



ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF CHILDREN,
EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Trafficking in children

A criminal act calling for a child protection response

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Children's vulnerability to trafficking is recognised in the Baltic Sea Region. National Contact Points for unaccompanied and trafficked children are functional in almost all countries in the region and police and law enforcement regularly investigate on suspected cases of child trafficking. Legislation has moved forward so as to protect child victims and prosecute those exploiting them.

Ensuring a high level of preventive actions will necessitate further use of knowledge from all actors meeting with children.

This conference is organised as a part of the Norwegian presidency to the Council of the Baltic Sea States. Fight against trafficking in human beings is one of the priorities of the presidency and the Norwegian Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion is proud to invite to this conference in cooperation with the Expert Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk, EGCC. The EGCC has been responsible for the organisation and the content of the conference.





MONDAY JUNE 20

11.30 Registration

12.00 Lunch

Hotel Restaurant

13.30 Introduction: Mr Oddbjørn Hauge,

Director General, Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion

13.35 Welcome address: Ms Henriette Westhrin,

Deputy Minister of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion

13.45 Fighting child trafficking. The work of the European Union.

Ms Myria Vassiliadou, European Commission, EU Anti Trafficking Coordinator

14.10 Conference overview and the Expert Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk:

Mr Lars Lööf, Head of Children's Unit, Council of the Baltic Sea States, Secretariat

14.20 Session one:

Children exploited via begging and in criminality – Interface between prosecution and child protection.

The session will focus on cases of children suspected of being exploited via begging or in criminality and the work of child protection authorities and law enforcement in supporting these children and in prosecuting the suspected offenders.

Moderator: Mr Lars Lööf, Head of Children's Unit, Council of the Baltic Sea States

Ms Line Ruud Vollebæk, Norway. Chairperson of the Board, Norwegian Association for Outreach Work with Youth: "Minor migrants in need of care and protection: How can we identify vulnerable children and how can we make the system meet their needs?"

Mr Vince Dean, United Kingdom. Tactical Adviser, UK Human Trafficking Centre: "A UK case study – Trafficking of Roma children to the UK for exploitation"

Ms Christina Voigt, Sweden. Senior Public Prosecutor, International Public Prosecution Office, Stockholm: "Begging – A way to provide or a form of exploitation?"

Mr Rudolf Christoffersen, Norway, Prosecutor and *Mr Jarle Bjørke*, Police Superintendent. Hordaland Police Department, EXIT Unit, Bergen, Norway: "The Invisible People – You don't see it until you believe it"

Ms Karin Norlin Bogren, Sweden. Head of Maria Youth Outreach Unit, Stockholm. "Outreach work for children's protection – Social Workers in the Streets of Stockholm".

Ms Aneta Suda, Poland. Polish Ministry of the Interior and Administration: "Exploitation via begging as a form of child trafficking – problems with identification"

Questions and discussion

(15.30–15.50 Coffee)

17.15

Session two:

Children in migration and vulnerability to exploitation

Session two discusses how to better protect children in migration from becoming victims of exploitation.

Moderator: *Ms Eli Ferrari de Carli*, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion.

Ms Venla Roth, Finland. Senior Officer, Office of the Ombudsman for Minorities, Finland:
"Identifying the trafficking victims and examining the child's best interest in the Dublin procedure: Current state of affairs and future challenges in Finland"

Ms Daja Wenke, Italy. Independent Researcher on Child Rights and Child Protection:
"Vulnerability to Child Trafficking: A conceptual discussion of risk and resilience from a holistic and rights-based perspective"

Ms Cecilie Øien, Norway. Research Coordinator, Fafo Institute for Applied International Studies:
"Youth, migration and trafficking: Rights and challenges".

Mr Casper Smidt, Denmark. Project Manager, Red Cross, Denmark: *"Protection measures and interventions for unaccompanied minors victims of trafficking housed within open shelters"*

Questions and discussion

18.30

End of day one

19.00

Dinner at the Hotel Voksenåsen

9.15 *Ms Jasmina Byrne*, Italy. Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre.
"Systemic Responses to Child Trafficking – UNICEF Global Perspective."

9.40 **Session three:**
Romeo and Juliet didn't die of broken hearts
– They died of lack of information.
Information management and data collection.

Session three discusses different approaches to handling information on children at risk of exploitation in the context of trafficking.

Moderator: *Ms Eli Grut*, Deputy Director General, Royal Norwegian Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion.

Ms Hanne Mainz, Denmark. Danish Centre against Human Trafficking: "Coordinated case and information management a tool to protect victims of trafficking – The Danish example"

Mr Lars Lööf, Head of Children's Unit, CBSS Secretariat: "Information Management to Prevent Trafficking"

Ms Claire Healy, Austria. Research Officer, International Centre for Migration Policy Development: "Understanding the Phenomenon of Child Begging in Europe"

Mr Jan Austad, Norway. Chairperson, CBSS Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings, TF THB: "Data Collection Mechanisms on Human Trafficking in the Baltic Sea Region"

Ms Kristina Misiniene, Lithuania. Caritas, Lithuania: "What are Lithuanian Children doing in Norway?"

Questions and discussion

(10.15–10.35 Coffee)

11.40 **Conclusions, recommendations and gaps identified**
Mr Lars Lööf, Head of Children's Unit, CBSS Secretariat

11.55 **Close of the conference**
Ms Eli Grut, Deputy Director General, Royal Norwegian Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion

12.00 **Lunch at the hotel restaurant**
Individual departure

13.00 – 17.00 **Meeting of National Contact Points and National Coordinators**
See separate programme.