

# Resilient and protective child protection systems – building mutual trust and collaboration

Norwegian Presidency Conference of the  
CBSS Expert Group on Children at Risk

Time: **8. June 2022, 09:00 – 12:45**

Venue: Bufdir, Fredrik Selmers vei 3,  
0663 Oslo (limited number of seats)

The event **will be livestreamed.**



Under the current Norwegian leadership and chair, the Council of the Baltic Sea States, Children at Risk Expert Group has undertaken a comprehensive mapping of national child protection systems and good/promising practices in the Baltic Sea Region.

Looking at child protection systems in seven countries in the Baltic Sea Region, the mapping has identified good practice and core elements of inclusive, sustainable, and resilient national child protection systems, that provide a continuum of protection, including in times of crisis. The mapping also made note of good cross-border practice that contributes to

mutual trust and cross-border collaboration between national child protection systems.

The result of this mapping will be presented at the conference providing opportunities for reflections and discussions on what constitutes collective understanding, collaboration and mutual trust among child protection systems and actors in the region.

The conference is arranged by The Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs and moderated by Olivia Lind Haldorsson, Head of the Children at Risk Unit CBSS Secretariat.

## Program

09:00 – 09:10	Opening and Welcome	Jan Kato Fremstad, Director and Unni Nygaard, Special adviser The Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs
09:10 – 09:20	Statement	Ministry of Children and Families Norway (tbc)
09:20 – 09:30	Statement	Minister of Education and Children Iceland (tbc)
09:30 – 09:50	Children's right to protection in Romania	Dr. Jørn Holm-Hansen is a research-professor at Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research at Oslo Metropolitan University and Asgeir Falch-Eriksen, PhD, is an associate professor and Head of the academic unit on Globalisation and Social Sustainability at the Department of Social Work, Child Welfare and Social Policy at Oslo Metropolitan University
09:50 – 10:30	Child Protection Systems in the Baltic Sea Region – Presentation of key findings from the mapping	Atieno Odenyo, Senior Associate, Maestral International
10:30 – 10:50	Child Protection in Latvia – Presentation of initial findings from OECD study	Speaker tbc
10:50 – 11:10	A new national strategy for preventing and combating violence against children in Sweden	Speaker tbc
11:10 – 11:40	Break	
11:40 – 12:00	Building trust across borders: Lessons learned from a Polish-Norwegian experience.	Dr. Marta Bivand Erdal, Human Geographer and Research Professor, The Peace Research Institute, Oslo
12:00 – 12:40	Building Collaboration and Trust – Panel Discussion	Atieno Odenyo, Jørn Holm Hansen, Asgeir Falch-Eriksen, Marta Bivand Erdal, Latvia, Sweden. Moderator: Unni Nygaard (Bufdir)
12:40 – 12:45	Close and thank you	Olav Berstad, Chair of the CBSS Committee of Senior Officials, MFA of Norway