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Dear Friends

The PA Secure team at the Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States presents the third issue of the Newsletter in 2017. We would like to share some news with you on important developments in the EUSBSR Policy Secure Area (co-coordinated by the CBSS Secretariat and the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, MSB). This newsletter also provides a broader overview of key events (meetings, conferences, seminars, exercises), projects and developments within the fields of civil protection and law enforcement, regardless of the institutional affiliation of the actors involved.

We would like to thank our colleagues who shared their stories with us, and especially Professor Sundelius, Strategic Advisor to the Director General of the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), for his interview!

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you want to find out more details about any of the newsletter items.

Stay Safe and Secure!

PA Secure team

News – Civil Protection

Call for potential partners!

The STAC-CBRNE project – *Strengthening the Transnational Capacity of the Management of CBRNE agents related Emergencies* – funded by the Swedish Institute's Seed Funding Facility, offers a platform for developing long-term cooperation on CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives) management issues in the Baltic Sea Region. This is an opportunity for your organization to take advantage of the possibilities this platform offers!



Are you interested in strengthening your capacity to tackle CBRNE threats together with other partners in the region?

Contact Nina Jernberg at nina.jernberg@cbss.org to find out more about the STAC-CBRNE initiative!

Interview with Professor Sundelius: risks know few boundaries



The CBSS Civil Security team met with Professor Bengt Sundelius, Strategic Advisor to the Director General of the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), to discuss the need for international cooperation in the field of civil protection, some examples of good cooperation, as well as the future challenges for the Baltic Sea Region. *“Protection from various harms cannot be accomplished in national isolation, as threats and risks know few boundaries”*, answered Professor Sundelius, when asked for reasons behind cooperation. Click on the link to read the full interview: [Read more](#)

Three new Flagships in PA Secure: a research project, a network and an exercise



The decision by the National Coordinators of the EUSBSR to grant three initiatives flagship status, acknowledges PA Secure's significant contribution to the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region: until today, the EUSBSR has resulted in around 120 flagships – approximately every 10th of which is under the PA Secure. The three new flagships are:

1. FIRE-IN – Fire and Rescue Innovation Network
2. ECoHuCy – Enablement besides Constraints: Human Security and a Cyber Multi-Disciplinary Framework in the European High North
3. BALEX DELTA 2018.

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Raising risk awareness among Sweden's inhabitants – successful campaign



In May this year, Sweden held its first national Emergency Preparedness Week where MSB contributed to raising risk awareness and self-resilience on an individual level, and encouraged local municipalities to pay more attention to risk communication and the importance of well informed and engaged inhabitants. Almost 80 percent of Sweden's 290 local municipalities joined the campaign, which got wide-spread attention in media. The next campaign is planned in May 2018, with the ambition to provide every household in Sweden (4.5 million) with a brochure on how to act in case of a crisis.

Project in focus: EVAPREM – modelling has started



On 16-17 August 2017, the partners in the PA Secure flagship EVAPREM met in Riga to discuss prevention measures in participating countries. To assess prevention activities, a unified evaluation model is about to be developed. It can be used by rescue services for more efficient resource planning and for the prevention of property destruction and loss of lives. In Riga, the participants agreed on the general framework of the model and the classification of prevention activities. In the coming months academics from the University of Tartu will continue working on developing the model.

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News – Law Enforcement

Estonian – German border control cooperation: an internship story



During two weeks, Jasmin Bezler from the German Federal Police had the possibility to see in detail how border control is organised in Estonia. As part of her internship, she was stationed for one week at the Koidula border crossing point (BCP), and for the second week at the Saatse border guard station (BGS), where her Estonian colleagues showed the everyday border guard life at an EU external border. The two-week internship became possible for Jasmin after her graduation from the Police Academy in the framework of the Erasmus project. [Read Jasmin's story](#)

JATOC published its final report, results already applied in practice



The results of the JATOC Project (Joint Approach to Tackle Organized Cross-border Crime in the Baltic Sea Region), funded by the CBSS Project Support Facility, were presented by the Latvian State Police during the Operational Planning meeting of the Baltic Sea Task Force on Organized Crime (BSTF), on 19 September 2017 in Sigulda, Latvia. The procedure to initiate a joint operation and to define its aim, scope and methods have already been applied in practice in the preparations for the joint operation – *FOUR SEASONS*, for border guards and police from 6 countries. [Download report](#)

17th Conference of Prosecutors General of the CBSS member states



The Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation hosted the 17th Conference of Prosecutors General of the Member States of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) on 19 – 21 September 2017 in Svetlogorsk. The Prosecutors General of the Baltic Sea States form an intergovernmental network of the CBSS. The participants discussed risks of uncontrolled migration that can lead to rise in crime, aggravation and expansion of interethnic conflicts, and recognised the need to improve control over the channels of illegal migration. The CBSS Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings (TF-THB) presented its work, in particular, how to identify victims of human trafficking among migrants.

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Human Dimension of Security

Children's recommendations highlighted at PROTECT III workshop in St. Petersburg



Children's participation and recommendations were given priority in a workshop in St. Petersburg on 26-27 September 2017. The 36 participants from 7 countries in the Baltic Sea Region discussed for 2 days good practices in the identification and referral of children at risk of exploitation and trafficking. The workshop was organized by the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat (CBSS) and the Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM) with the support of the NGO Stellit and Transit shelter home for children. [Read more](#)

Flagship STROM II Final Conference: "Local responses to human trafficking in the spotlight"

On 12–13 October in Birštonas, Lithuania, the final conference of the PA Secure flagship project STROM II – *Strengthening the Role of Municipalities in the Work against Trafficking in Human beings* was held. STROM II brought together during the past 19 months been local and state actors, researchers, national experts and NGOs to strengthen the capacity and role of municipalities in the chain of assistance to victims of human trafficking in the Baltic Sea Region. [Read more](#)

Calendar of events

XIV Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC) General Conference	24-27 October, Växjö, Sweden
Policy Area (PA) Secure Steering Group Meeting	9-10 November, Stockholm, Sweden
Joint meeting of macro-regional coordinators on climate and disaster risk reduction, organized by INTERACT	16-17 November, Budapest, Hungary
The XIX Baltic Sea Region Border Control Cooperation (BSRBCC) Heads Conference	27-30 November, Oslo, Norway
The Baltic Leadership Program: Building leadership for implementing the UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction	27-30 November, Sigtuna, Sweden
Baltic Sea Task Force on Organized Crime (BSTF-OC), Annual Strategic Meeting	30 November - 1 December, Riga, Latvia
EUSBSR Support Workshop on monitoring and evaluation	12-13 December, Tallinn, Estonia
PROTECT III: Expert Consultation on Good Practices in Identification and Referral of Children at Risk of Exploitation and Trafficking	12-13 December, Vilnius, Lithuania
2nd Module of the Baltic Leadership Programme on the 2030 Agenda	13-14 December, Tallinn, Estonia
Civil Protection Network (CPN) Senior Experts' Meeting	20-21 February 2018, Stockholm, Sweden

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