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# Invitation to a Nordic-Baltic Meeting of the National Coordinating Bodies of the Istanbul Convention: “Preventing femicide and assessing the risk of violence against women in the Nordic-Baltic context”

With the purpose of establishing a Nordic-Baltic cooperation around the Council of Europe Convention to Prevent and Combat Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (the Istanbul Convention), the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security would like to invite the Nordic and Baltic countries to a lunch-to-lunch seminar in Oslo 23 and 24 September 2024.

The aim of the seminar is to exchange experiences and best practices related to the implementation of the Istanbul Convention. An additional aim is to work towards a fixed structure for a Nordic-Baltic cooperation on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

The target group for the seminar is civil servants of the National Coordinating Bodies of the Istanbul Convention. The main topics of the seminar are risk assessment and risk management, intimate partner homicide/femicide and coordinating bodies.

An application has been sent to the Nordic Council of Ministers for funding of the venue and a conference dinner on September 23. Travel and accommodation must be paid for by the participant countries themselves.

We invite you to sign up with up to five participants from each country. Registration can be sent to the following two e-mail addresses by August 15: [postmottak@jd.dep.no](mailto:postmottak@jd.dep.no) and [hilde.knotten@jd.dep.no](mailto:hilde.knotten@jd.dep.no). The venue for the conference will be announced by the middle of August.

Attached you will find a concept note for the Nordic-Baltic cooperation, as well as a draft agenda for the meeting. Participants are kindly asked to present experiences and best practices from their own country at the meeting, according to the draft agenda.

The seminar is prepared in collaboration with the Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare.

We look forward to seeing you in Oslo in September.

Yours sincerely

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*The document is approved electronically, as such no handwritten signatures are required.*

**Attachments:**

Concept note

Draft agenda

**List of addresses:**

Danish Ministry of Justice

Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare

Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

Icelandic Ministry of Justice

Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Estonia

Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia

Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania

The Swedish Ministry of Employment