



STRENGTHENING SOCIAL PROTECTION IN THE BALTIC STATES: A DIACONAL PERSPECTIVE

24-25 November
 Riga Islande Hotel, Kīpsalas 2, Riga, Latvia

Draft Programme

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| 19.00 | Dinner | | |





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| 09.00-10.00 | <p style="text-align: center;">Setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social sustainability and innovation to reduce inequities in the Baltic states, Līga Rasnača, University of Latvia • Overindebtedness in Latvia, Jānis Āboliņš, Latvijas Kredītņēmēju asociācija • Q&A |
| 10.00 -12.00 | <p style="text-align: center;">Project Analysis</p> <p>Fighting poverty through volunteering-based debt aid and employment support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Rijdsdijk, coordinator of ‘Debt Aid Buddies’, Netherlands • Hendrik-Jan Graber, coordinator of ‘Job Aid Buddies’, Netherlands |
| 12.00 -12.30 | <p style="text-align: center;">Coffee break</p> |
| 12.30-13.30 | <p style="text-align: center;">Group work</p> <p>Group work: Setting up a network for diaconal cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (by Kerk in Actie) • Split into working groups, flip charts: identifying key topics and advocacy instruments (European Semester etc.) |
| 13.30-14.30 | <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p> |
| 14.30-15.30 | <p style="text-align: center;">Plenary discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of working group results in plenary • Discussion |
| 15.30-16.00 | <p style="text-align: center;">Conclusions, Evaluation Devotion</p> |