

ANNUAL MEETING OF ESTONIAN, LATVIAN, LITHUANIAN AND POLISH OMBUDSPERSONS FOR CHILDREN

1-2 March 2017

Venue: Ombudsman's Office of the Republic of Latvia
Baznicas Str. 25, Riga, Latvia

Wednesday, 1 March 2017

9.00 – 9.30 Registration and welcome coffee

9.30 – 9.50 **Welcoming address**
Juris Jansons, Republic of Latvia Ombudsman

Group photo

I Session: Presentation of annual activities and present actualities

9.50 – 10.10 Presentation by Estonian Ombudsman Office
Discussion

10.10 – 10.30 Presentation by Lithuanian Ombudsman Office
Discussion

10.30 – 10.50 Presentation by Polish Ombudsman Office
Discussion

10.50 – 11.10 Presentation by Latvian Ombudsman Office
Discussion

11.10 – 12.10 Lunch

II Session: Interrogation of child victims and witnesses. Barnahus – Children`s House experience.

12.10 – 13.00 Experience of Iceland, Barnahus
Ólöf Ásta Farestveit, leader of Barnahus
Discussion

13.00 – 13.40 Children's house - the methodology of working with child victims of sexual violence
Laura Cejmale, lawyer of centre "Dardedze"
Discussion

13.40 – 14.00 Verification case of the Republic of Latvia ombudsman regarding the right and interests of child victims and witnesses during the interrogation
Anna Krasanova, senior lawyer of the Children rights division of the Republic of Latvia ombudsman
Discussion

14.00 – 14.30 Coffee break

14.30 – 14.50 Presentation by Lithuanian Ombudsman Office
Discussion

14.50 – 15.10 Presentation by Polish Ombudsman Office
Discussion

15.10 – 15.30 Presentation by Estonian Ombudsman Office
Discussion

Evening programme

18.00 Dinner hosted by the Republic of Latvia Ombudsman

Thursday, 2 March 2017

- 9.30 – 10.00** Morning coffee
- III Session: Introductory to common research of Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian and Polish Ombudspersons**
- 10.00 – 11.30** Work in groups regarding the theme of the research
- 11.30 – 11.45** Presentation of the I work group
- 11.45 – 12.00** Presentation of the II work group
- 12.00 – 12.15** Presentation of the III work group
- 12.15 – 13.15** Lunch
- 13.15 – 14.15** Decision-making on the common theme, research methodology and first objectives
Researcher Ieva Kārklīņa, Dr. sc. soc., Institute of philosophy and sociology, University of Latvia
Researcher Mārcis Trapencieris, Institute of philosophy and sociology, University of Latvia
- 14.15 – 14.45** Closing of the meeting