

*18th ALLIANCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN
PERSONS*

*Everyone Has a Role:
How to Make a Difference Together*

Side Events Programme

23 - 24 April 2018

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Human Rights, Gender and Trafficking in Human Beings

Room 533, English language only

The OSCE Ministerial Council Decision 6/17 adopted in December 2017 called on the OSCE participating States to take appropriate measures to effectively combat human trafficking by developing harmonized procedures and training courses (inter alia on identification and protection of trafficking victims) and by promoting multi-agency capacity building programmes, while adopting a victim-centered and gender-sensitive approach.

UNODC estimates that 71% of detected trafficked persons are women and girls and that 96% of detected individuals trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation are women and girls. Trafficking in human beings is gender specific, as are its consequences, harms and recovery processes. Assistance to survivors needs to be gender specific and tailored accordingly. The OSCE participating States and particularly the security sector cannot effectively combat trafficking in human beings without fully recognizing the acute vulnerabilities and security needs women and girls face. The identification of victims of trafficking, for example, is often hampered by a lack of adequate training or functioning referral mechanisms. At the same time, other factors, such as implicit bias may strongly impact law enforcement assistance to female victims of trafficking.

This side event aims at bringing together perspectives from survivors, law enforcement and mental health service practitioners to highlight the need for the development of an in-depth understanding and the multi-disciplinary, human rights sensitive, and victim-centered approach to the gender aspects of trafficking in human beings.

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Welcoming: **Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir**, Director, ODIHR

Moderators: **Guy Vinet**, Head of the Strategic Police Matters Unit of the Transnational Threats Department

Tatiana Kotlyarenko, Advisor on Anti-Human Trafficking Issues, ODIHR

Speakers: **Rachel Moran**, Survivor, Author and European Coordinator of Space International

Kevin Hyland, Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, United Kingdom

José Luis Perez Fernandez, Inspector, Jefe del Grupo IX de B.C.T.S.H., U.C.R.I.F. Central, Comisaría General Extranjería y Fronteras, Spain

Diana Rostiashvili, Detective Investigator, Central Criminal Police Department, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Georgia

Rachel Witkin, Head of the Anti-Trafficking Programme and **Dr Eileen Walsh**, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Head of Therapies, Helen Bamber Foundation

Side event co-organized by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit of the Transnational Threats Department (SPMU)



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Enhancing Access to Compensation for Victims of Crime

Room 532, English language only

The right to compensation is internationally recognized and well established in international legislation however many barriers remain in practice for victims of crime, including trafficked persons, that prevent them from accessing this right.

There is evidence that very few victims seek compensation and even fewer receive a compensation payment, due to many different obstacles. However compensation for trafficked people is crucial in the fight against trafficking – not only as an instrument of restorative justice and prevention of re-trafficking, but also as recognition by the states of the violation of their rights and the damages they have suffered.

In the 2003 OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE participating States acknowledged and recommended among measures to be taken at the national level that 'legislative provisions for confiscation of the instruments and proceeds of trafficking and related offences' and that the 'confiscated proceeds of trafficking will be used for the benefit of victims of trafficking'.

This side event is organized in the framework of the *Justice at last – European action for compensation project*, funded by the European Commission. Speakers of the side event will highlight the importance of improving the right to compensation in practice and present findings on bottlenecks in claiming compensation and redress for victims of crime. Reflecting on existing legal procedures and alternative mechanisms, they will highlight remaining bottlenecks and recommendations for change, including the need for a multi-disciplinary approach.

Welcoming: **Madina Jarbussynova**, Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE

Moderator: **Suzanne Hoff**, International Coordinator, La Strada International – European NGO network against trafficking in human beings

Speakers: **Herman Bolhaar**, Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children, Netherlands

Evelyn Probst, Director, LEFÖ-IBF, Intervention Centre for Trafficked Women, Austria

Klara Skrivankova, Europe Programme and Advocacy Coordinator Anti-Slavery International, United Kingdom

Side event organized by La Strada International



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Taking stock: The Global Agenda in the Fight against Trafficking in Persons

Neuer Saal, English language only

Following the recent appraisal of the UN Global Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons (September 2017), concrete actions must be taken to effectively and efficiently implement the recommendations of the Action Plan, taking into consideration the contribution of all relevant stakeholders in the process.

The UN Global Action Plan, adopted in 2010, was subject to an appraisal by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) that led to UNGA Resolution 72/1, “*Political declaration on the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons*”. Under the initiative of the Belarusian government, UNGA Resolution 72/195, “*Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons*” in December 2017 further reaffirms the importance of tackling human trafficking while fostering co-operation and co-ordination among all relevant stakeholders. This resolution promotes and calls for the active participation of the OSCE as a regional organization to work with the UN system in advancing the international agenda against trafficking in persons.

Under the auspices of the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Belarus to the OSCE, and opened by Ambassador Jarbussynova, the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, speakers will discuss the recent appraisal of the Action Plan and its practical implementation, notably towards the protection of vulnerable groups such as children.

Welcoming: **Madina Jarbussynova**, Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE

Moderator: **Andrei Lozovik**, Minister-Counsellor, Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Belarus to the OSCE

Speakers: **Larysa Belskaya**, Head of the General Department for Multilateral Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belarus

Ilias Chatzis, Chief, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

Sacha Chan Kam, Senior Regional Migrant Assistance Specialist, IOM

Youla Haddadin, Advisor on Trafficking in Persons, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR

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The Critical Role of Civil Society to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings

Ratsaal, 5th floor, English language only

The OSCE, as an inter-governmental organization, strongly supports the work of civil society and acknowledges the importance of its role across its three dimensions. The Preamble to the 2003 OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings (PC.DEC/557) acknowledges that: “while primary responsibility for combating and preventing trafficking in human beings rests with participating States, the link of this phenomenon to transnational organized crime requires co-operation at the international and regional level, involving the private sector and NGOs”. Furthermore, the Action Plan reiterates that this involvement should be reflected in all efforts against trafficking in human beings: prevention, prosecution, protection and partnership.

In 2016-2017, the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordination for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings facilitated two consultation meetings with representatives of civil society active in the anti-trafficking field in the OSCE region, in order to discuss the existing modalities of the above-mentioned involvement. The consultations once again highlighted the role of NGOs in providing services to trafficked persons, as well as the need for the NGOs’ full-fledged participation in policy and decision making processes. Besides, the outcome of the discussions demonstrated the necessity to reaffirm the indispensable role of civil society organizations in combating trafficking in human beings.

This side event aims to continue this topical discussion, in particular as regards the challenges faced by the anti-trafficking NGOs in their daily work vis-à-vis their advocacy efforts, policy making engagement, funding and sustainability prospects, service provision role, and networking and co-operation arrangements. It will also explore the promising practices of how some of these challenges can effectively be addressed.

Opening address: **Ambassador Claude Wild**, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, the United Nations and to the International Organizations in Vienna

Moderator: **Tetiana Rudenko**, Senior Co-ordination Adviser, Office of the Special Representatives and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE

Speakers: **Waltraud Heller**, Programme Manager Cooperation with Civil Society, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Klara Skrivankova, Europe Programme and Advocacy Coordinator, Anti-Slavery International

Closing address: **Madina Jarbussynova**, Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE



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Care for Minors: the Complementarity between NGOs and Public Services

Room 533, 5th floor, English language only

Among the 2.5 million people exploited each year around the world, women and children make up a significant portion. Victims of human trafficking who are minors are overrepresented. The particular situation of unaccompanied foreign minors increases their vulnerability to the risk of being trafficked, and requires our societies to adopt a bespoke response to prevent and fight their exploitation.

For actors working with such minors, the main difficulty is to identify particular challenges resulting from the strategies implemented by criminals. Criminals' strategies for exercising control over underage victims of trafficking often result in the latter being reluctant to collaborate with authorities. This reluctance creates obstacles for timely and effective first-level identification and, makes the swift identification of victims harder.

In addition, strengthening the relevant actors' awareness should help when prosecuting the perpetrators, by winning the trust of the victims, who will no longer hesitate to expose the exploitation that they have been victims of. This is an essential point to start the prosecution process against the criminal involved.

This side event will discuss how the needs of unaccompanied foreign minors are specific and must accordingly be dealt with in an appropriate manner. For example, to ensure the adequate protection of unaccompanied children's rights, factors such as language ability, health situation and trauma experienced during travelling must always be kept in mind. With a view to successful rehabilitation, multi-disciplinary approaches, such as those practiced by the French judicial protection for young people will also be examined as possible best practices.

Opening address: **Ambassador Veronique Roger-Lacan**, Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE

Heracles Moskoff, National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

Speakers: **Ambassador (Hon) Marc Van Den Reeck**, Head of International Cooperation "The Smile of the Child", Greece

Marie-Pierre Penaud, judicial protection for young people – in charge of the mission « unaccompanied minors », France

Closing: **Ambassador Paul Huynen**, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Belgium to the OSCE

Side event co-organized by France, Greece and Belgium

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Untapped Resource? Leveraging the Travel Industry to Prevent Trafficking in Human Beings

Room 532, 5th floor, English language only

The travel of victims of trafficking in human beings is an integral part of the human trafficking crime. Victims travel to their place of exploitation after they are recruited or can be moved by criminals from one place to another while they are being exploited. Victims of human trafficking can travel nationally, within the borders of a country, or internationally from one country to another.

Although criminals are trying to transport victims clandestinely, thus decreasing the chances of their crimes being discovered by law enforcement, many victims of trafficking in human beings travel with the usual means of transport – taxis, public buses, transits, trains, sea vessels or airplanes. The face-to-face interaction between victims of human trafficking and people working in the travel industry, although limited in time, can offer the possibility to identify potential victims of human trafficking and refer them to law enforcement authorities and social services. A good example is the case which took place in 2017 when a flight attendant on an Alaska Airlines flight reportedly saved a teenage girl from a sex trafficker.

During the side event, the speakers will discuss about how the travel industry, especially the transport sector, is contributing to the fight against human trafficking, what measures have to be undertaken to ensure that employees of the travel industry possess the necessary skills and tools to identify victims of human trafficking and how co-operation between the private sector and state institutions could be enhanced in this regard. Speakers will also discuss the need to develop policies and regulations requiring travel companies to provide training to their employees regarding victim identification and to engage more actively in the prevention of trafficking in human beings. The side event will address both policy issues, as well as practical cases, thereby underlining the important role which the travel industry can play in fighting this horrendous crime.

Welcoming address: **Madina Jarbussynova**, Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE

Moderator: **Youla Haddadin**, Advisor on Trafficking in Persons, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR

Speakers: **Nicole L. Bambas**, Office of International Transportation and Trade, Department of Transportation, United States

Alda Hrönn Jóhannsdóttir, Deputy Chief of the Sudurnes Police District, head of Prosecutors unit in the Sudurnes District, Iceland

Jon Bush, Prevent Unit, Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism, Home Office, United Kingdom



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The Role of the Media in the Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings

Room 531, 5th floor, English language only

Modern slavery is illegal all over the world. Nevertheless it is a \$150 billion industry driven by corruption, greed and vulnerability. This global crime is fuelled by widespread ignorance and a lack of data on what remains a largely underreported issue. Human traffickers therefore thrive amid poverty, conflict and instability – and enjoy almost total impunity as prosecutions are rare.

So what role can the media play alongside international organisations and policy-makers to raise awareness about the way in which traffickers operate, to disrupt their methods and trace and punish those responsible? And what are the challenges faced by journalists in shedding light on trafficking?

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Welcoming address: **Madina Jarbussynova**, Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE

Opening address: **Antonio Zappulla**, COO, the Thomson Reuters Foundation

Speakers: **Belinda Goldsmith**, Editor-in-Chief, the Thomson Reuters Foundation

Nicolas Bellet, Director, Journalism and Media Programmes, the Thomson Reuters Foundation