

Agenda

Conference “Volunteering in civil protection and disaster management: how to strengthen cooperation between authorities and volunteer organisations in the Baltic Sea Region?”

19–20 June 2023

Best Western Hotel Hamburg International,
Hammer Landstraße 200-202, D-20537 Hamburg

Day 1, 19 June 2023

12:00 – 13:00

Welcoming and light lunch. Registration of participants

13:00 – 13:15

Welcome words:

Ms Vineta Polatside, Senior Adviser, Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

Mr Marko Hasari, Chief Executive Officer, Finnish National Rescue Association (SPEK)

Mr Jürgen Krempin, Head of the Department for International Cooperation, Hamburg Fire & Rescue Service

13:15 – 15:00

Panel 1 – Setting the scene: Volunteering for safer and more resilient societies – in the current uncertainties

Moderator: Ms Vineta Polatside, Senior Adviser CBSS

The current situation of volunteering in civil protection in the BSR; What are advantages and disadvantages of engaging volunteers in civil protection? What challenges exist for volunteers in civil protection? Challenges to effective coordination between volunteer organisations and authorities? Are there solutions to existing challenges? Can we learn something from each other? What is needed? How can the cooperation be improved?

Speakers:

- Mr Pascal Haak, Hamburg Fire and Rescue Service
- Mr Jari Honkanen, Senior Specialist, Department for Rescue Services, Finland
- Mr Zsolt Gabor Kelemen, BFA president, EUSDR PA5 Chai, Hungary
- Ms Virpi Lohrum, Project Manager, Finnish Red Cross
- Mr Antoni Morawski, Municipal Office of the City of Warsaw
- Mr Mats Gunnarsson, Swedish Voluntary Transport Corps

Q & A

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00

Panel 2 – Can youth volunteers play a meaningful role in civil protection?

Moderator: Mr Niko Ara, Development Manager, SPEK

What role can young volunteers play to contribute to civil protection meaningfully? Current situation of youth volunteering in civil protection in the BSR? How strong is the youth engagement? What are the advantages and benefits of youth engagement? What are the existing challenges and risks of involving young volunteers? Barriers to youth engagement? What possible solutions are to overcome challenges and existing good practice examples?

Speakers:

- Ms Lea Buhl Bruun, Mr Tobias Ejlskov Radl, Ms Julia Furman, Danish Youth Cadets
- Ms Sari Tuuri-Salonen, Rescue Association, Finland
- Mr Kai Winter, Hamburg Youth Fire and Rescue Service
- Ms Christin Maack & Friederike Compernaß, Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Hamburg
- Ms Gertrūda Šitkauskaitė, Lithuanian Riflemen Union

Q & A

17:00 – 20:00

An evening activity: City walk along the Elbe-River, Visit of the Elbphilharmonie Plaza

20:00

Dinner: Restaurant “Einstein-City”

Day 2, 20 June 2023

9:00 – 10:30

Panel 3 – Different volunteering. What does it take to strengthen the culture of volunteerism? How can we activate more volunteers in civil protection?

Moderator: Mr Andriy Martynenko, Adviser, CBSS

How to get more people engaged in civil protection? How to motivate people? What is the connection between different cultures and young volunteer involvement? What can we offer to volunteers? What skills do volunteers need to have? What kind of (national, regional, local) structures are necessary to engage volunteers meaningfully and coordinate them? Spontaneous and formal volunteers. How do they differ?

Speakers:

- Ms Martina Capriotti, Italian Federation of Aquatic Rescue
- Ms Mariia Tyshchenko, Poruch, Ukraine
- Ms Ea Suzanne Akasha, psychomotor therapist, and psychosocial delegate, IFRC Reference Centre for Psychosocial Support
- Ms Paulīna Latsone, Chairperson, Latvian Scouts and Guides
- Mr Laurits Rauer Nielsen, Copenhagen University of Applied Sciences

Q & A

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 11:50

Exchange spaces

11:50 – 12:00

Closing

Mr Grzegorz Poznański, Director General, CBSS.
Wrapping up & Thank You!

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch and meeting adjourned

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