Introduction:

The 2013 Addendum to the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings, as well OSCE Ministerial Council Decision 6/17, have called on participating States, the private sector and the OSCE’s executive structures to adopt and implement measures to prevent trafficking in human beings in their supply chains.

In this context, the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (OSR/CTHB) has been tasked to “develop the capacities of the OSCE Executive Structures and Field Operations to prevent trafficking in human beings in the OSCE’s procurement.”

In order to operationalize this task, the OSR/CTHB has run the Supply Chains Project since 2016. One of the project’s activities foresees the development of guidelines for OSCE public procurement experts, including those based in field operations, setting out how to manage and mitigate THB risks when procuring goods and services for the OSCE.

The initial concepts behind the guidelines will be presented at this meeting. Given that the needs and expectations of OSCE procurement experts should be reflected in the guidelines, OSCE procurement experts will be invited during the workshop to contribute to the development of the guidelines with their expertise.

The meeting is co-organized by the OSCE CTHB and PCU and in line with the well-established practice of organising joint activities in the area of combating human trafficking.

Working language of the meeting: English

Agenda:

08:30 – 08:45  Opening Remarks

  Head or D/Head of OSCE Mission in Serbia

08:45 – 09:30  Trafficking of Human Beings and Labour Exploitation in Supply Chains: How does this relate to OSCE public procurement?

  Julia Rutz, Senior Adviser, OSCE OSR/CTHB
  Radu Cucos, Associate Officer, OSCE OSR/CTHB
09:30 – 10:00  Task Force for Development of Joint Approach in Combating Trafficking of Human Beings in Supply Chains  
*Vanja Ostojic*, Deputy Chief and Principal Procurement Specialist, Procurement Bureau, ILO

10:00 – 10:30  Example of Development of Procurement Guidelines  
*Porter Glock*, Procurement Analyst, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, US Office of Management and Budget (TBC)

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30  Panel Discussion: Looking into our own Supply Chains: why and how?  
*Moderator: Julia Rutz*, Senior Adviser, OSCE OSR/CTHB  
*Alexander Trautrim*, Associate Professor in Supply Chain & Operations Management, Nottingham University Business School  
*Balázs Füle*, Procurement and Contracting Officer, OSCE PCU  
*Vanja Ostojic*, Deputy Chief and Principal Procurement Specialist, Procurement Bureau, ILO

12:30 – 14:00  Lunch break

14:00 – 14:15  Introduction to the Workshop on development of OSCE internal guidelines on managing and mitigating Trafficking of Human Beings risks when procuring goods and services  
*Julia Rutz*, Senior Adviser, OSCE OSR/CTHB  
*Balázs Füle*, Procurement and Contracting Officer, OSCE PCU

14:15 – 15:00  Part 1: Brainstorm about the procurement contracts you have in your countries

15:00 – 15:15  Presentation of Results of different Working Groups  
*All participants*

15:15 – 15:45  Coffee break

15:45 – 16:30  Part 2: Discuss the selection of recommendations, taken from the Nottingham research, provided to your group

16:30 – 16:45  Presentation of Results of different Working Groups  
*All participants*

16:45 – 17:00  Wrap Up of the event  
*Darko Stojmenovski*, Chief Procurement and Contracting Unit, OSCE PCU  
*Julia Rutz*, Senior Adviser, OSCE OSR/CTHB

17:00  End of event