HUMAN TRAFFICKING
ABOUT CBSS

The Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) is the political forum for regional inter-governmental cooperation and dialogue between the Member States: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, and the European Union.

ABOUT TF-THB

CBSS Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings (TF-THB) is a dedicated expert group that works to counteract all forms of human trafficking in the Baltic Sea Region. TF-THB is composed of government representatives from the CBSS Member States. It holds regular sessions and is served by the TF-THB Unit at the CBSS Secretariat in Stockholm.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING
A CRIME THAT IS ALL OUR RESPONSIBILITY

All the states of the Baltic Sea Region are affected by human trafficking. Every year, women, men and children are trafficked to, through or from the region for the purpose of exploitation. TF-THB is working towards building a region where society is aware of trafficking risk factors, perpetrators are vigorously pursued and prosecuted, and victims are adequately assisted. Our goal is to strengthen and improve current anti-trafficking policies, preventive and protective work and to make everyone feel safe, secure and at home in every corner of our region.
WE WORK BY
DEVELOPING TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION

We provide a bridge between the local, regional and national levels in our member states. We do this by strengthening practical intergovernmental cooperation as well as cooperation at the grassroot level. This helps to build the capacity of frontline officials to identify and refer victims to support and to establish contacts with the main countries of origin for victims of human trafficking.

ACTING AS AN INFORMATION CENTER

We are the database for anti-trafficking efforts, new developments, and trends in human trafficking in the Baltic Sea Region. We provide training, informative materials and interactive tools to raise awareness and to maximise the effectiveness of support to victims.

IMPROVING IDENTIFICATION AND REDUCING RISKS

Cities and regions are at the frontline when it comes to recognising the signs of human trafficking, victims or persons at risk. We are strengthening the role of local actors such as municipalities in the fight against human trafficking by providing the necessary guidelines, tools, and training.

LOOKING BEYOND THE REALM OF IDENTIFICATION AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Little attention has been paid to the long-term prospects of trafficked persons who stay in their destination country. Victims face life after exploitation by and large on their own. They struggle to gain stability while coping with memories of past abuse and present-day debts. We strive to ensure development of proactive and sustainable integration strategies and programmes for trafficked migrants.
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