

Tackling Human Trafficking in Europe: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution

Integrating the European Knowledge



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"An annual International Symposium for gathering knowledge, discussing the latest challenges and sharing best practices in EU-wide counter-trafficking policy"



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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. The International Labour Organization estimates that there are approximately 880,000 victims of forced labour, including forced sexual exploitation, within the EU. The most vulnerable members of society are targeted with women and girls making up nearly 80% of the victims and three-quarters trafficked for sexual exploitation. As well as devastating the lives of individuals, this crime has far-reaching implications for the social, economic and organisational fabric of every affected community in Europe.

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. Recently, several reports have 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** about to come into force in all Member States, which lays down provisions to prevent trafficking, protect victims and prosecute traffickers. Furthermore, the recently adopted **EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012-2016** (June 2012) 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 fighting the 'hidden' crime of human trafficking, **Public Policy Exchange** 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.

“ The EU has recognised the need for a more coordinated reaction to the trafficking of human beings so as to further strengthen cooperation, protection of victims, prevention and effectively proceed with the prosecution of traffickers. These needs have been expressed through the Stockholm Programme, the adoption of the new anti-trafficking Directive... and more recently through the Council Conclusions on the strategy...we firmly believe that we now have in our hands the legislative and practical tools to effectively tackle this crime. What is now necessary is to remain alert and implement without excuses these tools in our day to day work.”

- Eleni Mavrou, Minister of Interior, October 2012

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 of the EU in the field of adult and child trafficking**
- ✓ **Learn from existing partnership and multi-agency frameworks at EU, national and local levels**
- ✓ **Raise awareness of the various dimensions of human trafficking and participate in the creation of integrated victim-centred initiatives**
- ✓ **Share best practices and establish recommendations for future actions at policy and practical levels**

Who Should Attend?

- Police Service and Police Authorities
- Interpol
- Missing Persons Units
- Diplomatic Missions
- EU Officials
- Border Agency Staff
- Visa and Consular Sections in National Administrations
- Port and Airport Authorities
- Travel and Transportation Industry
- Licensing Enforcement Officers
- Housing Officials
- Children and Youth Services
- Social Services
- Public Health Practitioners
- Asylum and Refugee Groups
- Rape and Sexual Assault Services
- Domestic Violence Co-ordinators
- Crime Reduction Partnerships
- Alcohol and Drug Action Teams
- 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
- Beer, Pub and Club Industry
- 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
- Faith Groups
- Equality and Human Rights Practitioners
- NGOs

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Programme

09:15	Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:00	Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks Prof. Willy Bruggeman PhD , Professor, Benelux University Centre; Chair, Belgian Federal Police Board (confirmed)
10:10	Panel Session One: Human Trafficking in Europe – Adapting Existing Strategies and Targeting Eradication <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increasing Cooperation with the Private Sector and Civil Society• Improving Identification of Victims• Establishing Effective Monitoring Mechanisms• Exchanging Best Practices and Lessons Learned at Regional Level• Recommendations
10:40	First Round of Discussions
11:10	Morning Coffee Break
11:30	Panel Session Two: Targeting Assessment and Effective Intervention in the Trafficking of Children and Young People <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tackling the Problem of Child Trafficking for Labour Purposes• Strengthening the Protection and Care of Boys and Girls• Increasing Social Responsibility• Identifying Victims of Child Trafficking and New Types of Interventions• Obstacles in Implementing the Policies and Data Collection
12:00	Second Round of Discussions
12:30	Networking Lunch
13:30	Panel Session Three: Preventing Human Trafficking at an EU Level - Challenges, Perspectives and Good Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposals to Strengthen Existing EU Legislation on Human Trafficking• Action Plan on Human Trafficking• Anti-trafficking Tools and Projects at an EU Level• The Role of the EU in the Fight Against Child Trafficking• Ensuring Prevention of Re-Trafficking
14:00	Third Round of Discussions
14:30	Afternoon Coffee Break
14:50	Panel Session Four: Ensuring Proper Protection for All Victims of Human Trafficking in Europe Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanding Victim Support Services across Europe• Ensuring Adequate Referral Services for Victims• Developing a Holistic Approach on Migrants – Best Practices• Involving Victims and Affected Parties in Anti-Trafficking Strategies• Recommendations for Future Policy Action
15:20	Fourth Round of Discussions
15:50	Chairman's Summary and Closing Comments
16:00	Networking Reception
16:40	Close

Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice

Event Details

Date: Wednesday 30th January 2013
Time: 10:00am – 4:40pm
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Speakers include

- ✓ **Mr. Gert Bogers**, Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings, DG Home Affairs, European Commission (invited)
- ✓ **Mrs. Petya Nestorova**, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA and Committee of the Parties) (confirmed)
- ✓ **Sheila Taylor**, Chair, National Working Group for Sexually Exploited Children and Young People, UK (confirmed)
- ✓ **Dr Susu Thatun**, Child Protection Specialist, Trafficking and Migration, UNICEF Headquarters (invited)
- ✓ **Adrian Petrescu**, Head of Monitoring, Evaluation of Victims and Coordination Unit, National Agency against Trafficking of Persons, Ministry of Administration and Interior, Romania (confirmed)
- ✓ **Maria Grazia Giammarinaro**, Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE (invited)
- ✓ **Linda Eriksson Baca**, Counter Trafficking Regional Thematic Specialist, International Organization for Migration (confirmed)
- ✓ **Klára Skrivánková**, Trafficking Programme Coordinator, Anti-Slavery International (invited)
- ✓ **Gert Veurink**, Senior Public Prosecutor, Dutch National Public Prosecutor's Office, the Netherlands (invited)

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