

## CONFERENCE

# Strengthening Resilience: Child Participation in Disaster Risk Reduction



Riga, 28–29 January 2025

## AGENDA

### DAY 1

12:00–13:00 LUNCH AND REGISTRATION

13:00–13:50 **Opening of the conference**

#### **Child participation in disaster risk reduction activities (DRR)**

- **Ms Vineta Polatside**, Senior Adviser, Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)
- **Ms Olivia Lind Haldorsson**, Senior Adviser & Head of Children at Risk Unit, CBSS
- **Ms Ana Gabriele Sabancevaite**, Teacher, Youth Engagement Consultant

13:50–14:00 BREAK

14:00–14:50 **Presentation of the guide for involving children in DRR activities**

- **Ms Franziska Seufert**, Project Coordinator, CBSS
- **Mr Sven Wilson**, Policy and Research Assistant, CBSS
- Secure Kids Youth Working Group

14:50–15:20 COFFEE BREAK

15:20–16:20 **Panel – How can children play a meaningful role in strengthening resilience?**

- **Mr Riho Juurik**, Saue Voluntary Rescue Brigade, Estonia
- **Ms Liene Jakobson**, Valmiera Municipality, Latvia
- **Ms Une Kaunaite**, Edu Vilnius, Lithuania
- **Mr Valteri Tervala**, National Expert, Finland

*Moderator: Ms Olivia Lind Haldorsson, Senior Adviser & Head of Children at Risk Unit, CBSS*

16:20–16:30 BREAK

16:30–17:20 **Table Top Role-Playing Exercise** – Secure Kids tabletop game will conclude the first day. The conference participants will be divided into groups and play the game.

17:20–17:30 **End of Day 1**

18:30 JOINT DINNER AT THE HOTEL



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## DAY 2

- 9:00–9:10 **Opening of Day 2**
- **Ms Franziska Seufert**, Project Coordinator, CBSS
- 9:10–9:50 **Inclusive crisis communication: How to communicate with children effectively?**
- **Mr Fredrik Barkenhammar**, Barkenhammar Strategic Communication
  - **Mr Henrik Olinder**, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)
  - **Ms Anna Toss**, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)
- 9:50–10:00 BREAK
- 10:00–10:40 **An awareness raising campaign for children: Children in DRR activities and crisis communication**
- **Ms Ilze Norvaisa**, Creative Youth Association TREPES, Latvia
- 10:40–11:10 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:10–12:00 **Panel – Inclusive crisis communication with children**
- **Ms Anna-Maria Axelsson**, Civil Defence Association, Sweden
  - UNDRR/UNICEF/WHO Europe “Youth risk communications challenge” award presentation, **Domas Miežetis** and **Nojus Dvarijonas**, Lithuania
  - **Ms Merisade Kuusela**, Kymenlaakso Rescue Department, Finland
- Moderator: Mr Andriy Martynenko, Adviser, CBSS*
- 12:00–12:10 BREAK
- 12:10–12:40 **Communicating with children in wartime. The UA experience. Active Kids.**
- **Ms Elly Reynolds**, Operation Aid
  - **Ms Marina Zakharcheko**, Operation Aid
- Moderator: Mr Andriy Martynenko, Adviser, CBSS*
- 12:40–13:00 **Closing of the conference**
- **Ms Vineta Polatside**, Senior Adviser, CBSS
- 13:00 LUNCH AND FAREWELL

