

OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Conference

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Working session 17: Combating trafficking in human beings

Contribution of the Council of Europe

Overview of recent Council of Europe activities

Since the previous Human Dimension Implementation Conference, the anti-trafficking efforts of the Council of Europe have focused on monitoring the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, already in force in 34 Council of Europe States.

The Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), set up under the Convention to evaluate its implementation by the Parties, has carried out evaluations of the first 10 countries which became Parties to the Convention (Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, and the Slovak Republic). Between October 2010 and June 2011, GRETA carried out visits to these 10 countries in order to supplement the information provided in the replies to the questionnaire sent out by GRETA. These visits were an occasion to meet ministers and senior officials involved in the national action against trafficking, national Ombudsmen, politicians, trade union representatives and members of civil society. During the visits, GRETA representatives also visited shelters and other facilities providing assistance to victims of trafficking.

At its 9th meeting (15-18 March 2011), GRETA approved draft evaluation reports in respect of Austria, Cyprus and the Slovak Republic, and transmitted them to the authorities concerned. The authorities were asked to submit their comments within a month. These comments were taken into account by GRETA when establishing its final reports, which were adopted at the 10th meeting (21-24 June 2011). GRETA's reports on the evaluation of the implementation of the Convention by Austria, Cyprus and the Slovak Republic, together with the final comments of the Governments of the Parties concerned, are public and can be consulted on www.coe.int/trafficking. The reports contain an analysis of the national legal and institutional framework in the field of action against trafficking in human beings. They examine in turn the effectiveness of the measures taken in each country to prevent trafficking, protect and promote the rights of victims of trafficking, and prosecute traffickers. In its reports, GRETA emphasises the obligations of States to respect, fulfil and protect human rights, including by ensuring compliance by non-State actors, in accordance with the duty of due diligence. Each report contains detailed proposals concerning the way in which the authorities may deal with the problems which have been identified.

At its 11th meeting (20-23 September 2011), GRETA adopted final evaluation reports concerning four more countries: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia and Denmark and transmitted them to the Parties concerned, which have been asked to submit any final comments within a month. Following the reception of eventual comments, GRETA's final reports concerning the four previously mentioned countries will be made public (before the end of 2011).

In February 2011, GRETA initiated the first round of the evaluation of the implementation of the Convention by the second group of 10 countries which became Parties to the Convention (Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Latvia, Malta, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, and the United Kingdom). By 1 September 2011 (the deadline for responding to the questionnaire), all 10 countries concerned have provided replies. GRETA will proceed with the organisation of country visits to these countries and will adopt evaluation reports in respect of them in the course of 2012.

On 1 September 2011, GRETA published its First General Report on activities, covering the first two and a half years of GRETA's existence (from February 2009 to July 2011). The General Report provides information on the procedural and organisational framework for GRETA's activities and its working methods. Attention is also drawn to the establishment of working relations with other relevant actors. The report stresses that to enhance the effectiveness of international action against trafficking in human beings, it is necessary to increase co-ordination by international organisations in the different types of activities carried out and to strengthen partnerships with a view to achieving greater complementarity and synergies.

At its 6th meeting (26 September 2011), the Committee of the Parties to the Convention considered GRETA's reports on the implementation of the Convention by Austria, Cyprus and the Slovak Republic, and adopted recommendations addressed to the Governments of these Parties.

An inter-parliamentary conference entitled "Parliaments united against trafficking in human beings" was organised by the Committee on Equal Opportunities between Women and Men of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Paris on 3 December 2010. The participants took stock of the action undertaken by the international organisations in this field, the implementation of the relevant international legal instruments and the involvement of national parliaments. The meeting was opened by José Mendes Bota (Portugal), Chairperson of the Committee, and Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe. Speakers included Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, Hanne Sophie Greve, Chairperson of GRETA, and Baroness Butler-Sloss, member of the House of Lords (United Kingdom) and Co-President of the Parliamentary Inter-Group on Trafficking in Human Beings. The participants adopted a declaration comprising the main recommendations emerging from the work of the conference ("The Paris Declaration"). <http://assembly.coe.int/ASP/APFeaturesManager/defaultArtSiteView.asp?ID=961>

Other Council of Europe activities

1. An inter-parliamentary conference entitled “Parliaments united against trafficking in human beings” was organised by the Committee on Equal Opportunities between Women and Men of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Paris on 3 December 2010. The participants took stock of the action undertaken by the international organisations in this field, the implementation of the relevant international legal instruments and the involvement of national parliaments. The meeting was opened by José Mendes Bota (Portugal), Chairperson of the Committee, and Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe. Speakers included Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, Hanne Sophie Greve, Chairperson of GRETA, and Baroness Butler-Sloss, member of the House of Lords (United Kingdom) and Co-President of the Parliamentary Inter-Group on Trafficking in Human Beings. The participants adopted a declaration comprising the main recommendations emerging from the work of the conference (“The Paris Declaration”). <http://assembly.coe.int/ASP/APFeaturesManager/defaultArtSiteView.asp?ID=961>

2. The number of co-operation activities organised during the reporting period was limited, due to restricted human and financial resources. Two training workshops on combating trafficking in human beings were organised in Baku (Azerbaijan), on 15-16 December 2010 and 23-24 February 2011, by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan. The workshops were financed through a German voluntary contribution, in the framework of the co-operation programmes of the Council of Europe. They were aimed at contributing to strengthening institutional capacities in Azerbaijan for fighting and preventing trafficking in human beings in line with the provisions of the Council of Europe Convention. Representatives from the Presidential Administration, the Parliament, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the State Border Service, the Border Guards and Police, the State Migration Office, judges and prosecutors as well as NGOs and media representatives took part in them.

II. Overview of the OSCE activities

Office of the Special Representative

3. The OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (SR) has been accomplishing her mandate in line with the OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/06, providing for three main areas of work:

- 1) To represent the OSCE at the political level, raising the public and political profile of combating all forms of human trafficking;
- 2) To assist participating States, at their request, in fulfilling the relevant OSCE commitments and the recommendations of the *OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings*;
- 3) To co-ordinate anti-trafficking efforts within the OSCE and to co-operate with National authorities, civil society and relevant international actors.

4. In the reporting period the SR and her Office (OSR) enhanced co-operation with participating States (pS) in the course of country visits, consultations with the delegations of the OSCE pS, reports to the Permanent Council, Human Dimension and other Committees, and SR’s participation in anti-trafficking events organised at the national level. These contacts provided opportunities to engage in direct dialogue with ministers, politicians, representatives of the judiciary and civil servants responsible for policy and action, as well as NGOs. In 2010-2011, the SR visited Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, UK, Belgium, Lithuania, Italy, Serbia, Russia, Hungary, Canada, and other countries, with a view to contribute to the national efforts of the OSCE pS and promote the implementation of political commitments and legal obligations to combat human trafficking in the OSCE region.

5. The anti-trafficking events organised by the OSR served the same goal, i.e. ensuring capacity building of national anti-trafficking structures and responsible institutions by sharing experience and best practices, networking, awareness raising and by promoting advanced tools in the fight against modern-day slavery. The events which occurred during the reporting period (the 11th Alliance against Trafficking in Persons high-level Conference on Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation: Decent Work and Social Justice (Vienna, 20-21 June 2011) and the joint OSCE-UNODC expert seminar on Leveraging Anti-Money Laundering Regimes to Combat Human Trafficking (Vienna, 3-4 October 2011)) fully reflect this constructive approach.

6. Furthermore, in 2011 the OSR, after having consulted with the major Alliance partners in Brussels, Geneva, New York, Strasbourg and Vienna, initiated the enlargement of this unique partnership by engaging new members and organisations representing the private sector, employers' organisations, trade unions' associations, migrants' associations and human rights NGOs, including with a focus on child protection, to meet the challenge of human trafficking for all forms of exploitation. The Alliance remains a valuable platform for co-operation providing OSCE participating States with easy access to most recent research and best practices. Its significance was strongly reaffirmed at the 11th high-level Conference by the CoE, UNODC, UNOCEF, ILO and other partners.

7. The OSR continued to address targeted audiences, such as the judiciary, prosecutors, parliamentarians, National Co-ordinators, journalists, students and academics, to increase capacity and networks to combat and prevent THB, and to strengthen the response, not only from the criminal justice, to this serious crime. For example, the SR moderated two roundtables on the involvement of the Judiciary in the fight against trafficking in human beings, within the Expert Meeting "Monitoring Mechanisms in the Fight against Human Trafficking", organised in the Hague by the Bureau of the Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings (October 2010).

8. The OSR, in co-operation with the ODIHR and relevant OSCE field operations, convened a Regional Meeting of National Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinators (October 2010) from 14 OSCE participating States from South East Europe, Southern Caucasus, and a few other countries with experience in the fight against trafficking for labour exploitation. The meeting focused on sharing and discussing progress and challenges in the prevention and prosecution of trafficking for labour exploitation, as well as in providing access to justice and assistance to the victims.

9. The SR worked closely with Parliamentarians and called on Members of Parliament of the 56 OSCE pS to take action in their own Parliaments to foster political will as a precondition for the effective planning and implementation of national anti-trafficking strategies and legislation. More specifically, she urged them to ratify international instruments, in particular the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime and the Trafficking Protocol, and, where appropriate, the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. The SR underlined that the question is not only about their ratification, but also about the coherent adaptation of national legislation, and its consistent implementation.

10. Since 2010, the OSR started to explore partnerships with universities and research institutes, including the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, the University of Vienna, the London School of Economics and Stanford University, that have already developed student initiatives and focused educational programmes on trafficking in human beings, specifically in law faculties, and in international development, human rights, public affairs and public health studies. The OSR also initiated discussions with academics from other disciplines including film studies and creative writing. For example, on 7 March 2011 the SR delivered a lecture on "International implications of the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, over the 10 years since its enactment" at the London School of Economics. On 22 June 2011 the SR addressed the Stanford-Vienna Human Rights Conference on the issues of Asylum, Migration and Human Trafficking. The Ludwig Boltzmann Institute has become the OSR partner in implementing an ExB research on THB as a form of torture.

11. The OSR promoted in-depth, balanced and comprehensive coverage of trafficking in human beings through continued dialogue with the media, facilitating media access to research and expertise, disseminating best practices in reporting on the phenomenon, and promoting opportunities and resources for media education on the issue. The OSR also further developed the SR webpage (www.osce.org/cthb) ensuring that it has become an effective information gateway for officials in pS and the broader public, and the entry point for obtaining information on the SR and other OSCE structures, institutions and field operations, and their anti-trafficking activities.

12. Research constituted a significant part of the activities of the OSR. To follow up on the path-breaking work of the SR on trafficking for the purpose of domestic servitude in 2010 (High-level Alliance against Trafficking in Persons conference, 17-18 June 2010), the 4th Occasional Paper "Unprotected Work, Invisible Exploitation: Trafficking for the Purpose of Domestic Servitude" was presented in Vienna and in other countries (e.g. during country visits, including to the UK). A joint seminar with the German Human Rights Institute in Berlin was organised on 2 and 3 May 2011 on violations of domestic workers' rights in the context of diplomatic immunity.

13. Furthermore, the OSR, in co-operation with the Strategic Police Matters Unit, initiated a study on THB for the removal of organs in the OSCE region, building on existing research from international organisations, including the UNODC-CoE report, and further exploring the traffickers' modus operandi, routes and targeted groups. The research should be finalised by the end of 2011.

14. Another research was dedicated to the implementation and enforcement of codes of conduct in the private sector to reduce demand for the services of or goods produced by people who have been trafficked. It was presented at the 11th Alliance Conference on 20 June 2011. Its second part, the use of Codes of Conduct as pertains to the operations of military, peacekeeping and international organizations in conflict areas to combat trafficking in human beings, is being finalised. Codes of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policies send out an important message about an organisation's commitment to combating human trafficking, both to its employees and to the outside world.

15. The assessment work directed by the OSR, builds on internal expertise and is supported by external consultants engaged to carry out field research and preparatory work. The preparation of the report dedicated to the efforts of Kazakhstan to combat human trafficking was continued in 2011, in co-operation with the Kazakhstan Government, and will be finalised by the end of 2011.

16. The OSR contributed to capacity building through various trainings for professionals (e.g. border guards, judiciary, law enforcement, military personnel and prosecutors), organised in pS, for example at the NATO Partnership for Peace Training Centre in Ankara and the International Training Centre on Migration and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Minsk. Training was provided also upon the request of Field Operations and the CiO throughout 2010-2011. At the OSCE Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe, the OSR delivered training for personnel of border-related agencies such as Border Police/Guards, Customs, Drug Control Agencies from OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation, with a focus on Central Asian countries and Afghanistan. The training covered all aspects of trafficking issues including legal framework, international conventions, trafficking as a grave violation of human rights, victim and witness support, criminal and global profile, investigative principles and intelligence gathering, operational methodology, international police co-operation.

17. The OSR closely supervised the implementation of ExB projects. A new ExB project, funded by the Principality of Monaco, Andorra, Iceland, Lichtenstein and San Marino, has been launched in Moldova on Preventing Human Trafficking in Children without Parental Care. Another ExB project, to be implemented co-operatively by the OSR and the Russian Union of Journalists, is dedicated to the elaboration and implementation of a special course "Trafficking in Human Beings: the Global Perspective and the Role of the Media" for students and post graduates of Moscow State University, Faculty of Journalism. A project/research on human

trafficking as a form of torture has been launched. Other projects to be implemented in the OSCE pS are being finalised.

ODIHR Anti-Trafficking Programme

18. The ODIHR's mandate in the fight against human trafficking involves monitoring and reporting on the implementation of human dimension commitments of OSCE participating States. It also provides technical assistance to States to enhance compliance with commitments. In the reporting period, ODIHR's anti-trafficking work has been structured around three main goals: to ensure States develop and implement human rights compliant anti-trafficking policies, to enhance trafficked persons' access to rights, justice and remedies, and to improve outreach to and integration of particularly vulnerable communities in an effort to prevent human trafficking. In co-operation with ODIHR's Legislative Support Unit the Anti-Trafficking Programme also continued to provide legal expertise on national legislation and policies in the field of trafficking in human beings upon request of OSCE pS.

19. On 8 October 2010, during the OSCE Review Conference, the Alliance against Trafficking in Persons, which includes ODIHR, presented the Joint Statement on Child Protection, Especially among Migrant, Undocumented, Unaccompanied, Separated and Asylum Seeking Children, to Enhance Prevention of Child Trafficking. As a follow-up to the Joint Statement, on 27 November 2010 during the Astana part of the Review Conference, ODIHR organised a side event on child trafficking with focus on vulnerable groups of children. The side event was opened by the OSCE SR and included experts from Albania, the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan who shared their good practices and the challenges they face. The side event and highlighted in particular the importance of child participation in preventing child trafficking and the significant role of peer education in reaching out to and assisting marginalised communities such as Roma and Sinti or migrant communities.

20. On 28-30 March 2011 ODIHR organised an international workshop on access to justice for trafficked persons in Istanbul in an effort to strengthen cross-border information exchange and cooperation between lawyers on issues relevant to trafficked persons' access to justice. The workshop, organised in cooperation with Istanbul Bilgi University, provided a forum to take stock of activities and developments in relation to access to justice throughout the OSCE region. It looked at access to justice as a comprehensive concept, discussing its individual elements (such as key pre-conditions for effective access to justice) and the various practical mechanisms (including criminal, civil, administrative and informal avenues at the national level as well as international level). Practical cases as well as policies were analysed and good practices and challenges highlighted. The workshop brought together 26 lawyers and NGO staff from fifteen countries across the OSCE region, both countries of origin and countries of destination.¹ It also provided an opportunity to discuss and network with representatives of international organisations and national human rights institutions.

21. ODIHR continued its support to the European Action for Compensation for Trafficked Persons (Comp.Act) as Advisory Group member as well as through the support of some of its national and international initiatives. This included a special event on trafficked persons' access to justice and compensation at the Human Rights Council on 31 May 2011 co-organised by ODIHR Anti-Trafficking Programme with Anti-Slavery International and La Strada International (representing Comp.Act) and the Permanent Missions of Germany and the Philippines to the United Nations. The event, which was opened by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Navi Pillay, extended its support to the findings and recommendations of the UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Ms Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, contained in her new report on effective remedies, prior to its presentation to the 17th Session of the Human Rights Council. This event was a follow-up to ODIHR's participation at the expert consultation of the UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons on the right to an effective remedy for trafficked persons held

¹ These included Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Czech Republic, Germany, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Poland, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, the United Kingdom and Uzbekistan.

on 22 and 23 November 2010 in Bratislava, which had served to provide input and comments to the Special Rapporteur's draft report on access to effective remedies.

22. The working session on trafficking in human beings at the 2011 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in Warsaw was held on 6 October. It focused on the implementation of commitments relevant to human trafficking and trafficked persons' access to justice and effective remedies, including compensation, in particular. The session was opened by the OSCE SR and ODIHR's Director, Ambassador Janez Lenarcic. The UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children, Ms. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, gave the keynote speech, also introducing the UN Draft basic principles on the right to an effective remedy for trafficked persons, which was included in her latest report to the Human Rights Council for discussion. On the same day, ODIHR, in cooperation with the OSR, supported a side event on child protection, organised by a coalition of NGOs, the Project Mario partners. The event presented examples of research and field work on ways to better protect children on the move and separated children, asylum seeking and refugee children; advocacy to ban the detention of migrant children and peer education as a tool for improving outreach to and rights' protection of children from marginalised communities; challenges and good practices in ensuring adequate procedures to determine the best interests of each child and in identifying durable solutions.

III. Co-ordination between the Council of Europe and the OSCE

23. Following the adoption in 2005 of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings the Council of Europe and the OSCE agreed to join forces, where appropriate, to promote the widest possible signature and ratification of the Council of Europe Convention and to call for full implementation of the OSCE anti-trafficking commitments. The OSCE has observer status with the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Anti-Trafficking Convention.

24. Since the entry into force of the Council of Europe Convention and the setting up of its monitoring mechanism, the Council of Europe action in this field has focused on monitoring the implementation by the Parties of the obligations contained in the Convention. The Council of Europe has continued to participate in key events organised by the OSCE.

25. Mr Nicolas Le Coz, President of GRETA, participated as a speaker at the above-mentioned international workshop for lawyers on access to justice and compensation for trafficked persons, organised by ODIHR in Istanbul on 28-30 March 2011 (see paragraph 33). He also participated as a panel speaker presenting the work of GRETA at the previously mentioned special event on trafficked persons' access to justice and compensation at the Human Rights Council in Geneva on 31 May 2011 (see paragraph 34).

26. At the 11th high-level *Alliance against Trafficking in Persons* Conference, held in Vienna on 20-21 June 2011, the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, made a video address and the President of GRETA, Mr Nicolas Le Coz, participated as a speaker.

27. Ms Petya Nestorova, Executive Secretary of the Convention, took part in the OSCE Alliance Expert Co-ordination Team meeting in Vienna on 25 March 2011. The CoE will also be invited to attend the next AECT meeting (December 2011).

28. Mr. Jan Van Dijk, member of GRETA, as well as the OSCE SR and ODIHR's Senior Adviser on Anti-Trafficking Issues, Ms Mariana Katzarova, made presentations at the Regional Anti-trafficking Conference "Building partnerships to combat human trafficking and forced labour" (organised jointly by the ILO, ICMPD, IOM, OSCE and co-hosted by the Government of Georgia), held in Tbilisi on 18-19 May 2011.

29. Likewise, the OSCE SR participated in anti-trafficking events organised by the Council of Europe. The SR will continue, where and when appropriate, to encourage the signing and ratification of the Council of Europe Convention by State members of both organisations, in compliance with the OSCE MC Decision 15/05. The OSR will co-operate with the CoE in the preparation of the on-line compilation and promotion of the main anti-trafficking

international and regional treaties and the OSCE political commitments, and contribute to the regular meetings of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention, upon invitation, as an observer.

30. Ms Mariana Katarova, ODIHR's Senior Advisor on Anti-Trafficking Issues, held a meeting with GRETA's Bureau and Secretariat on 22 June 2011. She also met representatives of the Co-operation Directorate of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe. ODIHR's Anti-Trafficking Programme continues to support and promote the work of GRETA, as well as the Council of Europe standards in its programmatic activities, including workshops and trainings seminars for policy makers, criminal justice professionals and civil society organisations. This also includes, where applicable, raising awareness amongst lawyers and civil society organisations on the possibility to bring cases to the European Court of Human Rights.

31. Within the framework of its peer education work as a tool to effectively reach out to and protect the rights of particularly vulnerable groups, such as Roma and Sinti, the Anti -Trafficking Programme in co-operation with the Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues at ODIHR liaised with the Council of Europe for inclusion of Albania into the Council of Europe's training programme for Roma mediators launched in 2011.

32. Overall, co-operation between the two organisations in the field of action against trafficking in human beings continues in line with the agreements reached during the meeting between the President and the First Vice-President of GRETA² and the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and the representatives of the ODIHR held in Paris on 22 June 2010. In particular, the two organisations continue to regularly exchange information enabling them to identify priorities and needs where co-operation programmes could facilitate implementation of anti-trafficking standards. They co-ordinate activities in the field of:

- awareness raising and advocacy (including, where relevant, the ratification of Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings);
- assistance to Member States, including to National structures (governmental or non-governmental) that are responsible for preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, especially in the field of training for relevant officials;
- assessment and monitoring.

² At the time of the meeting.

**Summary of the current and the forthcoming events
related to the fight against trafficking in human beings**

Council of Europe	OSCE
October 2010 – October 2011	
<p><u>GRETA</u></p> <p>GRETA held its 8th meeting (5-9 December 2010), 9th meeting (15-18 March 2011), 10th meeting (21-24 June 2011) and 11th meeting (20-23 September 2011).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional meeting of National Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinators from South-East Europe and the Southern Caucasus (Vienna, 29 October 2010) ▪ In the context of the 2010 OSCE Review Conference: on 8 October and 27 November 2010 respectively working sessions on trafficking in human beings with the special topic "Child Trafficking". ODIHR organised a side event on "Preventing child trafficking: Good practices and challenges in protecting the rights of vulnerable children" during the Astana part of the Review Conference. ▪ OSCE Summit, Astana, December 2010 ▪ Alliance Expert Co-ordination Team meeting (Vienna, 25 March 2011). Ms Petya Nestorova, Executive Secretary of the Convention, took part in the meeting and presented the work of GRETA. ▪ Conference "Women's Entrepreneurship in the OSCE: Trends and Good Practices", organised by the OSCE Gender Section, in co-operation with the Lithuanian Ministry of Social Security and Labour and the University of Vilnius/Gender Studies Centre (Vilnius, 3-4 March 2011). SR contributed with raising the THB prevention issues. ▪ International Workshop on Access to Justice for Trafficked Persons for legal practitioners and civil society organisations, organised by ODIHR's Anti-Trafficking Programme in cooperation with Istanbul Bilgi University (Istanbul, 28-30 March 2011).
<p>With a view to drawing up evaluation reports, GRETA carried out country visits to the following Parties (in chronological order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cyprus 11-14 October 2010 ▪ Slovak Republic 9-12 November 2010 ▪ Austria 16-19 November 2010 ▪ Denmark 24-27 January 2010 ▪ Albania 31 January - 3 February 2011 ▪ Croatia 15-18 February 2011 ▪ Bulgaria 21-24 February 2011 ▪ Georgia 11-14 May 2011 ▪ Moldova 10-13 May 2011 ▪ Romania 24-27 May 2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special event on Trafficked Persons' Access to Justice and Compensation at the UN Human Rights Council (Geneva, 31 May 2011) organised by ODIHR in cooperation with La Strada International and Anti-Slavery International (representing Comp.Act) and the Permanent Missions of Germany and the Philippines to the United Nations. ▪ Regional Anti-trafficking Conference "Building partnerships to combat human trafficking and forced labour" (organised jointly by the ILO, ICMPD, IOM, OSCE and co-hosted by the Government of Georgia, Tbilisi, 18-19 May 2011).
<p><u>Committee of the Parties</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At its 5th meeting on 6 December 2010, the Committee of the Parties elected two new GRETA members. ▪ At its 6th meeting on 26 September 2011, the Committee of the Parties examined the first three GRETA reports, concerning Austria, Cyprus and the Slovak Republic, and adopted recommendations addressed to the Governments of these Parties. ▪ The Committee of the Parties also elected a new member of GRETA to fill the post which has become vacant after the resignation of one of GRETA's members. ▪ Inter-parliamentary conference 	

<p>“Parliaments united against trafficking in human beings” organised by the Committee on Equal Opportunities between Women and Men of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Paris on 3 December 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the framework of the co-operation programmes of the Council of Europe, two training workshops on combating trafficking in human beings in Baku (Azerbaijan), on 15-16 December 2010 and 23-24 February 2011, in co-operation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan and with funding from a German voluntary contribution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 11th Alliance against Trafficking in Persons high-level Conference “Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation: Decent Work and Social Justice (Vienna, 20-21 June 2011). The Conference was addressed inter alia by the Deputy Secretary General of the CoE Ms. Maud de Boer-Buquicchio and the President of GRETA Nicolas Le Coz. ▪ In the framework of the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (Warsaw, 26 September-7 October 2011), a working session on trafficking in human beings on 6 October focused on the implementation of commitments relevant to human trafficking and trafficked persons’ access to justice and effective remedies, including compensation. ▪ OSCE-UNODC Expert Seminar on “Leveraging Anti-Money Laundering Regimes to Combat Human Trafficking”(Vienna, 3-4 October). The President of GRETA Nicolas Le Coz was invited as a speaker.
Forthcoming activities	
Council of Europe	OSCE
<p>The Committee of the Parties will hold its 7th meeting on .. January 2012.</p>	<p>The meeting of the Alliance Expert Coordination Team (AECT) will be held on 16 December 2011 (tentatively). The CoE, as a member of the AECT, will be invited to participate.</p>
<p>GRETA will hold its 12th meeting on 6-9 December 2011, its 13th meeting on 20-23 March 2012, its 14th meeting on 19-22 June 2012 and its 15th meeting on 18-22 September 2012.</p>	
<p>GRETA will carry out country visits to Armenia, the UK and Montenegro in October - November 2011.</p>	