

4th Annual International Symposium on Preventing Human Trafficking:
Working Towards a Victim-Centred Response



Wednesday 13th November 2013

The Silken Berlaymont Hotel
Brussels



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Overview

Human trafficking is an increasingly disturbing phenomenon in Europe with terrible consequences for victims, the majority of whom are forced into prostitution, street crime, domestic servitude and other forms of labour exploitation.

Recent reports from the European Commission have indicated an 18% rise of people being trafficked between 2008 and 2010. However, the number of people being convicted of the crime has fallen by 13% over the same period.

Around one million children are trafficked worldwide and there is growing concern that the global economic crisis may further increase child vulnerability to trafficking. Actions to prevent human trafficking do not need to be costly. Many studies have consistently highlighted the urgent need to raise public awareness of trafficking, improve training in order to better identify victims, and develop better co-operation and multi-agency working – all are critical in the fight against trafficking. There needs to be a clear focus on prevention, prosecution of traffickers, and protection of, and assistance to, victims.

At an EU level, there are two tools to act as guidance. The **EU Directive 2011/36** lays down provisions to prevent trafficking, protect victims and prosecute traffickers. To underpin this, the **EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012-2016** sets out concrete and practical measures to be implemented over the next five years, placing victims at the forefront.

In order to encourage greater political will, facilitate policy discussion and explore comprehensive and integrated solutions to properly recognise and meet the needs of all victims of human trafficking, Public Policy Exchange is proud to host this annual Symposium and welcomes the participation of all key partners, responsible authorities and stakeholders. The Symposium will support the exchange of ideas and encourage delegates to engage in thought-provoking topical debate.

“ **A huge amount of work remains to be done to address human trafficking in the EU. Human trafficking is a very complex and often transnational phenomenon... We can only address human trafficking effectively if we work together, consistently and systematically. We have to focus equally on preventing human trafficking from happening; on prosecuting the traffickers; and, very importantly, on ensuring that victims are protected, assisted and reintegrated into society**”

- Cecilia Malmström, EU Commissioner, May 2013

“ **Significant challenges remain in tackling the different aspects of trafficking in human beings. One of the continued challenges is the need for the identification of victims of trafficking in human beings. Once victims have been identified and individual needs and risks have been assessed, victims should be referred to the relevant authorities in order to receive the necessary assistance, support and protection, including the granting of residence permits where appropriate.**”

- ‘Trafficking in Human Beings 2013’, Eurostat, April 2013

Venue and Accommodation

**The Silken Berlaymont Hotel,
11-19, Boulevard Charlemagne
1000 Brussels - Belgium**

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Why Attend?

- ✓ **Discuss current policy initiatives and priorities in Europe in the field of human trafficking**
- ✓ **Raise awareness of the various dimensions of human trafficking, examine the needs of victims of trafficking and define common procedures for dealing with them**
- ✓ **Learn from existing partnership and multi-agency frameworks at EU, national and local levels**
- ✓ **Identify gaps and explore possible solutions for creating more robust and integrated multi-level structures to improve co-ordination and information exchange between statutory authorities**
- ✓ **Share best practices and establish recommendations for future actions at policy and practical levels**

Who Should Attend?

- EU Officials
- Border Agency Staff
- Police Service and Police Authorities
- Interpol
- Missing Persons Units
- Diplomatic Missions
- Visa and Consular Sections in National Administrations
- Travel and Transportation Industry
- Licensing Enforcement Officers
- Housing Officials
- Children and Youth Services
- Social Services
- Public Health Practitioners
- Asylum and Refugee Groups
- Domestic Violence Co-ordinators
- Crime Reduction Partnerships
- Victim Support Organisations
- Local, Regional and National Authorities
- Local Authority Officers and Councillors
- Governmental Departments and Agencies
- School Authorities and Local Education Welfare Authorities
- Workers and Employers Confederations
- Licensed Entertainment Industry and Private Sector Organisations
- Media Organisations
- Academics and Research Institutes
- Migration Organisations
- Criminal Justice Specialists
- Judges and Magistrates
- Legal Professionals
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences
- NGOs

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Programme

09:15	Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:00	Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks
10:10	EU Approaches and Initiatives for Human Trafficking <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Role of Civil Society in Tackling Human Trafficking• Challenges of Implementation and State of Play of the EU Directive• Multi-Organisational Approaches to Tackling Trafficking• Future Actions and Recommendations
10:40	First Round of Discussions
11:10	Morning Coffee Break
11:30	Adapting Services for Children and Young People Trafficked in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defining Common Procedures for Dealing with Victims• Training Programmes for Professionals in the Field• Raising Awareness Amongst and Interaction with Children and Young People• Policy Priorities and Recommendations
12:00	Second Round of Discussions
12:30	Networking Lunch
13:30	Cross-border Organised Crime – Targeting Perpetrators and Safeguarding Victims of Human Trafficking <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Targeting Prosecutions for Perpetrators of Human Trafficking• Police Force Collaboration Both Within Europe and Internationally• Linking the Reasons of International Trafficking of Human Beings to Organised Crime and Corruption• Recommendations for Future Actions
14:00	Third Round of Discussions
14:30	Afternoon Coffee Break
14:50	Towards a Victims-Centred Response – Raising Awareness, Recognising Needs and Improving Multi-Agency Working <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Rise of Labour Trafficking and its Implications• Migrant Smuggling, Asylum and Human Trafficking• Data Collection and Unrecorded Cases of Trafficking• Future Recommendations and Policy Actions
15:20	Fourth Round of Discussions
15:50	Chair's Summary and Closing Comments
16:00	Networking Reception
16:30	Symposium Close

Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice

Event Details

Date: Wednesday 13th November 2013
Time: 10:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: The Silken Berlaymont, Brussels



Forthcoming Events

The Future of Cultural and Creative Industries in Europe: Promoting Smart, Sustainable, Inclusive Growth
15th October 2013

Plugging the Sustainability Gap: Boosting the European Electric Vehicle Market
29th October 2013

Cross-Border Healthcare in Europe: Towards a Patient-Centred System
12th November 2013

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