

5th Annual International Symposium on Preventing Human Trafficking: *Prevention, Protection, Prosecution*



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Overview

The problem of human trafficking is an increasingly disturbing phenomenon in Europe with terrible consequences for victims, the majority of whom are forced into various forms of sexual and labour exploitation. The International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates that 20.9 million people worldwide were trafficked between 2002 and 2011, and numbers are not likely to decrease.

According to the 2012 UNDOC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, women and girls together account for about 75 per cent of victims detected globally, while around one million children are trafficked worldwide. Whilst women and children remain the most vulnerable victims, men are also exploited through forced labour or criminal activities.

Human trafficking is widely recognised as a serious crime but progress in prosecution and conviction remains limited because of the complex nature of cases. This confirms the 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. The modus operandi of criminal groups and traffickers is always evolving, and the increased use of the internet as a means of recruitment and trafficking poses serious challenges to police and other relevant services.

At the 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 few years, placing victims at the forefront. At a global level, the Group of Experts on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Council of Europe **Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings**. The United Nations Office on Drug and Crimes (UNDOC) also published tools and training material to help in tackling human trafficking. International, national and local organisations must join forces to improve multi-agency cooperation to better help victims of human trafficking, track perpetrators and share information.

In order to encourage greater political will, facilitate policy discussion and explore comprehensive solutions to properly recognise 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.

“ Global forces are changing the dynamics of crime everywhere, in particular those relating to technology, increased human mobility, and growing interconnections in the world economy. Globalisation has delivered many benefits to society but it also has a dark side, particularly on the Internet, responsible for producing dislocations in society and significant new shifts in criminal activity. The case of human trafficking illustrates the point. The Internet is now a primary recruitment instrument for victims and, of course, a vending service for those forced to work in the sex industry. Meanwhile the expansion in global transportation networks, the rise of the low-cost airlines, and the freedom of movement between the majority of EU member states for example, have all provided new opportunities for those responsible for the trade in human trafficking... ”

- Rob Wainwright, Director, Europol, April 2014

Venue and Accommodation

NH Bruxelles Grand Place Arenberg
Rue d'Assaut 15. 1000
Brussels (Belgium)



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 and examine the needs of victims of trafficking
- ✓ Explore possible solutions for creating more robust and integrated multi-level structures to improve co-ordination and information exchange between relevant agencies
- ✓ Share best practices and establish recommendations for future actions at policy and practical levels

Who Should Attend?

- SEU 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
- 10:15** **European Approaches and Perspectives to Tackle Human Trafficking**
- Trafficking in Human Beings - Definition, Figures and Policy Developments
 - Discussing the EU Strategy Towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012–2016
 - The Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings and Existing Monitoring Mechanisms - Lessons Learnt from GRETA
 - Future Actions and Recommendations
- 10:40** **First Round of Discussions**
- 11:10** Morning Coffee Break
- 11:30** **Cross-Border Law Enforcement and Prosecution of Traffickers**
- Breaking the Trafficking Chain - From Recruitment to Harbours of the Victims
 - Judicial Tools to Combat Human Trafficking and Cross-Border Cases
 - Addressing the Fragmentation of Legal Frameworks Across Europe for Trafficking of Human Beings, Sexual and Labour Exploitation
 - The Reality of Cybercrime and Human Trafficking - The Web as a New Ground for Perpetrators
- 12:00** **Second Round of Discussions**
- 12:30** Networking Lunch
- 13:30** **Protecting Vulnerable Groups and Raising Awareness: The Need for a Victim-Centred Approach**
- Identifying Various Forms of Exploitation and Referring Victims to Appropriate Services
 - Defining the International Protection Needs of Victims of Human Trafficking
 - Training Professionals in the Field to Effectively Support Victims
 - Examples of Successful Prevention Campaigns
- 14:00** **Third Round of Discussions**
- 14:30** Afternoon Coffee Break
- 14:45** **Improving Cooperation Amongst Key Actors at International Level**
- Multiagency Partnerships - Collecting Data and Sharing Information
 - Identifying the Right Partners in Europe – Cooperation Challenges
 - Discussing the European Communities Against Trafficking (ECAT) Project
 - Recommendations for Future Actions
- 15:15** **Fourth Round of Discussions**
- 15:45** 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:** Thursday 27th November 2014
Time: 10:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: NH Bruxelles Grand Place
Arenberg, Brussels



Speakers Include

- ✓ **Petya Nestorova**, Executive Secretary, Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA and Committee of the Parties) (confirmed)
- ✓ **Anja Klug**, Senior Policy Officer, Bureau of Europe, UNHCR (confirmed)

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