

Inclusive crisis preparedness – Nordic-Baltic lessons and innovations

The fourth Nordic-Baltic meeting on disability policy and practice

Date: Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November.

Location: [Nordic Hotel Forum](#), Viru väljak 3, 10111 Tallinn, Estonia

Program

Tuesday 10th

Conference room [Sirius](#)

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| 13:00 | Registration and light lunch at Nordic Hotel Forum |
| 14:00 | Welcome to the seminar
Maria Gratschew, Director, the Nordic Council of Ministers'
Office in Estonia and Leif Olsen, the Danish Presidency for the
Disability Council, VIVE – The Danish Center for Social Science
Research (Moderator day 1) |

Workshop

14:10 Workshop:

Strengthening Preparedness for Vulnerable Citizens

Presentation of a preparedness model developed by the Danish Civil Protection League and implemented in five Danish municipalities.

The model supports vulnerable citizens with physical and mental disabilities living independently by strengthening their personal preparedness and promoting collaboration with local support networks and communities.

The workshop will introduce the model, including a Train-the-Trainer programme, e-learning for municipal staff and volunteers, practical dialogue tools, and key experiences from local implementation.

Participants will have the opportunity to try out key elements of the model, including group exercises from the seminar day, selected exercises from the e-learning programme, and reflections on the materials and tools that can be used in preparedness-related dialogues with citizens.

Speakers: Betina Foget and Sussi Wille, Danish Civil Protection League

15:30 Break

European perspectives

15:50 Prevention and Preparedness Capacity Building, represented by Anna Battistutta, Policy Officer - Disaster Risk and Resilience, DG ECHO, European Commission

16:15 Ready Baltics
– a regional initiative strengthening disability-inclusive civil protection and disaster risk management (CP/DRM) in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, represented by Dr. Marion Steff, International Cooperation Manager, European Disability Forum

16:30 Involving persons with disabilities and their organisations in crisis preparedness, contingency planning and access to basic services during emergencies, represented by Gunta Anca, Vice-President, European Disability Forum and The Latvian Umbrella Body for Disability Organisations – SUSTENTO, Latvia

Panel

16:45 Reflections from disability organizations in the Baltic and Nordic countries (TBC)

- Meelis Joost, Chairman of the Board, Estonian Chamber of People with Disabilities
- Karl Wahlman, Funktionsrätt Åland
- Anna Caldén, SAMS – Finnish Disability Forum, Finland

- Gunta Anca, Vice-President, The Latvian Umbrella Body for Disability Organisations – SUSTENTO, Latvia

17:30 End of day one

18:00 Dinner buffet at the Nordic Hotel Forum's Restaurant Nomel

Wednesday 11th

Conference room [Capella](#)

09:00 Welcome to day 2
Katrīna Vītola, Nordic Council of Ministers' Office in Latvia, and Vida Gintautaitė, Nordic Council of Ministers office in Lithuania (moderators day 2)

Nordics initiatives

09:10 Nordic Preparedness Plans within the Social and Elderly Care Sector, represented by Helle Sørensen, Senior Adviser, Digitalisation, The Nordic Welfare Centre

Nordic-Baltic Social and Health Care Evacuation Project

09:25 From the Nordic Public Health Preparedness Agreement to Preparedness-, contingency- and business continuity plans that safeguard access to basic services for persons with disabilities, represented by Yrjö-Pekka Halme, Senior Specialist. Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Department for Safety, Security and Health/TUTO, Preparedness Unit/VAL, and Svalbard group, the Nordic Group for Public Health Preparedness.

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09:40 **Lithuania**, represented by Edgaras Geda, Adviser, Firefighter Training School of Lithuania

- 09:55 **Latvia**, represented by Agrita Vītola, Senior Inspector at the Resource Management Division of the Civil Protection Department, State Fire and Rescue Service of Latvia.
- 10:10 **Estonia**, represented by Kadi Luht Kallas, Adviser, Government Office of Republic of Estonia
- 10:25 Break
- 10:45 **Denmark**
TBD
- 11:00 **Finland**, represented by Päivi Nurmi-Koikkalainen, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), and Anna Caldén, SAMS – Finnish Disability Forum, Finland
TBC
- 11:15 **Norway**, represented by Maren Anna Lervik, Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs (Bufdir), Norway
- 11:30 **Åland**, represented by Erika Elfsberg, Funktionsrätt Åland
- 11:45 **Sweden**, represented by Ingrid Kihlsten, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)
- 12:00 End of Day 2 – Safe travels home