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RAVOT-EUR

REFERRAL OF AND ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN EUROPE

HOME/2012/ISEC/AG/4000004405

Final Conference

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STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENTATION

- **Background**
- **Objectives**
- **Phases and activities**
- **Workshops and Study Visits**



SETTING THE SCENE – CHALLENGES AND ISSUES TO BE SOLVED

- **Hungary is a source and transit country:**
 - For women and girls trafficked for sexual exploitation
 - For men and women trafficked for labor exploitation
- **Main destination countries:**
 - **The Netherlands**
 - **Belgium**
 - Switzerland
 - United Kingdom
 - Austria
 - Germany



SETTING THE SCENE – CHALLENGES AND ISSUES TO BE SOLVED

- **Issues:**

- Unsuccessful **reintegration** of victims
- Lack of knowledge of respective **service providers, institutional and legal background**
- Missing **contacts**
- Stages of the transnational **referral process** are not clear
- Natural **fluctuation** of professionals



LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

- Priority A. of **EU Strategy** towards the Eradication of THB
- **Directive 2011/36/EU** of the European Parliament and of the Council



**Priority A. Action
A.5.1 of the
National Strategy
against THB of
Hungary**

SOLUTION

- **Cooperation matrix** of all relevant stakeholders in the country of origin and destination
- **6th of March 2013:** application for Action Grants under the Programme „**Prevention of and Fight against Crime**” 2012 ISEC General Call
- Favorable opinion of the European Commission: **1 February 2014 – 31 January 2016** implementation of the **RAVOT – EUR project**



OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- Contribution to the implementation of the **EU Strategy** and of the **2011/36/EU Directive**
- **Clarifying** and making **transparent** the **transnational referral system**
- Developing **cooperation** and **mutual understanding** among experts
- Building a **network** of grass root level professionals
- **Exchanging** best practices and knowledge
- Contributing to smooth **information exchange**
- **Preventing blocks** in referral process due to fluctuation of experts



TARGET GROUP

Police officers

Investigators

Victims support specialists

Social workers

Consular staff

Labor inspectors

Hotline operators

Caregivers

Judges

Prosecutors

NGOs

Shelters

Victims



PROJECT PHASES

I. Preparatory Phase
Selecting and contracting

2014-2015

II. Technical Phase
Organizing and developing

2014-2015

III. Dissemination Phase
Publishing and producing

2015-2016

IV. Final Phase
Finalization

- Administrators
- Service providers
- Design company
- Translator and interpreter company
- Web developer
- External auditor
- Experts for writing information manual
- Cooperation agreements

- Kick-Off Conference
- Workshops 1-3
- Study visits 1-3
- Steering Groups 1-5
- Website
- Information manual
- Audit 1-2

- Information manual
- USB memory sticks
- Making website available online

- Final Conference
- Steering Group 6
- Audit 3



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Kick-off Conference



- Awareness raising
- Widen horizon of best practices

3 Workshops + Study Visits



- Exchanging knowledge
- SOPs
- Overviewing NRM

6 Steering Group meetings



- Discuss and validate outcomes

Developing Information Manual



- Detailed source of information

Developing website



- Transparency
- Easily accessible key information
- Knowledge + expert database

Final Conference



- Present the outcome of the project



EXPECTED IMPACT

- Project activities will stimulate **cooperation** and **mutual understanding**
- Experts will be aware of **SOPs, NRMs, TRM**
- Referral and assistance of victims will be **timelier** and **more effective**
- Contributing to **safe return** and **social (re)integration**



OUTCOMES

- Sustainable **website**
- **Database** - personal **network** of professionals
- Transparent and clear **transnational referral**
- **Information manual**
- **Information exchange** through workshops and study visits



EVENTS OF THE RAVOT – EUR PROJECT

- **Kick-Off Conference**
- **Workshops**
- **Study visits**
- **Final Conference and Workshop**



KICK-OFF CONFERENCE

- 17 June 2014
- Official launch of the project
- Awareness raising to the phenomenon
- Widen the horizon in the field of transnational referral



WORKSHOP AND STUDY VISIT I - HUNGARY

- **Trends**, affected regions
- **Institutional and legal background**
 - Relevant authorities, organizations, acts, directives
- Characteristics of **victims** and **perpetrators**
 - Needs, challenges
- Victim **identification** and **assistance**
- **National Referral Mechanisms**
- **Shelter** visit



WORKSHOP AND STUDY VISIT II – THE NETHERLANDS

- **Safe return** of victims
- Social workers – **police cooperation**
- **Police station** and **red light district** visit
- **Shelter** visit



WORKSHOP AND STUDY VISIT III - BELGIUM

- **Investigation** and evidence gathering
- Victim (witness) **assistance** and **support** before, during and after trial
- **Health and medical care center** visit
- **Police** station and **red light district** visit



CONCLUSION

- **Identification** must be **strengthened**
- Importance of **coordinated actions**
- Need for the **same /harmonized definitions**
- **Clarification** of the **phenomenon of THB** and **related crimes**
- Stronger and deeper **cooperation**
- **Clarify the responsibilities** of each relevant actor
- **Need for transparency** in the steps of the **assistance and referral process**
- Need for **capacity building** among the source, transit and destination countries





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Thank you very much for your attention!



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