INVITATION
Soft Security and Migration Conference
On 30-31 May 2017, House of the Estates, Helsinki

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, in close cooperation with the Icelandic Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) and the CBSS Secretariat are organising a conference on Soft Security and Migration in the Baltic Sea Region. The conference will take place in Helsinki, Finland at the House of the Estates on 30-31 May 2017. The conference will focus on discussing the impact and lessons learned from managing the migratory flows in 2015-2016 and bring together a wide range of actors from the CBSS Member States.

On the second day of the conference three working groups are organised to strengthen dialogue and exchange of experiences between different actors from the Baltic Sea region and to develop forward-looking policy recommendations. We welcome representatives of national and local authorities and other actors, including NGOs, dealing with e.g. border controls, security issues, reception of migrants, identification of victims of trafficking, as well as early integration of migrants, to participate in the conference and to actively contribute to the working groups by presenting their views and experiences.

- Group 1: Irregular migration in a soft security perspective – new migration management challenges
  Moderated by Anders Lisborg, Denmark
- Group 2: Impact of migration on host societies and the challenge of early integration – lessons learned at the national and local level
  Moderated by Magdalena Lesinska, Poland
- Group 3: Safeguarding the rights of migrants – reducing the risk of exploitation and trafficking
  Moderated by Bjarny Fridriksdottir, Iceland

Date: 30 May 2017 at 13.00 till 31 May 2017 at 14.30
Lunch and coffee will be provided on both days
Location: House of the Estates, Snellmaninkatu 9–11, 00170 Helsinki, Finland

Please register using the following link no later than 22 May 2017: https://www.lyyti.in/Soft_2747

We are looking forward to seeing you in Helsinki!

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