

The background is a light orange color with various abstract geometric shapes scattered throughout. These include circles, cylinders, squares, and diamonds in shades of orange and a darker blue. A prominent feature is a stylized smiley face icon, rendered in a light orange color, which appears twice: once in the upper middle and once in the lower left corner. The text is centered and consists of two lines: the first line is 'CHILDREN'S' in a bold, dark blue, serif font, and the second line is 'right to protection' in a lighter blue, sans-serif font. A thin horizontal line is positioned above the second line of text.

CHILDREN'S
right to protection

ABOUT CBSS

Established in 1992, the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) is a political forum for regional inter-governmental cooperation and dialogue.

The member states of the CBSS are Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, as well as the European Union.

ABOUT CHILDREN AT RISK

Promoting the well-being of children strengthens **the sustainability, safety and security** of the Baltic Sea Region. For more than 20 years Member States of the CBSS have addressed challenges and shared knowledge, models and good practices to **support the rights of children to protection** from abuse, exploitation, trafficking and violence with the CBSS Expert Group on Children at Risk as the hub of cooperation. The Expert Group bases its work on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

PRIORITIES

Prevention, early intervention, parenting and family support

Protecting children from sexual abuse and sexual exploitation

The well-being and best interests of children in alternative care


Preventing trafficking and exploitation of children

The best interests of children in migration



Child-friendly justice




BALTIC SEA REGION - NO CORPORAL PUNISHMENT ZONE




The Baltic Sea Region is a model and a **pioneer region** at the global level, as 10 out of 11 countries have prohibited corporal punishment by law. The CBSS is putting its efforts to bringing this ban from law in to practice – making non-violent childhoods a reality.




IMPROVED SERVICES FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE




By the end of 2019, around 20 countries in Europe will have one or more **Barnahus** or similar setup for working together in the best interests of the child. Barnahus is a multi-agency centre, ensuring that child victims and witnesses of violence can disclose their experiences and receive appropriate assessment and rapid access to justice and support.



STEPPING UP MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN



Many children who are trafficked were previously victims of violence, exploitation and neglect without receiving protection. CBSS therefore **promotes a reorientation** of action, where addressing violence and exploitation of children in all its forms becomes a first step to prevent and identify child victims of trafficking. Communication with children is key to assess the risk factors and the situation of the child.



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