

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Baltic Inter-ministerial Round Table on Migrant Education Policy Partnership

**Thematic focus: Inclusive education policy for returning nationals and nationals living abroad**

**3-4 November, 2014**

The Sirius Baltic partnership team is happy to invite you to take part in the Second Baltic Inter-Ministerial Round Table on Migrant Education Policy Partnership that will take place in Vilnius, on the 3-4<sup>th</sup> of November, 2014.

The aim of this round table is

- To learn and exchange knowledge on approaches towards integration of returning nationals into education in the Baltic States and to support learning of Baltic nationals living abroad;

*More specifically, participants of the round table will be able to learn more about Lithuanian approach towards integration of returnee pupils into Lithuanian schools and support of Lithuanian citizens who live outside Lithuania outlined in the state strategy 'Global Lithuania', including assessment of its implementation and effectiveness. The participants will have a chance to meet practitioners, policy makers and coordinators of specific projects working with integration of returnees and discover good practice initiatives within Lithuanian approach, as well as assess challenges of the current policy.*

- To identify strengths of national strategies and to assess transferability of good practice measures in the neighbouring Baltic countries;

*The participants will have a chance to provide feedback and reflections on the approaches/measures learnt based on Lithuanian example, as well as contributions of other Baltic countries and share ideas on their intended improvements and transferability in the Baltics.*

- To elaborate concrete steps on implementation of certain policies on education of returnees in Baltic countries.

We believe that using our common background and experience and working together we can build the most effective strategies on making our education policies more inclusive and responsive to the growing number of returning nationals who need additional support to be successfully re-integrated in education and society in general.

Sincerely,  
The Sirius Baltic Partnership Team

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## Work Programme

### Inclusive education policy for children of returning nationals and nationals living abroad

#### First day (Nov 3)

Venue: Ministry of Education and Science, A. Volano g. 2, LT-01516 Vilnius

13.00-14.00 Registration of participants and lunch

#### 14.00-15.30 Session 1

14.00 – 14.10 Welcoming words (*Hanna Siarova, PPMI*)

14.10 – 14.30 Overview of the Lithuanian strategy on integration of returning Lithuanian nationals and Lithuanians who live abroad (*presentation by Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs*)

14.30 – 15.00 Presentation of Lithuanian approach to education of returning Lithuanian nationals and Lithuanian living abroad (*presentation by Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science*)

15.00 – 15.30 Preliminary research results on implementation of policies: what works and what does not (*presentation by Irma Budginaite, PPMI*)

15.30 – 15.50 Coffee break

#### 15.50 – 17.30 Session 2

15.50 – 16.20 Reflective presentations from Latvia and Estonia on their approaches and challenges in integrating returning nationals

16.20 – 17.20 Round table with teachers 'Experiences and good practices of practitioners working with returning nationals'

17.20 – 17.30 The first day round-up

#### 18.30 Dinner

#### Second day (Nov 4)

Venue: Vilnius Lithuanian House ('Lietuviu namai'), Dzūkų g. 43, LT-02116 Vilnius

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**9.00 – 11.00**

**Session 3**

- 9.00 – 9.10 Reflections from the previous day
- 9.10 – 9.30 Presentation of Litanistic model of education – one of the measures for education of returning Lithuanians (*presentation by Odetta Norkute, Vytautas the Great University*)
- 9.30 – 11.00 Discussion ‘Towards an inclusive policy approach in education of returning nationals’
- The participants will have a chance to provide feedback and reflections on the approaches/measures learnt and their possible improvements and transferability in the Baltics. The participants will also aim to elaborate concrete steps on implementation of certain elements/policies in their countries and what are potential risks of transferring this experience.*
- 11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15 – 12.00 School visit
- 12.00 – 12.30 The second day wrap-up

**12.30 – 13.30**

**Lunch and see you soon cake**