

8th Annual International Symposium on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling



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Overview

The trafficking in human beings has, over the last decade, increased significantly. According to the International Labour Organisation, in 2012 there were 20.9 million people were victims of forced labour and sexual exploitation in the world. In the period 2013-14 EU countries reported 15,846 victims of human trafficking, 76% of which were women and girls according to a European Commission report. It is estimated that two out of three registered victims (67%) were trafficked for sexual exploitation, 21% for other types of forced labour and 12% for other types of exploitation.

The EU Directive 2011/36 and the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings (2012-2016) have, in recent years, served as guidance for the implementation of effective means of preventing trafficking, protecting victims and prosecuting traffickers. In December 2017, the European Commission issued a communication through which it encouraged stepping up the efforts to set out a comprehensive strategy for EU actions aimed at eradicating human trafficking. A set of targeted actions have been identified to that end, in three priority areas: disrupting the traffickers' business model and untangling the trafficking chain, providing better access to appropriate care and realising the rights for victims and intensifying a coordinated and consolidated response, both within and outside the EU.

With the recent migratory, economic and security challenges, the phenomenon of trafficking in human beings continues to represent an issue which requires a coherent and coordinated response to address its effect upon individuals, society and the economy. According to the Modern Slavery Index 2017, an annual study by Verisk Maplecroft, over the last year modern slavery risks have risen in almost three quarters of the European Union, as 20 countries recorded a drop in their scores. The research highlighted Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Romania and Bulgaria as the five countries posing the highest risk in the EU, all of which are key entry points for migrants who are particularly vulnerable to exploitation.

In light of the new commitment of the European Union to adopt new targeted actions to combat the growing challenge of human trafficking, this timely international symposium provides an invaluable opportunity to discuss and analyse effective mechanisms to prevent, address and strengthen multi-agency response. Delegates will have the chance to share best practice and discuss ways to protect the victims of human trafficking. Public Policy Exchange welcomes the participation of all key partners, responsible authorities and stakeholders.



There is no Human Trafficking if there is no money involved and no demand

- Myria Vassiliadou, EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator,
October 2017

Venue and Accommodation

Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre
Avenue du Boulevard 17
1210 Brussels
Belgium



Why Attend?

- ✓ Explore how to build effective multi-agency cooperation to ensure the conviction of perpetrators
- ✓ Consider ways to safeguard victims by strengthening victim support
- ✓ Take part in interactive discussions with key stakeholders and share best practice in the protection of trafficking victims
- ✓ Examine how to better identify, protect and support victims of sexual exploitation through the delivery a person-centred safeguarding system
- ✓ Share ideas on and transfer current knowledge of available training and education for frontline staff to ensure that they are qualified to identify and assess victims of trafficking
- ✓ Evaluate the importance of partnership working and discuss how best to implement effective multi-sector collaboration

Who Should Attend?

- EU Officials
- Border Agency Staff
- Police Service and Police Authorities
- Interpol
- Missing Person Units
- Diplomatic Missions
- Visa and Consular Sections in National Administrations
- Travel and Transportation Industry
- Licensing Enforcement Officers
- Housing Officials
- Social Services
- Public Health Practitioners
- Asylum and Refugee Groups
- Domestic Violence Coordinators
- Crime Reduction Partnerships
- Victim Support Organisations
- Health Service Professionals
- Psychologists
- 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 Researchers
- Research Institutes
- Migration Organisations
- Criminal Justice Specialists
- Judges and Magistrates
- Legal Professionals

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Programme

- 09:15** Registration and Morning Refreshments
- 10:00** Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 10:10** **The European Strategy on Human Trafficking: Understanding the Current Framework**
- Promoting a Consolidated Response in Preventing Vulnerable Persons from Being Trafficked: The EU Strategy on Human Trafficking
 - Implementing the New Set of Priorities and Discussing the Way Forward
 - Approaching the Trafficking of Human Beings – Definition, Figures and Policy Developments
- 10:40** **First Round of Discussions**
- 11:10** Morning Coffee Break
- 11:30** **Stepping Up Prevention Mechanisms by Improving Cooperation and Information Sharing**
- Improving Intelligence-Sharing across Borders and Cooperation in the Fight Against Human Trafficking
 - Innovative Solutions and Projects: Learning From Successful Cooperation
 - Exploring the Importance of the Role of Anti-Trafficking Coordinators
 - Cooperation to Combat Human Trafficking: Improving Border Management
- 12:00** **Second Round of Discussions**
- 12:30** Networking Lunch
- 13:30** **Stopping Perpetrators and Securing Justice: Strengthening Multi-agency Responses**
- Discussing the Challenges in the Criminal Justice Procedures and Developing Effective Strategies to Convict Perpetrators
 - Defining the International Protection Needs of Victims of Human Trafficking
 - Considering Actions to be Implemented to Protect Victims of Migrant Smuggling
- 14:00** **Third Round of Discussions**
- 14:30** Afternoon Coffee Break
- 14:50** **Identifying, Safeguarding and Supporting Victims of Human Trafficking**
- Providing Comprehensive Aftercare to Victims: Enhancing Multi-Agency Cooperation
 - Helping Victims and their Families Recover: Improving Access to Mental Health Services
 - Focussing on Training and Education: Ensuring that Frontline Staff are Adequately Trained
 - Developing Practical Guidance: Gender Specific Measures to Help and Support Victims
- 15:20** **Fourth Round of Discussions**
- 15:50** Chair's Summary and Closing Comments
- 16:00** Networking Reception

Event Details

- Date:** Tuesday 17th April 2018
Time: 10:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre, Brussels



Speakers Include:

Hon. Julia Farrugia Portelli,
Parliamentary Secretary at the
Office of the Prime Minister of
Malta

Linda Ristagno, Manager External
Affairs, IATA

Amy Weatherburn, Researcher,
Law & Criminology Faculty, VUB
and Tilburg Law School, Tilburg
University

Abriel Schiefflers,
Communications and Training
Manager, Oasis Belgium

Ilse Van der Straeten, Legal
Guardian UASC, Caritas
International

Madeleine Sundell, Social Justice
Secretary, National Coordinator
Anti-Human Trafficking, The
Salvation Army Sweden and Latvia
Territory

Osasere Greg Igbinomwanhia,
Researcher, University of Stirling

Forthcoming Events

The Future of Tourism in the EU: Fos-
tering Sustainability and Digitisation
12th April 2018

Tackling Youth Unemployment in the
EU: Closing the Skills Gaps, Promot-
ing Entrepreneurship and Developing
Viable Solutions
15th May 2018


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