

Regional Implementation Initiative 2019 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



International Expert Round Table

RESILIENCE versus VULNERABILITY

How to Break the Cycle of Exploitation and Human Trafficking in the Digital Age



Haus der Europäischen Union, Wipplingerstraße 35, Vienna

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9.30-10.00 Registration & Networking Breakfast

10.00-10.30 Welcome, Opening & Introduction

- **Jörg Wojahn**, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria, Host of the Round Table
- **Ines Stilling**, Austrian Federal Minister for Women, Federal Chancellery (tbc)
- **Brigitte Zarfl**, Austrian Federal Minister for Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection (tbc)
- Ambassador **Petra Schneeberger**, Director General, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, National Coordinator on Trafficking in Human Beings, Austria (tbc)
- **Helga Konrad**, Executive Director, Head/Coordinator 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking',
Introduction and Moderation

10.30-11.45 More Resilience - Less Vulnerability Ways for Breaking the Cycle of Human Trafficking and Exploitation

Resilience is generally thought of as a 'positive adaptation' of individuals in the face of a stressful or adverse situation. It is understood as overcoming deeply stressful situations with 'competent functioning'. Mistakenly it is often assumed to be a trait of the individual. Research shows that resilience is the result of individuals being able to interact with their environments and the processes that either promote well-being or protect them against the overwhelming influence of risk factors and adverse conditions, such as maltreatment, poverty, exploitation, trafficking and/or other factors triggering vulnerabilities. Resilience is best understood as a mutual process. How can resilience in the context of human trafficking be strengthened? What are the protective/adverse factors and how are different forms of individual resilience overlooked by authorities, policymakers and rescuers?

Panel 1

- **Mike Dottridge**, Independent Consultant, Freedom from Exploitation Advisory Group, UK: **Understanding Resilience in the Context of (Anti-) Human Trafficking & Exploitation**
 - **Claire Healy**, Researcher, ICMPD: **Vulnerability and Resilience to Human Trafficking and Exploitation along Migration Routes to Europe**
 - **Daja Wenke**, Independent Consultant on Child Rights/Policy Analysis/Research, Germany/Italy: **How does a Human Rights Perspective on Vulnerability expand the Focus from Individual to Social and Structural Risk and Resilience Factors?**
 - **Markus González Beilfuss**, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Barcelona: **Contributing to Resilience of THB Victims through Better Implementation of Migration and Criminal Law Provisions, including Health Implications**
 - **Kiril Sharapov**, Associate Professor of Applied Social Sciences, Edinburgh Napier University: **How Different Forms of Individual Resilience are overlooked by Policymakers and Rescuers**
- Q&A/Discussion**

11.45-12.15 Networking Break

12.15-13.15 Reality Check: Examples & Experience from Practice

Panel 2

- **Jihane Isseid**, Program Manager, Emergency Safe Housing, Lebanon: **Working with Girls Victims of Early/Child Marriage as a Form of Human Trafficking**
 - **Patrick Hauvuy**, Coordinator/Head of Dispositif National Ac.Sé, France: **Working with Nigerian Victims of Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation (tbc)**
 - **Francesca Bocchino**, OSCE SPMU, former Expert at 'Save the Children', Italy: **Exploitation of Separated and Unaccompanied Children**
 - **Manfred Buchner**, Psychologist, Head of MEN VIA, Vienna: **Working with Men Victims of Exploitation and Trafficking**
 - **Evelyn Probst**, Coordinator LEFÖ-IBF, Austria: **Vulnerability and Resilience to Human Trafficking are largely determined by Migration Policies and Practices**
- Q&A/Discussion**

13.15-14.30 Risks & Challenges Posed by Technological Change: 'Clicktivisme', Social Media & Other Online Networks

In recent years there has been a considerable increase in digitalisation and automation of migration management and immigration systems. Any system that is designed to filter people through may also have potentially detrimental impact on them, especially when they are vulnerable, such as trafficked and exploited migrants. What are the consequences of depersonalised systems for people who have suffered trauma? How has the digital age with its social (and other online networks) media hype, including its 'liking-compulsion' and 'clicktivisme'* influenced the modus operandi of (anti-)human trafficking & exploitation with regard to vulnerability and resilience? What ethical, social and policy frameworks (should/must) ensure that Apps (created to offer advice to would-be migrants on job opportunities abroad and/or on how to avoid being exploited or trafficked) are not used subsequently against the interests of the users? Do we need a radical shift in perspective? Do we need a new anti-trafficking/anti-

exploitation strategy and/or new (international, European, national) instruments in order to adequately address recent risks and challenges?

*(see also: 'Anti-Trafficking Review 'Public Perceptions and Responses to Human Trafficking' - Guest Editors: Kiril Sharapov and Suzanne Hoff').

Panel 3

- **Roger Plant**, *Independent Consultant, Head of the ILO's 2009 Special Action Program to Combat Forced Labour and Trafficking, UK:*

Social Media and Social Conscience: the Connectivity Challenge

- **Klara Skrivankova**, *Senior Expert, London Trust Fund:* **Human Trafficking for Labour in a Network Society. The Nexus between Technology, Vulnerability and Resiliency to Exploitation.**

- **Suzanne Hoff**, *International Coordinator, La Strada International, NL:* **How New Technologies Can Help—and Hurt—Migrant Workers including Trafficked and Exploited Persons**

- **Olivier Peyroux**, *Sociologist and Researcher, France:* **Unaccompanied Minors and Social Networks in the Context of Human Trafficking**

- **Jürgen Nautz**, *Professor TH Ostwestfalen-Lippe, University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Faculty of Economics LEMGO, Germany:* **Business in an Integrated World – The Complex Interactions and Implications of New Actors, New Technologies and New Approaches**

Q&A/Discussion

14.30-15.00 Networking Break

15.00-16.00 Fresh Policy Responses to New Challenges

by European Institutions, International Organizations, NGOs and Politics: Ways Forward

Panel 4

- **Stana Buchowska**, *Regional Coordinator for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, ECPAT International, former La Strada Poland:* **Analysis and Reflection before Running for New Policy Responses**

- **Kristiina Kangaspunta**, *Head of Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, UNODC:* **20th Anniversary of the Palermo Protocol: What's up to Celebrate?**

- **Duco van Heel**, *FRONTEX:* **Will a more Effective Functioning of Border Control at the External Borders increase the Resilience of (potential) Victims of Trafficking?**

- **Peter v. Bethlenfalvy**, *Executive Director, CEIPA Center for European and International Policy Action, Belgium:* **What will the Future Architecture of the European Migration Policies Have to look like?**

Q&A/Discussion

The Round Table will be held in English - No interpretation

Attending the Round Table is free of charge.

Registration is obligatory and open until 23 September 2019.

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