

Operational order of the Informal Roundtable for cooperation between the National Coordinator against Trafficking in Human Beings and the NGOs contributing to the fight against Trafficking in Human Beings

1. Objectives

The mission of the Informal Roundtable for cooperation between the National Coordinator on Combating Trafficking Human Beings and the NGOs cooperating in the fight against Trafficking in Human Beings is to improve the effectiveness of the actions undertaken to combat Trafficking in Human Beings, build relationships and intensify the dialogue between the National Coordinator and the NGOs, including mutual information sharing on their activities and search for areas of cooperation.

2. The legal basis of the Informal Roundtable

The legal framework of the governmental actions to combat Trafficking in Human Beings was laid down for the national co-operative actors in the Government Resolution No 1018/2008 (III.26) on the National Strategy (2008-2012) against trafficking in human beings.

3. Participants

Participants of the Informal Roundtable:

- the National Coordinator against Trafficking in Human Being or his/her representative
- the representatives of NGOs acting in relation to combat Trafficking in Human Beings, with special regard to those NGOs that carry out researches, organise events and make contribution to the victim assistance
- ad hoc attendees: governmental organisations and NGOs

4. Objectives of the Informal Roundtable

The Informal Roundtable, in accordance with its objectives, is responsible for:

- establishing a framework for an effective cooperation between the National Coordinator and NGOs fighting against Trafficking in Human Beings
- ensuring a regular contact and a better dissemination of information between the members of the Informal Roundtable

- coordination of the NGOs that contribute to the fight against Trafficking in Human Beings
- examining the possibilities of eventual common actions initiated by the members of the Informal Roundtable
- discussion on technical issues, opinions and setting up propositions

5. Operational order of the Roundtable

In order to grant a high quality, fruitful and long-term cooperation between the members of the Roundtable, the participants must respect the following rules in the name of mutual trust:

- the members of the Informal Round table meet 3-4 times a year
- attendance for guests is not compulsory
- invitation of guests participants can be initiated by the National Coordinator and at least 3 NGOs
- In the event that further NGOs wish to join the Informal Roundtable, they have to send written references on their actions to combat Trafficking in Human Beings. The members of the Roundtable will have access to the references and evaluate them prior to the sitting. The questions raised by the members will be answered by the organisations supporting the candidates.
- The Informal Roundtable operates in accordance to the so-called „Chantam House Rule¹“. A memorandum is made on the observations and propositions presented during the sitting. This document is available exclusively to the participants of the Roundtable and the persons chosen by the governmental coordination mechanism and the National Coordinator.
- Statements made during the sitting (or their elements) can only be published with the unanimous consent of all attendees.
- Statement made by the National Coordinator and his/her representative during the sitting cannot be considered as an official position of the Government and it cannot be published.
- The Informal Roundtable does not make binding decisions.
- In the event that any of the participants infringes the aforementioned rules, he/she will no longer receive invitation to the sitting of the Roundtable.

6. Carrying out the task of the Secretary and coordination

Administrative tasks related to the operation of the Informal Roundtable are exclusively carried out by the National Coordinator appointee.

¹ Information shared during the sitting can be used by the participants for their actions without mentioning the source of information, but it cannot be published and associated with any of the participants.

7. Approval of the operations order

The operations order of the Informal Roundtable is accepted unanimously by the attendees of the constituent sitting.

8. Members of the Informal Roundtable

1. Association of Roma Women in Public Life
2. Blue-Line Child Crisis Foundation
3. Chance for Families Foundation 2005
4. European Roma Rights Centre
5. Halfway Foundation
6. Helping Hands 2003 Social Association
7. Hungarian Baptist Aid
8. Indit Public Foundation
9. International Organization for Migration
10. MONA – Foundation for the Women of Hungary
11. MTVA “Stragglers”
12. NANE Women’s Rights Association
13. National Institute of Family and Social Policy - National Crisis Management and Information Telephone Service (Hungarian abbreviation OKIT)
14. National Institute of Criminology (Hungarian abbreviation OKRI)
15. Periferia Association;
16. Rákospalota Correctional Facility and Specialized Children's Home
17. Servants Anonymous Foundation
18. Sex Education Foundation
19. Terre des Hommes Foundation
20. UNHCR
21. White Ring Public Benefit Association

The sittings of the Informal Roundtable are attended by the representative of the Global Service Centre of the United Nations High Committee for Refugees (UNHCR) and the anchorman of MTVA “Stragglers” (a TV programme reporting missing children and adults) in the quality of observer.