

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

2nd May

12:00-12:30 Arrival, registration, and coffee

12:30-12:40

Welcome remarks

Justina Jakštienė, Vice Minister, Ministry of Social Security and Labour

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

12:40-13:00

Setting the scene. Overview of the latest situation: numbers and figures, challenges and regional response plans. **Karolis Zibas**, Integration Officer, UNHCR Representation for the Nordic and Baltic countries.

→ **1st session.** Building trust and values, developing cooperation and coordination: community support, mobilization, and engagement of municipalities during arrival and early integration phase

13:00-13:30

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)

Katarina Carlzén, Director Partnership Skåne, The County Administrative Board of Skåne, Sweden

Q/A session

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

3rd 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

3rd 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

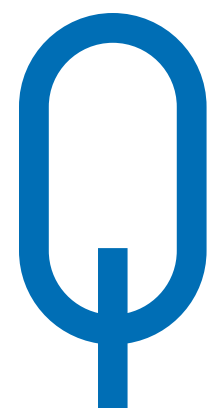
Interactive dialogue between panelists and audience

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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