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INVITATION

On behalf of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Finland, we are pleased to invite you to the Nordic-Baltic Council of Ministers expert seminar on Nordic-Baltic Cooperation with Ukraine in the area of Justice 2025.

The aim of the seminar is to bring together experts from the Nordic-Baltic region and Ukraine to discuss effective coordination and support for Ukraine in various areas of justice. The seminar will provide a platform to exchange best practices, strengthen regional cooperation, and identify concrete steps to enhance assistance efforts, based on the needs expressed by Ukraine. This seminar is being organized within the NB8 regional cooperation framework, which includes Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, and Sweden.

The seminar will take place on **May 15, 2025** starting at **9:00 a.m.**, in **Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel**, address: 11. Novembra krastmala 33, **Rīga, Latvia**.

This invitation is extended to a delegation of up to five experts, including professionals in areas such as European integration, prison and probation systems, and alternative dispute resolution.

Additionally, we are pleased to invite participants to a reception on the evening of May 14, starting at 6:00 p.m. The detailed programme, including the venue for the reception, will be shared in due course.

Please confirm your participation by April 25 via email at RSVP@tm.gov.lv, indicating your name, surname, institution, position, and field of expertise. Kindly also indicate whether you plan to attend the evening reception.

We look forward to welcoming you in Riga!

Sincerely,
Mihails Papsujevičs
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Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia

Nordic-Baltic Council of Ministers

Expert Seminar on Nordic-Baltic Cooperation with Ukraine in the area of Justice 2025

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Venue: TBC, Riga, Latvia

18:00 Evening reception

Thursday 15 May 2025

Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel

11. Novembra krastmala 33, Riga, Latvia

8:30 Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Welcoming remarks

9:15 – 10:00 Keynote speakers

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 – 11:45 Working Group on European Integration

Discussion between NB8 countries and Ukraine on how to effectively coordinate and provide aid for Ukraine's reforms concerning chapters 23 and 24 of the EU acquis

11:45- 12:45 Lunch

12:45-14:15 Working Group on prison and probation reform

Discussion between NB8 states and Ukraine on how to effectively coordinate and provide aid for Ukraine in implementing necessary reforms.

Proposed focus: 1) Resocialization of prisoners, dynamic safety, risk and needs assessments, personal training and development, mentoring systems); 2) How can NB8 states provide aid with the continuous development of Ukraine's probation system?

14:15 -14:30 Coffee break

14:30- 16:00 Working group on alternative dispute resolution

Discussion between NB8 states and Ukraine on how to effectively implement different ADR methods in judicial systems and how can NB8 states coordinate and provide aid to Ukraine in the field of ADR.

16:00-16:15 Closing remarks

Working language: English