Countering Trafficking in Human Beings, Protecting Victims and Enhancing Financial Investigations

Trier, 13-14 December 2018

Speakers

Karin Janssen, Prosecutor, IPA/2017 “Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans”, EU Seconded Prosecutor at the SCPO, Tirana

Ivanka Kotorova, Public Prosecutor, National Member for Bulgaria, Eurojust, The Hague

João Lázaro, President, Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV), Lisbon; President, Victim Support Europe (VSE), Brussels

Ulrich Nachtlberger, Judge, Regional Court for Criminal Matters, Vienna

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Evelyn Probst, Head of Intervention Centre for Trafficked Women and Girls, LEFO (Information, Education and Support for Migrant Women), Vienna

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Key topics

- Analysis of legal aspects in relation to demand reduction, regulatory measures to reduce demand and their role in combating sexual exploitation
- Vulnerable groups (women and children) and how assistance to them could be improved
- Judicial and law enforcement aspects with regard to victims and the need for better cross-border and inter-institutional cooperation
- Investigating and confiscating assets related to THB and the use of the internet to track financial flows and profits linked to THB

Language

English, German (with simultaneous interpretation)

Event number

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Organiser

ERA (Cecilia Holmsten)
Thursday, 13 December 2018

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants
09:00 Welcome and introduction
   Cecilia Holmsten

I. BETTER UNDERSTANDING TRAFFICKING OF HUMAN BEINGS – THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

09:15 Setting the scene:
   - The EU Strategy 2012-2016 and the new Communication of the EU Commission identifying further actions to eradicate THB – where are we standing now and what is next?
   - Painting the broad EU legislative picture – from the 2011/36 Directive to the Regulation on the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders and how it assists cross-border THB cases
   Ryszard Piotrowicz

09:45 Discussion

II. ASSISTING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND MEASURING THE COSTS THEREOF

Chair: Szonja Szabo

10:00 Best practices in assisting and protecting vulnerable victims of THB within the context of measuring costs – the views of a victim’s support NGO
   Evelyn Probst

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Providing better access to and realise the rights for victims of THB: An analysis of the EU Victim’s Rights Package and the way forward to ensure that victims are identified and treated as ‘rights holders’
   João Lazaro

11:45 Discussion

12:00 Upholding the principles of non-punishment and non-prosecution and underlining the need for effective cooperation between the judiciary, the police and other actors when protecting and assisting victims
   Karin Janssen

12:30 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

III. DEMAND REDUCTION IN RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Chair: Evelyn Probst

14:00 Working for a change: Regulatory measures, national models and (expected) impact on demand (reduction) in relation to trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation – results from the pan-European project DemandAT
   Mădălina Rogoz

14:30 Discussion

14:45 Coffee break

15:15 Demand reduction measures and their effectiveness
   Ryszard Piotrowicz

15:45 Discussion

Objective
This final seminar in a series of four co-funded by the European Commission on countering trafficking in human beings (THB) will focus on a deeper analysis of the highlights of the last three seminars of the series, reviewing what has happened since then and drawing conclusions about possible future action in the field.

The seminar will look at demand reduction in relation to sexual exploitation, at assisting victims of sexual exploitation at both EU and national level, and at measuring the cost thereof. It will also explore financial investigations of trafficking and the use of the internet in relation to its financial flows and profits.

Who should attend?
Judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice, law enforcement officers and representatives of civil society/NGOs.

Location
ERA Conference Center
Metzer Allee 4
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IV. FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND THE USE OF THE INTERNET TO TRACE FINANCIAL FLOWS

Chair: Cecilia Holmsten

09:00 Pursuing a multidisciplinary approach to tackling the financial activities of organised crime groups – Asset Recovery Offices, Financial Investigative Units, Eurojust and other actors working together to stop financial flows relating to THB
Ivanka Kotorova

09:30 Discussion

09:45 “Follow the money”: The use of virtual currencies and how it fuels the Human Trafficking Market – a particular challenge for law enforcement in solving THB cases
Alexandru Viziru

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Current challenges in securing evidence for evidentiary purposes in court – the role of the judiciary in THB cases and best practices
Ulrich Nachtlberger

11:30 Discussion

V. SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS

11:45 Simultaneous workshops:
- The economic, social and human costs of victims assistance and protection – best practices
Evelyn Probst

- Financial investigations in THB cases
Ulrich Nachturberger

- National models in demand reduction regulatory measures – exchange of best practices
Mădălina Rogoz

13:00 Workshop reports and final conclusions

13:30 Light lunch and end of seminar

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