**MEETING OF THE
OSCE ANTI-TRAFFICKING FOCAL POINTS**

29 -30 September 2009

**Hotel Sheraton, Amsterdam/Athens room
Ul. B. Prusa 2, Warsaw**

AGENDA

Day 1

13.00 -13.30   Welcome by ODIHR and introduction of participants

14.00- 16.00   Migrants rights and outreach work

Aim: To present current ways of supporting migrant workers vulnerable to exploitation by informing them of their rights and supporting them in accessing services and assistance through outreach work and similar approaches.

Rationale: Migrant workers represent an important group vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation. Many migrants however have little information about their rights or what to do if they find themselves subject to exploitation or how to protect themselves and access other services generally.   The ODIHR has recently been supporting initiatives to address this gap in its anti-trafficking work. In particular it has enhanced its collaboration with organisations working on migrants rights and is also looking to develop more joint initiatives with the ODIHR Migration Programme. This session aims to present information on key migrant and labour rights relevant to exploitation and trafficking and introduce the work of NGOs (from Ireland, Kazakhstan and Poland) that inform migrants of their rights and assist exploited persons.

Moderator and opening presentation: Shivaun Scanlan

16.00-16.30   Coffee break

16.30-18.00   National Referral Mechanisms: taking stock of what has been done and where we are now – developments, successes, and lessons learned. What next on NRM?

Aim: Presentation by ODIHR of the findings from the NRM assessments and conclusions. To discuss with the focal points what should be the NRM activities and focus in future.

Rationale: Establishing NRMs was the priority of the great majority, if not all, OSCE anti-trafficking focal points, and for some it continues to be. The ODIHR has supported field presences in this work and also started a number of its own NRM activities, namely NRM assessments in five OSCE participating States, including countries of destination. The findings of these assessments and other NRM reports showed that NRMs were both understood and developed diferently in various countries. This session will attempt to answer the questions what has been achieved since the publication of the NRM Handbook regarding NRM development, where we are now and what should be our future strategies on NRM?

Moderator and opening presentation: Alina Brasoveanu

18.00   Joint aperitif

Day 2

9.30 – 12.00   Compensation for trafficked persons

Aim: Presentation of a training module on access to justice and compensation for trafficked and exploited persons. Training exercise.

Rationale: Since the ODIHR first presented its study on the Compensation of Trafficked and Exploited Persons in the OSCE Region to the field missions and institutions in early 2008, a number of mission focal points have shown interest in developing and supporting activities related to compensation in their countries.
Through a series of six trainings in late 2008-early 2009 in Albania, the ODIHR developed a 1,5 days training on the rights of victims of crime, with a focus on the right to compensation and victims of human trafficking. The training includes an overview of relevant international standards, an analysis of relevant laws and practice in Albania, examples of good practice from the OSCE region, two cases studies and a discussion session. The module can be easily adapted to other national or regional contexts and will be used to provide a training session to the European network Act for Compensation (COMP.ACT Europe) in autumn 2009.
During this session, the training modules will be presented and a shorter version of the training will be conducted. Lessons learned from the previous trainings will be shared and a discussion on how the training can be used in mission countries will follow.

Moderators and presentations: Astrid Ganterer and Alina Brasoveanu

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 16.00 Human Rights Protection in the return of trafficked persons to countries of origin.

Aim: Presentation of some of the problems identified in the research reports on return commissioned by the ODIHR (with the participation of the authors of the research) and at the expert meeting on return organized by the ODIHR, and to discuss possible OSCE action with respect to return.

Rationale: The return of trafficked persons to countries of origin is an important aspect of anti-trafficking responses, but the return process itself, and necessary safeguards such as ensuring that the return is safe and voluntary has been given little separate attention in anti-trafficking policy development. The ODIHR recently commissioned a series of country papers to explore policies and practices on the return of victims of trafficking or undocumented migrants to their countries of origin from the UK, Germany, Spain and Italy. The papers indicate that these countries have been increasingly resorting to measures to return undocumented migrants to countries of origin which also impacts on trafficking victims. No country reviewed systematically assessed the possible danger to a person's safety on return unless that person claimed asylum or subsidiary protection from harm. The papers equally indicated how initiatives to 'tackle migration' often did not allow for victims of trafficking to be identified once return procedures were initiated. Access to basic rights, including legal and medical assistance, were also of concern. At the same time the monitoring of the return process was inadequate and concerns with re-trafficking remained. On 24-25 June the ODIHR held an expert meeting in Warsaw with representatives from both countries of origin and destination to exchange information and consult on current developments on the return of trafficked persons with a view to developing recommendations to improve human rights protection in the return process.

Moderator and opening presentation: Alexandra Vidojevic

16.00 – 16.30 Remarks by the Special Representative Eva Baiudet

16.30 – 17.00 Wrap up / any other issues