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**“Unaccompanied and Trafficked Children
in the Baltic Sea Region”
A programme implemented by the
Working Group for Cooperation
on Children at Risk (WGCC)**



The 3rd meeting of National Contact Points In the Baltic Sea Region

Concluding points: Draft

The National Contact Points within the WGCC programme on Unaccompanied and Trafficked Children in the Baltic Sea Region, gathered on March 2nd and 3rd in Vilnius, on the invitation of the Lithuanian Ministry of the Interior. This 3rd meeting of the National Contact Points was held together with the National Coordinators in the cooperation on Children at Risk and experts and representatives from other regional initiatives fighting trafficking.

The gathered National Contact Points

- Agreed that the assistance to children that are unaccompanied and/or trafficked in the region should always see to the best interests of the child
- Agreed on the value and the importance of maintaining and supporting the network of National Contact Points
- Agreed to support the national experts participating in the two year training “Comprehensive Assistance to Children Victims of Trafficking” implemented by the WGCC
- Agreed to support the documentation project in order for the assigned researcher to be able to document all cases of children that are assisted through the network of National Contact Points
- Agreed that contacts between the National Contact Points can be taken in an informal manner and still be responded to without delay
- Agreed that children and young persons victims of trafficking have specific rights, some of which differ from those that adult victims have, and that it is important to recognise these rights when assisting a child that is unaccompanied or that is trafficked
- Agreed to increase the joint efforts of the network to cooperate across borders for children and young persons to be better and more expertly assisted
- Called for increased cooperation with the regional law enforcement cooperation
- Welcomed the efforts made to combat trafficking by other regional initiatives such as the Nordic Baltic Task Force, regional IOs, and NGOs
- Agreed to meet again after an appropriate time to continuously increase the efficiency of the network of National Contact Points