

Regional Implementation Initiative 2017 on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking

Improving National and Transnational Coordination and Cooperation in Preventing and Combating all Forms of Human Trafficking; Developing and Strengthening National and Transnational Networks and Partnerships

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Re-Branding Human Trafficking

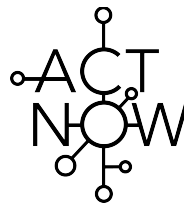
The Interface of Migration, Human Trafficking and Slavery



Haus der Europäischen Union, Wipplingerstraße 35, Vienna

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Draft AGENDA

9.00-9.15 Welcome & Introduction

- **Wolfgang Bogensberger**, *Deputy Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria*
- **Helga Konrad**, *Head/Coordinator of the 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking'*

9.15-10.00 Opening Remarks & Comments by Politicians, Decision-makers & Stakeholders

Is the worldwide fight against human trafficking in danger of turning into inefficient pottering due to tight migration policies? Do we have to accept Human Trafficking and Restrictions of Human Rights as Collateral Damage of the Refugee/Migration Crisis?

- **Minister Alois Stöger**, *Austrian Federal Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection*
- **Minister Pamela Rendi-Wagner**, *Austrian Federal Ministry for Women and Health (tbc)*
- **Ambassador Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger**, *National Coordinator on Human Trafficking, Austrian Federal Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs*
- **Representative** of *Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities OCEEA/ OSCE Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (tbc)*
- **Shams Asadi**, *Human Rights Commissioner and Head of the Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna*
- **Peter von Bethlenfalvy**, *Director CEIPA – Center for European and International Policy Action, Brussels*
- **Catrin Neumüller**, *CEO, Act.Now*

10.00-11.00

Human Trafficking and Slavery Reconsidered Conceptual Limits and States' Positive Obligations in European Law*

Introductory Remarks: **Vladislava Stoyanova**, *Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer, Department of Law, University of Lund, Sweden/Bulgaria: 'Do we need the concept of 'human trafficking' in human rights law?'*

Presentation and discussion of arguments developed in her newly published book and the more recent developments in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) under Article 4 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR): the right not to be held in slavery, servitude and forced labour and not to be subjected to human trafficking.

*<https://ilg2.org/2017/04/18/human-trafficking-and-slavery-reconsidered/#more-18634>

Panel Discussion with

- **Kristiina Kangaspunta**, *UNODC, Head of the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons: 'We do need definitions to measure the phenomena and to make sure that we speak about the same issues.'*
- **Jutta Henneberger**, *Prosecutor, Division for Criminal Code–Special Part, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany: 'The term 'modern day slavery' is not precise enough to be used for concrete commitments. The UNTOC-protocol contains a clear definition of trafficking in human beings. There is no need to blur agreed definitions.'*
- **Ulrich Nachtberger**, *Presiding Judge at the Regional Court for Criminal Matters in Vienna, Special Court Unit for Human Trafficking and People Smuggling cases: 'It is necessary to overcome stereotypes of victims and offenders in order to carry out effective and fair trials.'*

11.00-11.30 Break - Drinks & Snacks offered by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection

11.30-12.30

Migration - Human Trafficking – Modern Day Slavery Understanding the Effects and Consequences of Policies and Agendas behind the different Concepts including Moneypulation

Introductory Remarks: **Mike Dottridge**, *Expert and Consultant, UK: Modern Day Slavery versus Human Trafficking: 'Efforts to re-brand human trafficking as modern slavery appear to be another attempt to waste time and money in Western countries on developing neat theoretical concepts, instead of focusing energy on stopping unacceptable exploitation. Isn't it really about the egos of some particular people who want history specifically to acknowledge their contribution?'*

Panel Discussion with

- **Anders Lisborg**, *Expert and Consultant on Migration Management and Human Trafficking, Denmark: (tbc)*
- **David Reizenzein**, *FONTEX, Liaison Office Brussels: 'For a border guard - as the first public authority (potential) victims of trafficking encounter upon entry into the EU - it is a huge responsibility but also a great chance to identify and refer them to a protective system.'*
- **Gerald Tatzgern**, *Head of the Central Service for Combating Alien Smuggling and Human Trafficking of the Criminal Intelligence Service of the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior: (tbc)*
- **Evelyn Probst**, *Coordinator LEFÖ-Ibf, Austria: 'Narrow security approaches affect the human rights of trafficked persons and hinder their access to justice - thus exacerbate trafficking in human beings.'*

12.30-13.30

Human Trafficking for Labour exploitation, Modern Day Slavery, Servitude, Forced labour What has Pet-food in Switzerland to do with Human Trafficking, and Shrimp Consumed in Europe with Slavery in Thailand?

Introductory Remarks:

- **Roger Plant**, *Independent Consultant, Former Head of the ILO's Special Action Program to Combat Forced Labour and Trafficking, UK: (tbc)*
- **Stephan Jermendy**, *Researcher and Campaigner, Environmental Justice Foundation EJF, UK: 'The degradation of natural environments enables human rights abuses and fuels slavery and human trafficking.'*

Panel Discussion with

- **Teresa Rodriguez Montañés**, *Univ. Prof., International Consultant, Human Rights & Criminal Law Expert, Spain: 'Without a real concern about exploitation, Human Trafficking is just a Brand.'*
- **Suzanne Hoff**, *International Director, Lastrada international, Netherlands: 'Measures to discourage and reduce the demand for certain (exploitative) services do not necessarily have a positive effect or an impact on reducing human trafficking.'*
- **Manfred Buchner**, *Psychologist, Head of MEN VIA – Support for Men Affected by Human Trafficking, Men Health Center, Vienna: 'Tools to overcome the roots of this crime are still weak and victims often cannot find sufficient perspectives for regaining secure life-conditions, self-efficacy and human dignity'*

Q&A/Discussion

13.30-14.30 Lunch Break – Drinks & Snacks offered by the Federal Ministry for Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection

14.30-15.30

The 'Feminization' of Migration and its Impact on Human Trafficking

Introductory Remarks: **Sylvia Hahn**, *Vice Rector for International Relations and Communication of University of Salzburg/Austria: Aspects on the feminization of migration and human trafficking in a long term perspective. 'Migrant women have always been local and global actors - as well as victims of manifold exploitation.'*

Panel Discussion with

- **Ruth-Gaby Vermot-Mangold**, *President of Peace Women Across the Globe, former MP Council of Europe, Switzerland: 'Female migrants seek refuge in Europe to save their lives. Europe seeks female migrants to save its economy.'*

- **Mona Chamass**, *Director, Comité contre L'Esclavage Moderne (CCEM), France: 'Questioning the vulnerability of migrant women regarding human trafficking for labour exploitation?'*
- **Ghada Jabbour**, *Head of the Exploitation & Trafficking in Women Unit Kafa, Lebanon: 'Migrant domestic workers are sold dreams to come to Lebanon.'*

Q&A/Discussion

15.30-16.30

Where have all the Children gone?...and when will we ever learn?

Introductory Remarks: **Helmut Sax**, *Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Member of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), Austria: 'We need to listen to the voice of trafficked children!'*

Panel Discussion with

- **Daja Wenke**, *Independent Researcher/Consultant, Child Rights, Italy/Germany: 'The narrow focus on anti-trafficking renders many of the specialized services futile and creates vulnerabilities for young migrants and asylum seekers - including victims of trafficking.'*
- **Olivier Peyroux**, *Sociologist, France: 'Have the recent migration flows, that worry a large number of European citizens and States, led to a 'normalization' of the phenomenon of Human Trafficking, considered as the price to pay for the refugees and migrants?'*
- **UNICEF**, 'A Child is a Child' (*tbc*)

Q&A/Discussion

16.30-17.00 Break - Drinks & Snacks offered by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection

17.00-18.00

Lessons Learnt from Health Screening of Migrants for Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking

Introductory Remarks: **Santino Severoni**, *Coordinator Public Health and Migration, Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being, WHO -World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe : (tbc)*

Panel Discussion with

- **István Szilard**, *Chief Scientific Adviser, University of Pecs Medical School, Department of Operational Medicine, Hungary: 'Health assistance of migrants, especially victims of trafficking, needs well trained health professionals. Unfortunately, in the EU there is a shortage of under- and/or post-gradual training in this field.'*
- **Nora Martin-Janko**, *Social Worker, Médecins du Monde, France: (tbc)*
- **Barbara Preitler**, *Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Austria: 'Forced to give up control and autonomy about its own life means a traumatic loss of human dignity and has dramatic consequences.'*
- **Markus González Beilfuss**, *Univ. Prof of Constitutional Law, Barcelona University; Coordinator of 'The Psychological Health Impact of THB for sexual exploitation - PHIT (EU-Project) : 'Stakeholders and actors should take into account the psychological health impact of THB. But what do we know about it?'*

Q&A/Discussion

18.00 Closing of the Meeting

Registration is obligatory and open until 23 September 2017

The Round Table will be held in English - No interpretation - No Registration Fee