Meetings of the CBSS TF-THB organized on

26-27 September 2018;

20 February 2019.

13-14 June 2019.
An international conference “**Human trafficking – a crime with too few convictions and too many victims**” held on 21-22 February 2019 in Riga.

Focused on prosecution of human trafficking cases and victim’s rights in legal proceedings.

**More than 80 participants** from all the CBSS Member States, the CBSS Observer States, Belgium, Canada and the European Commission.

The conference - **a cooperation platform for exchanging good practices and knowledge** providing nexus between research and practical implementation of anti-trafficking legislation.
Awareness raising focusing on trafficking in human beings in a forced labour perspective and discussing exploitation of labour workers, and difference between unsatisfactory working conditions and being a victim of human trafficking.

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) contributed to the Forum by organizing a panel on how public procurement practices could be leveraged to combat trafficking in human beings in supply chains.
70 participants from the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden), the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania), North-West Russia, Germany and Poland
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HOF-BSR “Paving the Way for the Harmonized Operational Framework in the Baltic Sea Region”

- **TRM** – practical framework for inter-institutional cooperation to provide efficient identification, support and assistance to victims of human trafficking in cross border cases;
- **Strengthening capacity of local stakeholders and mass media**: workshops, guidelines for journalists reporting on cases of human trafficking, a glossary of terms related to human trafficking;
- **Fact finding missions to Bulgaria, Rumania and Ukraine** to establish concrete cooperation with relevant state authorities and civil society organisations.
- **National research** on how human trafficking is framed in the media.
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A project application developed by the Ministry of Interior of Latvia, submitted to the CBSS PSF:

CAPE - Competence building, Assistance provision and Prosecution of labour Exploitation cases in the Baltic Sea Region to address human trafficking for labour exploitation in all CBSS Member States.

Duration: September 2019 – August 2021

CBSS TF-THB Member States involved: Latvia, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Germany
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Planned project activities:

1. A baseline research component on trafficking for labour exploitation in Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Poland and Norway:
   - Why there is a low number of prosecutions of THB for forced labour?
   - How are people recruited for work abroad?
   - What forms does the exploitation take in the destination countries?

2. Three transnational experts’ workshops in Norway, Finland and Germany.

3. A high-level conference in Vilnius to present the project outcomes and required actions in the CBSS Member States. Vilnius declaration on combating trafficking for labour exploitation will be developed.
Thank You for Your attention!

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