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EUSBSR POLICY AREA SECURE



Dear Friends,

Policy Area Secure team presents the first issue of the Newsletter in 2017.

We would like to share with you some news on key developments in the EUSBSR Policy Secure Area (co-coordinated by the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat, CBSS and the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, MSB).

This newsletter will also provide a broader overview of key events (meetings, conferences, seminars, exercises), projects and developments within the fields of civil protection and law enforcement, regardless of the institutional affiliation of actors involved. We are planning to make it a quarterly, and would really appreciate if you would share relevant news, events, publications and projects before we send our next edition in the end of May. We can help you make your work visible!

Stay safe and secure!

PA Secure team

CBSS Civil Protection Network Senior Experts Meeting in Stockholm



The CBSS Civil Protection Network Senior Experts Meeting was held on 21-22 of March 2017 in Stockholm. The participants took important steps towards adopting a Joint Position on Enhancing Cooperation in Civil Protection Area and an Action Plan aiming at the implementation of priorities defined in the former document. Recent developments in several projects were reported to the meeting, including Balex Delta project by the Swedish Coast Guard, CBRNE mapping in BSR and a new upcoming project CASCADE. Plans for incoming activities within the Baltic Excellence Programme were presented by the Icelandic Presidency (seminar on capabilities of volunteer organizations and crisis communications) and MSB representative (Baltic Leadership Programme in November 2017). The 15th Meeting of Directors General for Civil Protection in the BSR will be held on 10 – 12 May 2017 in Reykjavik, where Sweden will take over the presidency in the CPN. [Read more](#)

Future leaders from BSR will deepen societal security skills



2017 [Baltic Leadership Programme in societal security](#) is launched and will take place in Sweden in November 2017. Baltic Sea Region professionals, working with strategic issues within civil protection and law enforcement as well as representatives from the local governments, will get the opportunity to network, exchange knowledge and experiences. [Read interviews from the participants of previous programmes.](#)

Gaps to Caps project – finalized



The 24 months long flagship project within the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region; FROM GAPS TO CAPS – Risk Management Capability Based on Gaps Identification in the Baltic Sea Regions, has just been finalized. [The final report is available here.](#) From Gaps to Caps contributed to strengthening the macro-regional capacities for risk assessment and the establishment of efficient crisis management schemes to cope with natural and manmade disasters in the Baltic Sea Region.

HAZARD: multi-authority exercise



Emergency Services College of Finland organises yearly a large scale rescue management exercise called KriSu (Crisis and large scale emergencies Exercise). This year the exercise was arranged 13-15 February. HAZARD project partners and associated partners had the possibility to observe the exercise in Kuopio and in Turku. HAZARD is a 3 years project (2016-2019) focused on mitigating the effects of emergencies in major seaports in the Baltic Sea Region. Partly founded by Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme, HAZARD is a EUSBSR Flagship. [Read more.](#)

Management of CBRN(E) agents related emergencies – a top priority



Transnational cooperation on the management of CBRN(E) – Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (and Explosive) – agents related emergencies is on top of the agenda in Europe. Responding to this request voiced in PA Secure workshop in Krakow, in May 2016, the CBSS Secretariat, as co-ordinators (together with MSB) of PA Secure, facilitated the creation of a consortium for a project focusing on enhancing the transnational and cross-sectorial cooperation on CBRN(E) issues in the Baltic Sea Region. The project named “Strengthening the Transnational Capacity of the Management of CBRNE agents related Emergencies” – STAC-CBRNE –has applied for funding from the Swedish Institute’s Seed Funding Facility and waiting for the decision.

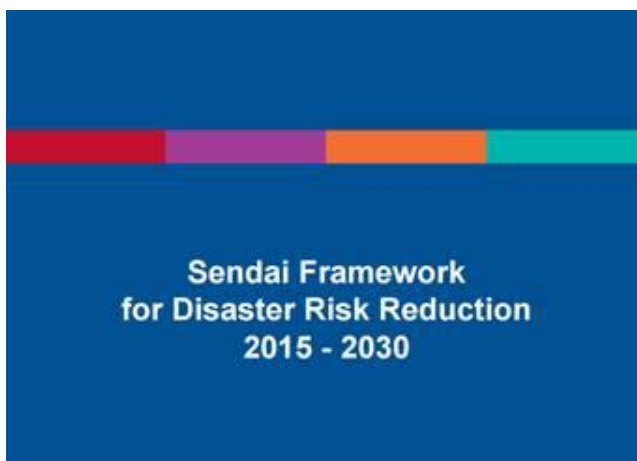
EVAPREM became EUSBSR Flagship



Congratulations to EVAPREM project, which just became a Flagship Project of the EUSBSR, Policy Area Secure! Civil security specialists and academics from 5 countries are working together in EVAPREM to improve assessment of the prevention measures by rescue services. The results of the project will help to use resources more efficiently and to prevent destruction of property and loss of lives in the Baltic Sea Region!

Implementation of the Sendai Network

Sendai framework – priority for PA Secure



CBSS Secretariat have participated at the High Level Forum on implementing the Sendai Framework at the local level in Florence, Italy, 16-17 June 2016, and the 7th Annual Meeting of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR) in Helsinki, Finland, 3-5 October 2016. Parallel to the EFDRR in Helsinki, a [meeting](#) was held between the CBSS Secretariat’s Director General Ambassador Maira Mora and the UNISDR Director Ms. Kirsi Madi. Representatives from the CBSS Secretariat participated in the [European Open Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction in Istanbul](#), Turkey, 26-28 March, 2017.

One of the top priorities of PA Secure work is to facilitate countries in BSR in their implementation of the [UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction](#). In line with this effort, is the increased cooperation between the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). Representatives from the

Cross-sectorial project - community resilience to climate change



With the financial support from the Swedish Institute HA Climate and PA Secure of EUSBSR are leading a consortium to develop a project concept to improve local societies resilience to climate change. The resulting project (CASCADE: Community Safety Action for Supporting Climate Adaptation and Development) will bring together climate change adaptation and civil protection specialists from different countries to increase risk assessment cooperation between the national and the local levels. The UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction is one of the cornerstones in the upcoming project.

News – Law Enforcement

BSR Border Control Cooperation continues under Norwegian presidency



Norway welcomed BSRBCC members to the 1st Baltic Border Control Committee meeting in Oslo on 8-10 March 2017. Participants discussed Action plan for 2017, FRONTEX Joint Operations and value of inter-agency cooperation as well as communication strategy for BSRBCC. Read more about BSR Border Control cooperation [on their website](#)

Intensified cooperation with ENPRO



PA Secure team of the CBSS Secretariat and the Network of Prosecutors on Environmental Crime in the Baltic Sea Region (ENPRO) agreed on further steps to increase cooperation in 2017. Improving visibility and inclusiveness of the ENPRO activities were among the potential cooperation areas, discussed in the meeting. As a result ENPRO's [webpage is now hosted](#) on the CBSS website. The secretariat will explore possibilities to utilize ENPRO's accumulated knowledge in battling environmental crimes in its activities.

Latvian presidency in the Baltic Task Force on Organised Crime



In 2017, Latvia took over the presidency in the [Baltic Sea Task Force on organized crime \(BSTF\)](#), from Russia (2015-2016). The Latvian presidency will focus on three main priority areas: 1) Combatting criminal phenomena affecting the Baltic Sea Region; 2) Facilitation of intelligence exchange and operative activities; and 3) Cooperation with external partners

Cybersecurity project kick-off in Stockholm



27 February 2017, the project [ECoHuCy](#) – Enablement besides Constraints: Human security and a Cyber Multi-disciplinary framework in the European High North – held its kick-off meeting at the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat's premises in Stockholm. The focus of the project is research on cyber-security in the European High North.

Human dimension of security: Expert Group on Children at Risk

The child's story at the centre: Council of the Baltic Sea States and HM Queen Silvia encourage a growing network of Barnahus



On 28-29 November 2016, professionals from around Europe met in Linköping to gather inspiration to launch an innovative way to support child victims of violence in their own countries. The innovation is called the Barnahus. In the Nordics, this multi-disciplinary and interagency service model forms an integral part of the welfare and judicial system. It provides support to child victims and witnesses to violence, giving them access to justice, avoiding re-victimisation and ensuring recovery. The Barnahus model was founded in Iceland in 1998 and the second ever Barnahus was launched in Linköping in 2005. [Read more](#)

Moving on from corporal punishments in the Baltic Sea Region



The CBSS Expert Group on Children at Risk has [launched NON-VIOLENT CHILDHOODS](#), a project providing sustainable models of integrated public education to accelerate the end of violent punishment of children.

Human dimension of security: Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings

The [TF-THB](#) partnered in a new project called Trafficking along Migration Routes (TRAM): Identification and Integration of Victims of Trafficking among Vulnerable Groups and Unaccompanied Children (2017-2018). It is coordinated by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund of the European Union. The other project partners include the National Centre for Social Solidarity (EKKA), NGO La Strada International, Bulgarian National Commission to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings and NGO Terre des Hommes.



The TF-THB is cooperating with the OSCE in the project “Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings in Supply Chains through Government Practices and Measures” by hosting a third project workshop in Stockholm on 18-19 May 2017.

On 23 May in Reykjavik the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iceland in cooperation with the CBSS TF-THB and the Nordic Council of Ministers will organize a [Barbershop event](#) “Mobilizing Men and Boys for Gender Equality” to promote the role of men in changing the discourse on gender and behaviour that leads to exploitation and trafficking in human beings. Representatives of the CBSS expert groups and networks, international and national actors from the Baltic Sea region will be invited to participate in the conference.

Publications



[Human Trafficking, Baltic Sea Region Round-Up 2016](#)



The Baltic Sea Region methodology for risk and capability assessments, a first approach



[Final report, Gaps to Caps project](#)

Funding opportunities

CBSS Project Support Facility



The CBSS Project Support Facility has launched a new call for applications. The priority area for the year 2017 is “Sustainable development for a prosperous Baltic Sea Region” and the call is open from 15 February to 15 April 2017. [Read more](#)

Horizon 2020



Security themed calls are open with the deadline for submission 24-25 August 2017. [Check the topics here.](#)

Baltic Funding Portal



[Baltic Funding Portal](#) gathers information about Baltic Sea Region funding instruments. It helps you find support for your next project as well as for your cross-border collaboration.

Interreg



The programme supports four **priorities**: Competitive economy, Sustainable use of common resources, Well-connected region and Skilled and socially inclusive region. [Read more](#)

European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO)



[Call for proposals 2017 for prevention and preparedness projects in the field of civil protection and marine pollution](#) (Deadline: Thursday 11 May 2017)

[Call for proposals for a number of risk and recovery activations through its Copernicus Emergency Management Service for Risk and Recovery Mapping.](#) The call for expression of interest is open until 30 April 2017

Calendar of events

SAVE THE DATE: The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, in close cooperation with the Icelandic Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) and the CBSS Secretariat are organising a conference on Soft Security and Migration in the Baltic Sea Region on 30-31 May 2017.

The conference – taking place in Helsinki, Finland – focuses on discussing the impact and lessons learned from managing the migratory flows in 2015-2016 in the Baltic Sea Region. Statistics outline that the number of asylum applications submitted in several CBSS countries was record high in 2015. Even though the numbers of migrants entering the region decreased significantly in 2016, the situation has posed different challenges for the national authorities dealing with border controls, security issues, reception of migrants, identification of victims of trafficking, and integration policy, among others. In the aftermath of the situation, it is important to reflect experiences and lessons learned. Following the soft security approach enhanced efforts are needed to build and maintain a system of institutions and practices founded on dialogue, shared values and promotion of social inclusion and integration of migrants in all aspects and parts of the receiving society.

CPN Senior Experts Meeting

21-22 March, Stockholm, Sweden

Östersjöstrateginätverket (The Swedish Baltic Sea Region Strategy Network).	21 March, Stockholm, Sweden
Open European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction	26-28 March, Istanbul, Turkey
EUSBSR Spring meeting for policy area coordinators, horizontal action coordinators and national coordinators	5-6 April, Stockholm, Sweden
15th Meeting of Directors General for Civil Protection	10-12 May, Reykjavik, Iceland
BSTF OPC Meeting	11-12 May
Workshop on the Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings in Supply Chains through Government Practices and Measures organised in cooperation with OSCE.	18-19 May, Stockholm, Sweden
2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction	22-26 May, Cancun, Mexico
Kick-off meeting FIRE-IN project	23-24 May, Provence, France
<u>Soft Security Conference</u>	30 – 31 May, Helsinki, Finland
8th EUSBSR Annual Forum	13-14 June, Berlin, Germany
PA Secure Steering Group Meeting	15 June, Berlin, Germany

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