



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

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Speakers

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Ulrich Nachtberger, Judge, Regional Court for Criminal Matters, 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

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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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- 16:00 Tackling demand within a country of origin and increasing cooperation with the country of destination: A practical case study with focus on the exchange of information between countries, JITs and capacity building
Szonja Szabo
- 16:45 Discussion
- 17:00 End of day
- 19:30 Dinner

Friday, 14 December 2018

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 Nachtberger
- 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 Nachtberger
 - **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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Save the date

Countering Terrorism in the EU: Annual Conference 2018
Trier, 29.-30. November 2018

Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights on Detention in 2017-2018
Strasbourg, 6.-7. Dezember 2018

Investigating Web 2.0
Valletta, 18.-19. Februar 2019

Applying the European Investigation Order
Riga, 21.-22. Februar 2019

Computer Forensics in Legal Proceedings
Vilnius, 25.-26. März 2019

New EU Rules on e-Evidence
London, 4.-5. April 2019

Summer Course on European Criminal Justice
Trier, 24.-28. June 2019

e-Presentations

The EAW and the CJEU: Experiences to Date and Perspectives post-2017
Anne Weyembergh

Cyber Risks in Financial Institutions: Lessons learned in responding to them
Liviu Chirita

Approaches to Prepare Proactively for Cybercrime Incidents
Dave O'Reilly

Integrated Responses to Human Smuggling to the EU
Tuesday Reitano

Prosecution Challenges Relating to Migrant Smuggling
Alfio Gabriele Fragalà

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