

***Regional Implementation Initiative 2020 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



*Think-tank Event*  
**International Expert Round Table**

***HUMAN TRAFFICKING RELOADED:***  
***Making Identification & Justice Safe and Accessible for Victims in Digital, post-COVID Times***



***Expert Talk 1:***

***Do we need a New Anti-Trafficking Strategy for the Digital and post-COVID Age?***

***Expert Talk 2:***

***How other Priorities have trumped Human Trafficking & eventually do more Harm than Good***

**Experts/Speakers/Panelists Bios and Partners of Cooperation**

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***Marija Andjelkovic,***

Director of NGO ASTRA-Anti trafficking action, Serbia. She is a lawyer by profession with master degree on Child rights and topic of trafficking in children from Universities in Belgrade and London. Ms Andjelkovic has 17 years of experience in combating gender-based violence and she was one of the first civil society activists to raise the issue of human trafficking. She is one of the founders of ASTRA the first anti-trafficking organization in Serbia and her work is focused on the issue of human trafficking for the last 15 years. She developed methodology, worked and supervised the first anti trafficking SOS Hotline in Serbia. Ms. Andjelkovic has experience in direct victims' assistance as well as in prevention and education activities as trainer at more than 200 workshops, trainings and seminars in Serbia and abroad, sharing her anti-trafficking expertise with professionals from institutions, professors, social workers, journalists, police officers, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, NGO representatives and students. She also wrote numerous publications, manuals, articles and researches on the topic of human trafficking. She is writing and Presenting shadow reports before UN Treaty Bodies (CEDAW, CRC, CESC, CAT) and other relevant institutions.

***Peter von Bethlenfalvy,***

Founder and Executive Director of CEIPA - Centre for European and International Policy Action, has a long professional experience of European and international cooperation in the field of migration, foreign and development policies, security and human rights. He formerly held leading positions at IOM – International Organization for Migration in Brussels, Berlin, Rome and Vienna. He has been the driving force in strengthening the European Union and International stance towards a number of issues such as economic migration, organized crime and trafficking in human beings, democratization and parliamentary elections as well as humanitarian and emergency aid. He advised and worked closely with a number of EU Presidencies and European Commissioners as well as European Parliamentarians in carrying forward EU policy priorities. His experience and commitment led to numerous policy improvements in the above fields in Europe, and strengthened cooperation between governments, international organizations, civil societies and regions.

***Manfred Buchner***

Head of MEN VIA – Protection and Support for Men Affected by Human Trafficking, Men Health Center, Vienna. Staff Member of the Counselling Center for Men, Vienna, Department for Victim Support. Psychologist with many years of experience in working with youth and in the field of mental disorders. Specializations in group-work and counselling for boys and men within a gender-reflecting framework. Trainer for prevention of violence, lecturer for victim support on behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Justice. Engaged in developing and establishing a model for victim-support in Austrian prisons; lecturer at the Sigmund Freud University, Vienna.

***Mike Dottridge,***

Independent Expert/Consultant. He spent 25 years working with human rights non-governmental organizations and was one of the organisers of the Global March against Child Labour in 1998. For the past 15 years he has worked as an independent consultant on human rights and child rights issues. His work takes him to different parts of the world, particularly regions where human trafficking is regarded as a major problem, such as South East Europe and South East Asia. He has focused on various forms of exploitation, including child labour, the commercial sexual exploitation of children, forced labour and trafficking in human beings. In 2002 he was one of the experts invited by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a set of Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking. In 2006 he prepared a Reference Guide on Protecting the Rights of Child Victims of Trafficking in Europe, published by UNICEF. His subsequent publications on child trafficking include a handbook on designing projects to prevent child trafficking. Earlier this year he was one of the two authors who drafted a set of Recommended Principles to Guide Actions Concerning Children on the Move and other Children Affected by Migration.

***Maria Grazia Giammarinaro,***

UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children 2014-2020; former OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (2010-2014). Since 1991 she has been a judge at the Criminal Court of Rome. From 2006 until 2009 she served in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Justice, Freedom and Security in Brussels, where she was responsible for work to combat human trafficking and sexual exploitation of children, as well as for penal aspects of illegal immigration within the unit dealing with the fight against organized crime. During this time, she coordinated the Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings of the European Commission. From 2001 to 2006 she was a judge for preliminary investigation in the Criminal Court of Rome, dealing with serious crimes including violent crimes, drug trafficking and trafficking in persons. During this time she was also a member of the Equal Opportunity Committee at the National Superior Council of the Judiciary. Prior to that, from 1996 she was Head of the Legislative Office and Adviser to the Italian Minister for Equal Opportunities, where she drafted the Italian legislation on trafficking in human beings, judicial action against discrimination, and protection orders against domestic violence. In February 2019, she was appointed Adjunct Professor of Human Rights Law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, School of Law, National University of Ireland, Galway.

***Suzanne Hoff,***

Since 2004, International Coordinator of La Strada International, the European NGO Platform against trafficking in human beings, comprising 26 NGO members and 4 Associate members in 23 European countries. The overall aim of LSI is to prevent trafficking in human beings and exploitation in Europe and to protect the rights of trafficked and exploited persons and ensuring their access to justice. As International Coordinator, she manages a broad range of tasks including strategy planning, lobby & advocacy and coordination of European projects and research on the issue of human trafficking. Recent projects relate to early identification of trafficked persons, access to justice and compensation ([www.justiceatlast.eu](http://www.justiceatlast.eu)); to building the capacity of anti-trafficking NGOs to cooperate with businesses and trade unions and address labour exploitation and ensuring complaint mechanisms and access to remedies for workers. Before La Strada International, she worked for different NGOs, like the Dutch foundation against trafficking in Women (now Comensha/LS NL), Caritas Netherlands, the Dutch Centre for International Cooperation and the Dutch Refugee Council as well as for the Amsterdam Municipality. Most of her work focused on human rights and the situation in Central and Eastern Europe. Suzanne has an academic background; a master in Eastern European Studies and journalism.

***Kristiina Kangaspunta,***

currently heading the preparation of the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna, Austria. The first edition of the Report was launched in 2012 and it will be published biannually presenting the global human trafficking trends and patterns. Previously, she was the Deputy Director of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) leading the Research Programme of the Institute in Turin, Italy. Before UNICRI, she worked with UNODC, as the Chief of the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit.

She moved to UNODC from the Ministry of Justice of Finland where she worked at the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI).

***Olivier Onidi,***

Since May 2016, Olivier Onidi is Deputy Director-General of the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME) at the European Commission with particular responsibility over security. In this capacity, he oversees the activities in the fields of terrorism and violent extremism, organized crime, cybersecurity, information systems and innovation. He also headed the Secretariat of the European Commission's Task Force for the Security Union. Since March 2020, he is also EU Anti-trafficking Coordinator. His last assignment was Deputy Director-General of DG HOME with the specific task to coordinate the Commission-wide work related to the Central Mediterranean Route in the context of the refugees' crisis. Previously, he was Director for the European Mobility Network within the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE), responsible for the development of the Trans-European Transport Network infrastructure, the implementation of the Connecting Europe Facility funding instrument and for the creation of a Single European Rail Area. Prior to this, he was Director for Innovative and Sustainable Mobility, in charge of transport security, clean and urban transport, intelligent transport systems and road safety. Olivier Onidi also worked as Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Energy Commissioner, Mr Günther H. Oettinger, as Head of Unit for air transport services, aviation safety and environment and was Head of the Satellite Navigation System programme - GALILEO. His first posts in the Commission were Assistant to Directors-General in the areas of Energy and Transport and External Relations. He then moved to the Secretariat General and afterwards became Member of Cabinet of the Commissioner for Research and Development, Innovation, Education and Training. Before joining the Commission, Olivier Onidi worked as Adviser to the Executive Committee of Belgacom and as Public Policy Manager at American Express International. Olivier Onidi holds Master degrees in International Economics, European Studies and Business Administration.

***Ryszard Piotrowicz,***

Prof Ryszard Piotrowicz, FLSW, teaches in the Dept. of Law and Criminology, and specialises in migration law. He was a member of GRETA, the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, for two terms, from 2013-20, and Vice-President from 2017-20. He also served two terms as a member of the European Commission's Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings (2008-15). He is Adjunct Professor at the University of South Australia and a Senior Research Associate at the Refugee Law Initiative, University of London. He is an Alexander-von-Humboldt Fellow, and a Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales. He has acted as a consultant on human trafficking for the Council of Europe, IOM, OSCE, UNHCR, EU and ICMPD, as well as national governments and NGOs, and has conducted training programmes on human trafficking in many countries. He has published extensively on the law relating to human trafficking. He is a member of the Wales Anti-Slavery Leadership Group, and is currently working on a number of projects relating to legal issues concerning human trafficking. He is a member of the Board of Editors of the International Journal of Refugee Law.

***Eva Plank-Sandhofer,***

Chief inspector in the Criminal Intelligence Service Austria (BK) has a long professional experience in the fight against human trafficking. From 2002-2018 she was in charge of human trafficking and red light related crimes within the Criminal Intelligence Service Austria. Since December 2018, she is responsible for the criminal areas of human trafficking and smuggling at EUROPOL's Austrian Liaison Office. Her work practice includes, among other things, control and coordination of national and international human trafficking investigations; establishment of the national and international communication structure with NGO's and the private sector as well; development and implementation of trainings on human trafficking and building and strengthening cooperation with LEA of third countries and EU-Member states. Furthermore, she is active as permanent member of the Joint Liaison Task Force Human Smuggling & Human Trafficking at EUROPOL

***Evelyn Probst,***

Coordinator of LEFÖ– Intervention Centre for Trafficked Women and Girls (IBF) since 2000, based in Vienna, Austria. In her capacity she monitors the support system for trafficked persons as well as their access to their rights. Further focal areas of the work include access to compensation for trafficked persons, interlinkages between THB and undocumented work etc. She is a much sought-after trainer for seminars on the issue of THB carried out by public authorities, police, NGOs and other relevant actors. She has been a member in the EU Expert Group against Trafficking from 2008 to 2011. She is currently the European board member of Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women (GAATW) and board member of La Strada International. Due to her long experience in the field she has been a teacher at the Austrian University in Klagenfurt for more than ten years and has given classes at other Austrian Universities as well as at the Universidad Autonoma de Mexico. Furthermore she has published in the field of trafficking in women,

focusing on feminist women's rights perspectives, exploitation and compensation for victims of human trafficking. Evelyn Probst holds a Master in Psychology and is a certified trainer who has been working in the field of fighting Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) for over 20 years.

***Helmut Sax,***

Key researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM), Vienna/Austria, and Member of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), since 2011 (ten country evaluation visits so far); completed legal studies in 1993, BIM staff member since 1995, with research projects and consultancies in various human rights areas (social rights, development cooperation, internal displacement and refugee law); since 1997 focus on human rights of children, since 2006 focus on anti-trafficking efforts. Lecturer on civic education and human rights at Vienna University; consultancies for non-governmental organizations, the European Commission and the Council of Europe; member of the Austrian Child Rights Advisory Board to the Federal Ministry of Families and Youth and of the Child Trafficking Working Group of the Austrian Taskforce on Human Trafficking.

***Kiril Sharapov,***

Associate Professor of Applied Social Sciences at Edinburgh Napier University. In his research capacity, he is also affiliated with the Centre for Policy Studies at Central European University (Hungary). PhD in Politics from the University of Glasgow and an MA in Human Rights from the Central European University. In 2015 – 2016, he was Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Bedfordshire, Programme Director of the Professional Doctorate in Children and Young People's Service, associated member of the International Centre: Researching Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking, and a full member of the Institute of Applied Social Research. In 2013-2014, he led a research project investigating public understanding of human trafficking in three European countries. This research was funded by a Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship awarded by the European Commission (FP7-PEOPLE-IEF / PIEF-GA-2011-298401). He is a Senior Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy (SFHEA) and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (FRSA). He welcomes expressions of interest for Doctoral Supervision in areas such as: - Migration and mobility with a particular focus on human rights, trafficking in human beings and 'modern slavery', forced migration, free and unfree labour - Subjectivity, politics and neoliberalism - Environmental degradation and social divisions.

***Klara Skrivankova,***

Klara Skrivankova is an internationally recognised expert on business and human rights, decent work and modern slavery. She has been working in the field since 2000, starting as a programme manager in La Strada Czech Republic. Between 2005 and 2019 she managed programmes in Anti-Slavery International and led the development of the organisation's business and human rights programme, providing advice to numerous businesses including ASOS, The White Company, The White Stuff, Primark, Daimler and Legal&General. Since 2018 she has been acting as the Decent Work Advisor for the DaNa Facility, a private sector development programme in Myanmar funded by UK Department for International Development. Internationally she advises development, human rights organisations and the private sector. Ms Skrivankova provides expert witness statements in courts in the UK, Ireland and Hong Kong in modern slavery cases and in 2007 co-founded the UK Trafficking Law and Policy Forum, an educational think-tank on human trafficking and related issues. From 2010 until 2015 she was a Programme Adviser to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and 2016-17 a specialist advisor with the Ethical Trading Initiative. She publishes extensively, including as a specialist contributor of Human Trafficking Handbook: Recognising Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery in the UK, Chandran P.ed, Lexis Nexis, 2011, with chapters on forced labour and on compensation for victims of modern day slavery; Routledge Handbook of Human Trafficking, Piotrowicz, R., Rijken, C., Uhl, B. (eds.), Routledge 2017, with a chapter on defining exploitation and a co-editor of Vulnerability, Exploitation and Migrants: Insecure Work in a Globalised Economy, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015. She was also the principal drafter of Modern Slavery Guidance published by the Ethical Trading Initiative in 2017 and contributed to The Modern Slavery Agenda. Policy, Politics and Practice in the UK, Craig, G., Balch, A., Lewis, H. and Waite, L. Polity Press, 2018. Ms Skrivankova has held numerous expert appointments: she has been an expert on human trafficking with the Council of Europe since 2005 and from 2008 until 2015 member of the EU Experts Group on Trafficking in Human Beings advising the European Commission. Between 2010 and 2013 she served on the board of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking and 2009-2013 on the board of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery. She also co-chaired the Transparency in Supply Chains Working Group of the UK Government Modern Slavery Strategy Implementation Group, and the

Governance Committee of the UK Modern Slavery Registry that holds company disclosure reports under the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015.

***Stefano Volpicelli,***

Sociologist specialized in health-related matters. Expert in capacity-building interventions on assistance and protection of vulnerable people, as well as in social research. He was involved in many programmes addressing various aspects of 'social vulnerability' such as the prevention of juvenile delinquency and of the use, abuse and misuse of drugs, and the improvement of access and the quality of health care for vulnerable customers such as drug users, people living with HIV, and irregular migrants. Since 2003 he has worked with the International Organization for Migration with the main duties to assess the training needs of various recipients (such as governmental officers, law enforcement agents, NGO/GO psycho-social and health caregivers) and consequently designing and implementing training programs focussing on assistance and protection schemes for vulnerable migrants. In 2012/13 he worked as a consultant of the Maltese government, responsible for capacity-building measures to improve identification of and assistance services for vulnerable migrants, including victims of trafficking.

***Helga Konrad,***

Head/Coordinator of the 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking' since 2010. Executive Director Anti-Trafficking; Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe IDM; former (first) Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of the OSCE - Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (2004-2006); Chair of the EU Stability Pact Task Force on Human Trafficking for South Eastern Europe (2000-2004). In her capacity as Austrian Federal Government Minister for Women, she hosted the first EU Conference on Trafficking in Women for Sexual Exploitation in Vienna (1995). She was Head of the Austrian government delegations to the fourth UN World Conference on Women in Beijing/China and of the first World Congress on Combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Stockholm/Sweden (1996).

***Roberto Ziglio,***

Advisor and Assistant of the 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Trafficking in Human Beings' on Web-management themes. Psychologist, Psychotherapist and Deputy Manager at Diakonie-Jefira - Intercultural Psychotherapy Centre in St. Pölten, which is specialized on Trauma-Psychotherapy with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; He has been also Psychologist, Psychotherapist and Head of Organization and Administration at CentroMoses, S.r.l., a private mental health centre in Italy, where he used to perform his clinical activity since 2010. As Head of Organization and Administration he was involved in the organization of numerous trainings for mental health practitioners and citizens. He collaborated with the Treviglio-Caravaggio Hospital, in the Centre for Family Therapy and with the A.L.T. Association (association against drug addictions), located in Treviglio (Bergamo, Italy).

***Partners of Cooperation:***

***Centre for European and International Policy Action (CEIPA),***

Founded in 2011, the Centre for European and International Policy Action (CEIPA) is an independent think-tank committed to promoting public debate on major European and international policy issues, Central to CEIPA's work is the belief that providing a platform for informed debate, the exchange of ideas and the search for common ground between EU policy-makers on one side, and non-state actors and European citizens on the other, is vital to obtain the necessary broad support to underpin EU democratic governance and cohesion. Complexity and interdependence are the main features of modern societies around the world. Europe is no exception. It too must foster unbiased dialogue, beyond narrow national goals, party lines, dogmatism or vested interests. The perception that EU member states and institutions are imposing policies from the top down is robbing the process of European integration of its legitimacy in the eyes of many. Access to information is a human right. The CEIPA platform and activities keep citizens abreast of developments on key policies and provide contacts to the European Institutions and civil society organisations.

***Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna***, coordinates human rights as a cross-cutting topic in all areas of the Vienna City Administration and makes the City of Vienna's commitment to human rights visible. The Human Rights Office was opened in September 2015.

***EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)***,

the coordination office of Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation” (PAC 10) of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) manages projects such as “Danube Cities Against Human Trafficking” and is member of the local GRETA Working Group in Vienna. PAC 10 coordinates administrative capacity building and involvement of local stakeholders in the EUSDR.

***Act.NOW***,

Act.Now is an enterprise based on the private initiative, located in Vienna, acting internationally and above party lines. It initiates projects and international conferences for a respectful and appreciative social coexistence in a time of profound social changes that result in challenges to democratic systems. Act.Now supports people to take on more responsibility in their respective environment and connects people and initiatives to raise the effectiveness of projects aimed to strengthen social cohesion. It provides information about social change and its impact on society to promote new solutions. To achieve its objectives Act.Now employs processes that are both cognitively and emotionally effective.