



In 2014 and 2015, the Children's Unit at the Council of Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat is organising five expert meetings in cooperation with partners in Europe and beyond with support from the European Return Fund. The aim of the "PROTECT children on the move" project is to identify child rights standards and key agencies responsible for protecting children exposed to exploitation and trafficking in cross border situations. The outcomes will include a report and an online tool. The two previous expert meetings have been addressing the best interest assessment/determination and the standards, procedures and safeguards in returns and transfers. Reports and documents are available on www.childcentre.info.

The third expert meeting will focus on case examples from countries of destination and origin - and models for follow-up and return.



Agenda for an Expert Meeting on:

3rd Expert Meeting: Returns and Transfers in Practice: Case examples of children exposed to exploitation and trafficking and children at risk

Dates: 9 – 10 September 2014

Venue: Sarunas Hotel, Raitininku str. 4, Vilnius, Lithuania

Facilitator & moderator: Turid Heiberg, CBSS

Tuesday, 9th September

Session I: Introduction

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| 08.30 – 09.30 | Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turid Heiberg, <i>Head of Children's Unit, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat, Sweden</i> |
| 09.30 – 10.30 | Key note speech: National and transnational protection of children from exploitation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, <i>UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography</i> |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | The case management cycle <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daja Wenke, <i>International Child Rights Expert</i> |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | <i>Coffee</i> |

Session II: Case examples

11.00 – 11.30 **Judicial control of weighing the child's best interest in administrative decisions**

- Peter Banda, *Judge, District Court of Overijssel, Netherland*

11.30 – 13.00 **Panel I: Return of children victims of trafficking**

Case Example: *Girl from Lithuania trafficked to Norway for exploitation in criminal activities*

- Odeta Tarvydiene, *Director, State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service, Lithuania*
- Linda Ervik, *Nordic Liaison Officer, Norwegian Embassy, Bulgaria*
- Rita Augutiene, *Project Manager, IOM, Lithuania*
- Jolita Juskeviciene, *Kaunas region coordinator for "Aid to the Victims of Trafficking and Prostitution", Caritas, Lithuania*

13.00 – 13.45 *Lunch*

13.45 – 16.00 **Panel II: Return of child migrants and asylum seekers**

Transfers within the EU

- Andreea Alina Biji, *Project Coordinator, Save the Children, Romania*
- Cristina Dragota, *Specialist, Monitoring Assessment and Victim's Coordination Unit, National Anti-Trafficking Agency, Romania*

Return of rejected asylum seeking children

- Niklas Andersson Rosén, *Team Leader/Expert on Return, Swedish Migration Board*
- Germa Lourens, *Social Worker, Nidos, the Netherlands*

Return at 18

- Emily Bowerman, *Senior Programmes Officer, Refugee Support Network, UK*
- Abdul Ghafoor, *Monitoring Officer, Refugee Support Network, Afghanistan*

16.00 – 16.15 *Coffee*

16.15 – 18.15 **Panel III: Cases with children missing**

- Yasmin Van Damme, *Analyst, Child Focus, Belgium*
- Bente Oftedal Roli, *Lawyer, Roli Advocates Firm, Norway*
- Ida Hellrup, *Lawyer, Child Rights Bureau, Sweden*

18.15 – 18.30 **Closure of day one**

18.30 **Guided excursion in Vilnius**

Dinner

Wednesday, 10th September

Session III: Models for return and follow-up

08.45 – 10.00 **Panel IV: Monitoring Mechanism for Returned Minors**

- Jan Murk, *UNICEF, the Netherlands*
- Frans Bastiaens, *Managing Director, HIT Foundation, the Netherlands*

10.00 – 10.15 *Coffee*

10.15 – 12.15 **Panel V: Models for follow- up in countries of origin/return**

- Ada Shkurtaj, *Specialist, State Social Services, Albania*
- Fried Didden, *Director, Kosovo Health Foundation, Kosovo*

12.15 – 13.30 *Lunch*

13.30 – 15.30 **Reflections from participants on ways forward**

- Nina Hannemann, *special consultant, Center against Human trafficking, Denmark*
- Rūta Pabedinskienė, *Senior Specialist, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania*
- Edita Žiobienė, *Ombudsperson for Child Rights, Lithuania*
- Beatričė Bernotienė, *Deputy Director, Refugees Reception Center, Lithuania*
- Renata Kuleš, *Liaison/Protection Officer, UNHCR, Lithuania*
- Katarina Munier, *Programme officer, National Board of Health and Welfare, Sweden*
- Katri Lyijynen, *Senior Inspector, National Assistance System for Victims of Trafficking, Joutseno Reception Centre, Finland*
- Aiste Jankauskaite, *Social Consultant, Missing Persons Families Support Center, Lithuania*

15.30 **Closing**

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