



**Harmonised  
Operational  
Framework**  
in the Baltic Sea Region

## **Paving the Way for the Harmonized Operational Framework in the Baltic Sea Region (HOF-BSR)**

**HOF-BSR is a transnational project that aims** to develop the Baltic Sea Region as a model region in identification and provision of comprehensive and sustainable assistance to victims of human trafficking.

### **Specific objectives**

- To maximize the effectiveness and unify practical cooperation among experts involved in the fight against human trafficking by developing a Transnational Referral Mechanism in the Baltic Sea Region.
- To address the gender dimension of human trafficking and victim-blaming stereotypical attitudes by providing mass media with knowledge and tools needed to report on human trafficking cases.
- To strengthen and expand TF-THB cooperation network by establishing contacts with main countries of origin for victims of human trafficking - Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine.

### **Activities**

National inter-institutional mapping excises in all CBSS Member States.

Development of a Transnational Referral Mechanism (TRM)

Development of a glossary of terms related to the issue of human trafficking.

A one-day workshop for local actors with special focus on journalists.

Development of a manual for journalists reporting on cases of human trafficking.

Fact finding missions to Bulgaria, Rumania and Ukraine to establish concrete cooperation with relevant state authorities and civil society organisations.

International workshop to test and validate developed TRM in the Baltic Sea Region.

### **Participating countries**

CBSS Member States: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, the Russian Federation, Sweden and Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine

### **Partners**

**Coordinator of the project:** Council of the Baltic Sea States Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings (CBSS TF-THB)

**Partners:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Denmark; Ministry of Justice in Estonia; National Assistance System for Victims of THB - Joutseno Reception Centre in Finland; Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) and Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs in Germany; Ministry of Justice in Iceland; Ministry of Interior in Latvia; Ministry of the Interior in Lithuania; Ministry of the Interior and Administration in Poland; Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Russia and Saint Petersburg Branch of the Russian Red Cross; Ministry of Social Affairs and Health in Sweden.

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