political Research of the
Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation

Alexandra Fritzon, Program manager Vägen in and integration, Save the
Children, Sweden

Juhan Saharov, Head of Support Services for Refugees, Johannes
Mihkelson Centre, Estonia

Juris Gromovs, Migration and Freedom of Movement Adviser,
OSCE/ODIHR

Group 3: Safeguarding the rights of migrants – reducing the risk of exploitation and trafficking

Introduction to the working group and concept by the moderator: Bjarney
Fridriksdottir, Researcher and Consultant, Iceland

Rapporteur: Vineta Polatside, Senior Adviser, Council of the Baltic Sea
States

Discussants(s): Inkeri Mellanen, Project Manager, Joutseno Reception
Centre, Finland

Karolis Zibas, Director at Diversity Development Group, Researcher at
Centre for Demographic Research in Vytautas Magnus University,
Lithuania

Natalia Zaibert, Director of the Information Centre on Migration
Legislation, St. Petersburg Regional Branch of the Russian Red Cross,
Russian Federation

Annett Fleischer, Researcher, Max Planck Institute, Germany

Fanny Ljungholm, Social Worker, Salvation Army, Sweden

Hamza Amarouche, Immigration Services Coordinator, City of Helsinki,
Finland

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| 10.30 | Coffee break |
| 11.00 | Working groups continued |
| 12.30 | Joint discussion and conclusions from the working groups presented by
the three moderators |
| 13.20 | Final remarks, Maira Mora, Director General, Council of the Baltic Sea
States |
| 13.30 – 14.30 | Buffet lunch |
| 14.30 | Departure of participants |