Soft security and Migration in the Baltic Sea Region

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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 Fritzson, 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

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