

# Kick-off FOR-IN Conference

- Addressing current emergencies: community mobilization and psychosocial support to refugees, immigrants, their children, and unaccompanied minors in the context of rapidly increased arrivals

**2-3 May 2022, Vilnius Town Hall, Didžioji street. 31, Vilnius, Lithuania**

In June and July 2021, Lithuania and Latvia saw a sudden influx of people crossing the border from Belarus, while since late February 2022, the Nordic-Baltic region has faced rapidly increased arrivals from Ukraine due to Russia's war in Ukraine. Considering challenges and lessons learnt during the situation in 2015-2016, a kick-off FOR-IN conference will give an opportunity for a cross national exchange of practices and experiences of providing assistance to immigrants and refugees in the context of rapidly increased arrivals, and will focus on the following dimensions: (i) Community support, mobilization, and engagement of municipalities during arrival and early integration phase; (ii) psychosocial support for traumatized refugees, immigrants, and their children as well as work with unaccompanied minors.

## Conference hosts

**Helén Nilsson**, Director, Nordic Council of Ministers' office in Lithuania

**Karolis Žibas**, Integration Officer, UNHCR Representation for the Nordic and Baltic countries



# Agenda

## 2<sup>nd</sup> May

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12:00-12:30	Arrival, registration, and coffee
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12:30-12:40	<b>Welcome remarks</b>
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**Justina Jakštienė**, Vice Minister, Ministry of Social Security and Labour

**Helén Nilsson**, Director, Nordic Council of Ministers' office in Lithuania

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12:40-13:00	<b>Setting the scene.</b> Overview of the latest situation: numbers and figures, challenges and regional response plans. <b>Karolis Zibas</b> , Integration Officer, UNHCR Representation for the Nordic and Baltic countries.
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→ **1st session.** Building trust and values, developing cooperation and coordination: community support, mobilization, and engagement of municipalities during arrival and early integration phase

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13:00-13:30	<b>Keynote speech: “Trust and cooperation: what lessons we have learnt from Autumn 2015 and how it has affected/affects our integration and community work today” (online)</b>
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**Katarina Carlzén**, Director Partnership Skåne, The County Administrative Board of Skåne, Sweden

Q/A session

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13:30-14:30	<p><b>I. Community support and engagement: Nordic and Baltic perspectives working in the context of rapidly increased arrivals</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Natassia Fry, Co-founder of Kompis Sverige, Sweden</i></p> <p><b>Eglė Samuchovaitė</b>, Head of the Refugee and Migrant Programme, Lithuanian Red Cross, Lithuania</p> <p><b>Evija Strupiša</b>, Member of the board, I Want to Help Refugees, Latvia</p> <p><b>Jonna Mannberg</b>, Head of the board, Refugees Welcome Stockholm, Sweden</p> <p><b>Natassia Fry</b>, Co-founder, Kompis Sverige, Sweden</p>
14:30-15:00	Interactive dialogue between panelists and audience
15:00-15:20	Coffee break
15:20-16:20	<p><b>II. Engagement of municipalities: how to coordinate unprecedented mobilization of community based resources?</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Karolis Žibas, UNHCR Representation for the Nordic and Baltic countries</i></p> <p><b>Tomas Martinaitis</b>, Deputy mayor, Akmene District Municipality, Lithuania</p> <p><b>Jukka-Pekka Schroderus</b>, Chief Security Officer, The City of Pori, Finland</p> <p><b>Linnéa Sveide</b>, Coordinator of civil society, Danderyd Municipality, Sweden</p> <p><b>Ginta Logina</b>, Head of Public Information and Marketing Department, Kekava Municipality, Latvia</p>
16:20-16:50	Interactive dialogue between panelists and audience
16:50-17:00	<p><b>Closing of the first day</b></p> <p><b>Helén Nilsson</b>, Director, Nordic Council of Ministers' office in Lithuania</p>

## 3<sup>rd</sup> May

08:30-09:00 Arrival, registration, and coffee

→ **2nd session.** Addressing long-term integration challenges: psychosocial support for traumatized refugees, immigrants, and their children as well as work with unaccompanied minors

09:00-09:30 **Keynote speech: Lessons learnt and effective tools as well as methodologies to work with traumatised refugee families, children, and unaccompanied minors**  
**Satu Tamminen**, Advocacy officer, MONIKA – Multicultural Women's Association, Finland  
 Q/A session

09:30-10:30 **I. Psychosocial support for traumatized refugee and immigrant families**  
*Moderator: Prof. Dr. Dainius Pūras, Director, Human Rights Monitoring Institute, Lithuania*  
**Selena Kozakijevic**, Regional Project Coordinator, Danish Refugee Council, Denmark  
**Laura Ombler**, Welcoming programme coordinator, Estonian Refugee Council, Estonia  
**Katja Mannerström**, Head of Public Affairs, Finnish Refugee Council, Finland  
**Valentina Demidenko**, Director, Social services center of Jonava district, Lithuania

10:30-11:00 Interactive dialogue between panelists and audience

11:00-11:20 Coffee break



**3<sup>rd</sup> May**

11:20-12:20

**II. Integration work with traumatized unaccompanied minors**

*Moderator: Ingrida Zurlytė, Head, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, Country Office, Lithuania*

**Tetyana Bondarenko**, Chairman, Ukrainian organisation for Eastern Norway, Norway

**Beatričė Bernotienė**, Director, The Refugees Reception Center, Lithuania

**Ragnhild Stadheim**, Programme advisor, SOS Children's Villages, Norway

**Mostafa Hosseini**, Lic psychologist, Gothenburg university, Sweden **(Online)**

12:20-12:40

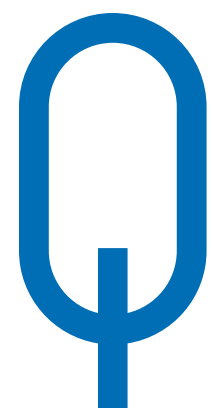
Interactive dialogue between panelists and audience

12:40-13:00

**Closing of the conference**

**Giedrė Blažytė**, Research director, Diversity Development Group, Lithuania

**Helén Nilsson**, Director, Nordic Council of Ministers' office in Lithuania



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