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**Invitation Letter to join project
„Generating Assistance in Psycho-Social
Issues (GAP)“**

The Estonian Police and Border Guard Board has the honour to invite you to participate in the project “Generating Assistance in Psycho-Social Issues (GAP)”, funded under the programme *Fighting Organised Crime in the Eastern Partnership Region – Europol Low-Value Grants (Ref. EAP/LV/2025-2026)*.

The objective of this initiative is to gather psycho-social experts and managers of national Witness Protection (WP) units together with representatives of relevant international institutions. The aim is to exchange professional knowledge, operational experiences, and best practices related to the psycho-social aspects of witness protection, while strengthening cooperation and mutual understanding among participating countries.

As part of the project, a conference will be organised on **19-20.05.2026 in Tallinn**, to facilitate dialogue and the sharing of up-to-date methods and perspectives in this field. Psycho-social support plays a crucial role in the effectiveness of witness protection operations. Witnesses and their families are often exposed to traumatic experiences and must adapt to new cultural and linguistic environments after relocation. Without appropriate professional support, these circumstances may pose significant risks both to the individuals involved and to the success of protection measures.

The event will particularly address the challenges currently faced by witness protection units in Eastern Partnership countries, including Ukraine and Moldova. Due to the ongoing war situation and the anticipated increase in war crime witnesses, strengthening professional capacities and international cooperation in this sensitive area has become increasingly important.

Your expertise and experience would be a valuable contribution to the discussions and knowledge exchange during this event.

Please note that no financial contribution or funding is required from invited participants to take part in this project.

Further information regarding the conference agenda, dates, and logistical arrangements will be shared in due course.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us in this important initiative and contribute to strengthening international cooperation in the field of witness protection.

Yours sincerely,



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