

Happy Holidays! Stay safe and secure!

Dear colleagues and friends of
Policy Area Secure!

Now when the year is coming to an end, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for a very interesting, exciting – and most of all – a very productive year. We are glad to see that different kinds of collaborations and partnerships are developing within our policy area, and that we – together – find new innovative ways to address the common challenges in the region.

Before we look back at the year and remember some of its highlights we would like to wish all of us a good and productive 2017. Take care of yourselves and your loved ones, leave no candles without supervision, and enjoy the holiday season!



Connect with us

Be Safe and Secure!
PA Secure Team



2016 Highlights

Our ongoing project work thrived

HAZARD has started and will continue in 2017-2018, improving communicational and operational capability in emergencies.

The work within **Comprehensive and sustainable child protection** by the CBSS Expert Group on Children at Risk, has continued to promote children rights throughout the year, using an innovative multi-disciplinary, inter-agency approach and earned the Swedish government's recognition for its efforts. The first trainings have been held in **PROTECT – children on the move**.

Three projects have been finalized during 2016

From Gaps to Caps held its final conference on 15-16 November in Stockholm and concludes with a major achievement - a new methodology for risk and capability assessments in the BSR.

BaltPrevResilience ended in January 2016. Its results will help to prevent accidents and reduce their impacts by improving the system for local data collection and analysis.

TRACE ended with a final conference in Brussels in June, and, as a result, there is a clearer understanding of the relationship between the human trafficking business and the broader organized crime trade.

Evaluation of Baltic Leadership Programme in Civil Protection completed

The evaluation of **Baltic Leadership Programme in Civil Protection** was completed in February 2016. The final recommendations were discussed at the PA Secure Steering Group meeting on May 13th and were later presented at the Directors General meeting of the Civil Protection Network on 8-9 of June 2016 in Gdańsk. The decision was made to institutionalize the Baltic Leadership Programme and to rename it **Baltic Excellence Programme**.

Cooperation with law enforcement intensified

During 2016 our cooperation with the law enforcement agencies has intensified, PA Secure will now support and work more closely with two important networks in the area: **Baltic Sea Region Border Control Cooperation (BSRBCC)** and **Baltic Sea Task Force on Organized Crime (BSTF)**. We are also very glad to announce that a new project – **JATOC** – aiming to institutionalize the collaboration between the networks, has been launched this year supported by the CBSS Project Support Facility.

Cross-sectorial cooperation

The importance to address some challenges in the region in a cross-sectorial way has led PA Secure to develop stronger ties with HA Climate, and the resulting project, with financial support from the Swedish Institute: **CRCC – Making Communities Resilient to Climate Change: Cross-sectorial Cooperation in Capacity Building**, will bring together climate change adaptation and civil protection, and will increase risk assessment cooperation between the national and the local levels.

Great progress has taken place within the research based project: **Enhanced cooperation in EUSBSR Policy Area Secure: Identifying and evaluating the options**, where several new areas in need for joint action have been identified. Challenges related to **CBRNE** is one of the these areas. The work to address this has already begun this year, and will continue in 2017. This project has been possible due to funding from the Swedish Institute's Seed Funding Facility.

Upcoming flagship

We are also very proud to announce an upcoming flagship project in PA Secure: **EVAPREM!** It will develop an evaluation model for prevention measures efficiency assessment