



Ministry of Security and Justice



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THE ADDED VALUE OF NGOS IN PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF THB IN CO-OPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Can we make a difference?

**„Referral of and assistance for victims of human trafficking in Europe” – RAVOT-EUR
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THE AIMS OF THE PROJECT

- **To provide the victims of sexual or labor exploitation with assistance in their return and social reintegration.**
- **To set up an online platform and a training manual.**
- **Cooperation among experts in the field of THB.**

WHY THESE THREE PARTNERS ?

- **Is there a problem and where?**
- **Our experience and data.**
- **What can we achieve together?**

THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION

It's not only about legislation

but ...

**the power of a network and the will to
identify victims!**

QUESTIONS TO ASK OURSELVES

- **Do I have what it takes to assist victims of trafficking?**
- **Do I know enough about victims of human trafficking?**
- **Do I have what it takes to work with victims of trafficking?**
- **What risk factors are present in my country?**
- **What does a trafficked person look like? How does a trafficked person act? How do I recognise a trafficked person?**
- **... TOGETHER WE WILL FIND THE ANSWERS.**

THE BELGIAN SYSTEM

THE LAW OF 1995

- **First law in Europe on trafficking in human beings!**
- **New law 2005**
- **Forms of THB defined by the law:**
 - Sexual exploitation
 - Economic exploitation
 - Exploitation of begging
 - Organ trafficking
 - Forced criminal activities

THE BELGIAN SYSTEM

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

- **In Belgium: 3 recognized specialized shelters and counselling centres for victims of THB:**
 - Payoke: Flanders
 - Pag-asa: Brussels
 - Sürya: Wallonia

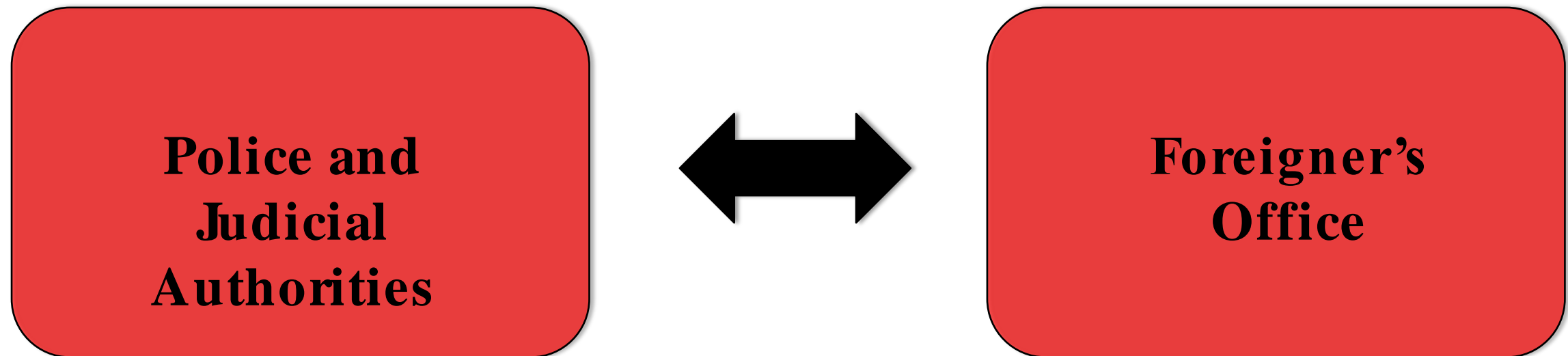
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THE BELGIAN SYSTEM

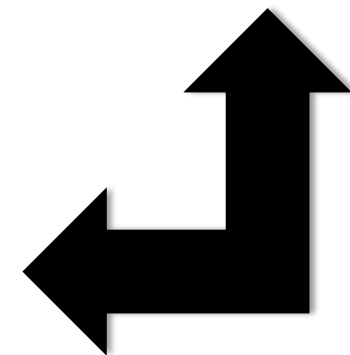
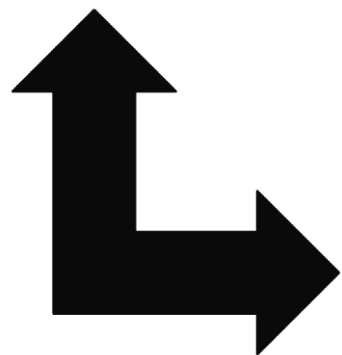
THE ASSISTANCE PROCEDURE

- **3 conditions for access into procedure:**
 - The victim has no longer contact with trafficker/exploiter
 - Counselling at a specialized center
 - Within 45 days, the victim must have pressed charges or given statements about the criminals to the police

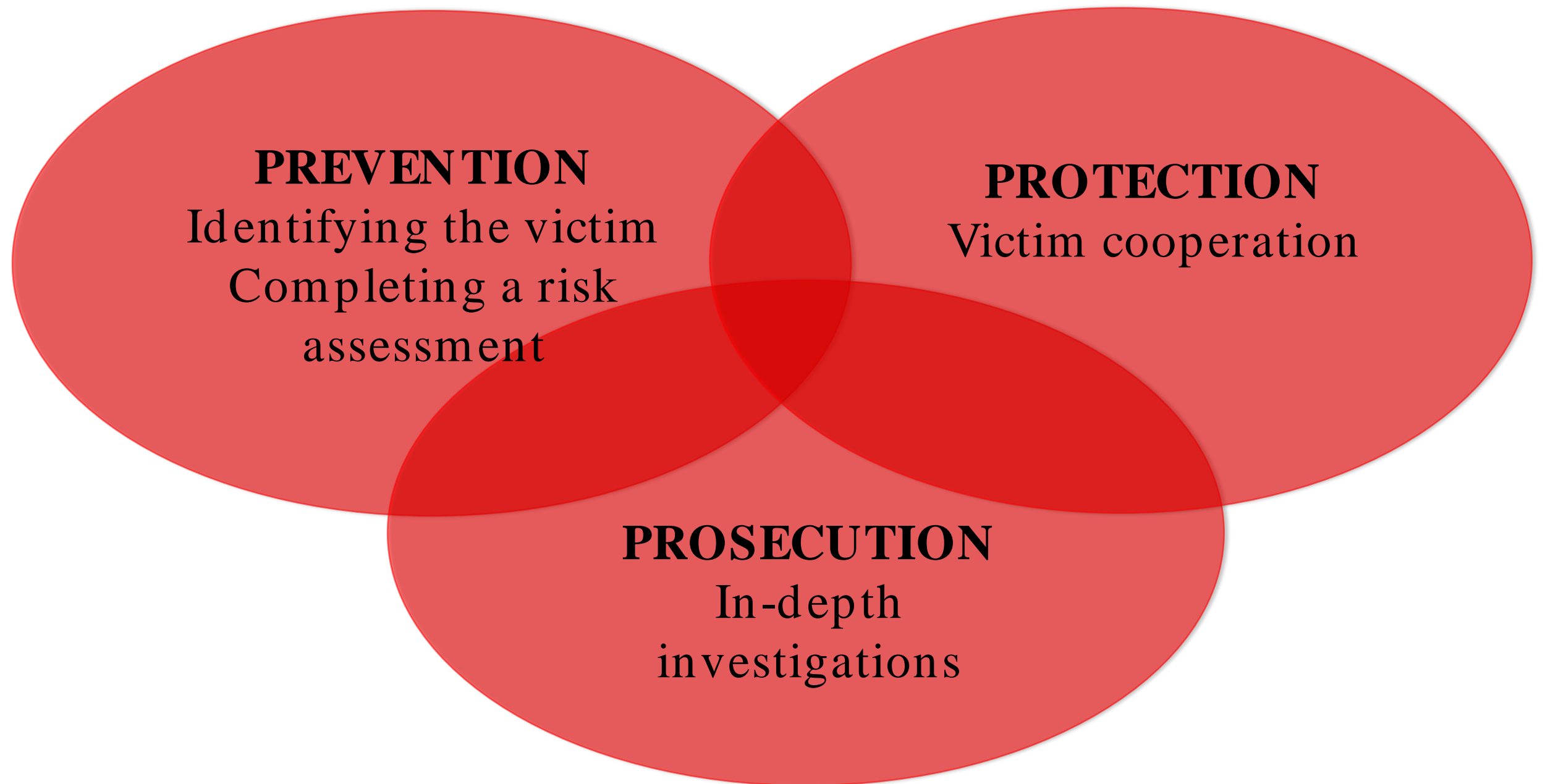
THE BELGIAN SYSTEM COORDINATION



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COUNTER-TRAFFICKING: A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH



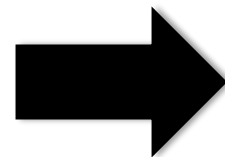
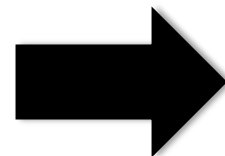
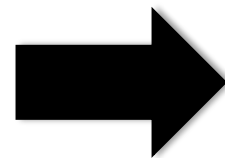
THE ADDED VALUE OF NGOS: WHAT WE DO

OUR MISSION:

Reception and specialized
assistance to victims

Self-reliance and
(re-)integration

Formulating
recommendations



OUR WORK:

- Residential Care/ Shelter
- Legal Assistance
- Administrative Support
- Psychosocial support
- Ambulant Care
- Information and Training

HOW VICTIMS COME TO PAYOKE

The new clients are presented by:

- Police services (50 %)
- Social and official organizations (45 %)
- Others (5 %)

PAYOKE ROLES

Assistance provider

Confidant

Advocate

Educator

Networker and partnership-builder

ASSISTANCE PROVIDER

Assistance in returning (If the client wishes)

- PARTNERSHIP WITH IOM
- PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHERS

Legal assistance

Administrative support

Psychosocial counselling

Medical counselling

NO DIRECT FINANCIAL HELP

CONFIDANT

- **Key component in the recovery plan**
- **Trust**
- **Confidentiality**

ADVOCATE

- **How current policies and practices affect the future of our clients**
- **Notice where gaps exist**
- **Long term difference**
- **Gain greater opportunities for VOT's**

WHY DO YOU NEED US?

We are not from the police

We are not from the government

We are there for the victims and we make sure that the victim's voice is heard

We can support the victims in the fight against their exploiters

We can support them to recover and to build up a new life

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

**Questions?
Comments?**

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