



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
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**Trans-regional Workshop on Enhancing Cooperation in Combating Irregular Migration and
Smuggling of Migrants through South Eastern Europe**

Agenda

11-12 June 2014
Athens, Greece

Under the auspices of the EU Greek Presidency and hosted by the Greek Government, the trans-regional workshop will focus on the South Eastern Europe region (SEE) and the Eastern Mediterranean migration route originating in Afghanistan and Pakistan, transiting through the SEE region and destined for Central and Western Europe. The event represents the closing activity of the UNODC/IOM/OSCE project “Strengthening understanding of the link between irregular migration and transnational crimes impacting migrants in irregular situation” carried out with the aim to foster better understanding of the mutual affect between human mobility and transnational illicit acts that can impact on vulnerable migrants, namely migrant smuggling and human trafficking. The workshop endeavours to facilitate networking and informal information sharing of criminal justice and migration actors; and additionally to identify ways to improve co-operation between countries of origin, transit and destination to combat the organized crime involvement in irregular migration and to better protect migrants. The workshop will contribute to a better understanding of trans-regional complex human mobility patterns and trends, the challenges that States and migrants face in order to identify concrete proposals to increase the effectiveness of measures for combatting irregular migration and enhancing the protection of the human rights of migrants, particularly the most vulnerable.

DAY 1: Wednesday, 11 June 2014

09.00 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 13.00 Opening Session

Chair: Gianluca Rocco, Western Balkans Sub-Regional Coordinator, IOM

Moderator: Daniel Esdras, IOM Chief of Mission in Greece

10.00 – 11.00 Welcome Remarks

Nikolaos Dendias, Minister of Public Order and Citizen Protection, Greek Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection

Renate Held, Regional Director, IOM Regional Office for South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Ilias Chatzis, Chief, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section
Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch, UNODC
Guy Vinet, Head of Transnational Threats Department/Strategic Police Matters Unit,
OSCE

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break and photo opportunity*

11.30 – 12.15	Setting the Scene: Migration Trends Along the Eastern Mediterranean Route
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Moderator: **Major Andreas Karageorgos**, Acting Director of the Operation Planning and Support Division, Aliens and Borders Protection Branch, Hellenic Police Headquarters, Greek Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection

This panel will explore the current context of migration trends along the Eastern Mediterranean Route and, where possible, the level of involvement of organized crime groups. Each of the organizing agencies will present research outcomes from studies focused on this context.

Keynote address:

Hana Snajdrova, Expert in Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE
Magdalena Silska, Independent Consultant on migration-related matters, migrant smuggling and human trafficking
Shahida Gillani, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Programme Officer, UNODC Pakistan
Tristan Burnett, Policy and Research Officer, Department of Emergencies, IOM Geneva

12.15 – 13.00 General Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch Break*

14.30 – 18.00	Session 1: Key Measures to Address Irregular Migration and Organized Crime Challenges
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Moderator: **Morgane Nicot**, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

Rapporteur: **Davor Raus**, Associate Programme Officer, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

14.30 – 15.30 **Migration Management**

This panel will present the existing migration management measures aimed at counteracting irregular migration and highlight international standards and good practices.

Keynote address:

General Nenad Banović, Head of Border Police Directorate, Ministry of Interior, Republic of Serbia

Antonio Saccone, Head of Sector Operational Analysis and Evaluation, Frontex

Nasir Ahmad Haiderzai, Public Information Officer, IOM Kabul

15.30 – 16.00 General Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee Break*

16.30 – 17.30 Criminal Justice Perspective

This panel will provide an analysis of the current criminal justice measures aimed at combatting transnational organized crime involvement in irregular migration and highlight international standards and good practices.

Keynote address:

Chaudry Mubarak Ali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Pakistan

Lotje van der Made, Operations Department, Serious and Organised Crime Business Area, Europol

Morgane Nicot, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC

17.30 – 18.00 General Discussion

End of Day 1

DAY 2: Thursday, 12 June 2014

10.00 – 13.30 Session 2: Migrant Vulnerability—Key Causes and Needs

Moderator: **Teuta Grazhdani**, Project Manager and Project Developer, IOM Tirana

Rapporteur: **Katarína Lughofer**, Regional Immigration and Border Management Coordinator, IOM Regional Office in Vienna

10.00 – 10.45 Understanding Migrant Vulnerability

This panel will explore factors that contribute to the vulnerability of migrants and identify the factors that render migrants vulnerable to organized crime.

Keynote address:

Moskoff Hercules, National Rapporteur, Office of the National Rapporteur to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Human Beings, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic

Carolina Hernández, Migrant Consultant, Research and Right to Development Division, OHCHR

Anne-Birgitte Krum-Hansen, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR Belgrade

10.45 – 11.15 General Discussion

11.15 – 11.45 *Coffee Break*

11.45 – 12.30 Addressing Migrant Vulnerability: A Needs-Based Approach

This panel will explore the targeted responses that are needed to ensure the protection of vulnerable groups and highlight best practices to ensure that migration and criminal justice responses do not lead to increased vulnerability of migrants.

Keynote address:

Elona Hoxha, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Republic of Albania

Kadri Soova, Advocacy Officer, PICUM

Teresa Albano, Advocacy and Project Officer, Office of Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE

12.30 – 13.00 General Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch Break*

14.30 – 15.30 Session 3: Towards a Comprehensive Regional Approach to Address Trans-national Crimes Impacting on Vulnerable Migrants

Moderator: **Marco Bonabello**, Senior Co-ordination Adviser, Office of Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE

14.30 – 15.00 The Way Forward

The speakers will present the outcomes of previous discussions with the aim of identifying potential fields for enhanced regional cooperation on irregular migration and combating organized criminal groups among the countries along the Eastern Mediterranean route. Contributions from the floor will be pivotal to facilitate an interactive and action-oriented debate.

Keynote address:

Rapporteur Summary of Session 1, Davor Raus, Associate Programme Officer,
Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

Rapporteur Summary of Session 2, Katarína Lughofer, Regional Immigration and
Border Management Coordinator, IOM Regional Office in Vienna

15.00 – 15.30 General Discussion

15.30 – 16.15 Closing Session

Chair: Gianluca Rocco, Western Balkans Sub-Regional Coordinator, IOM

15.30 – 15.45 Chairman's Wrap Up and Conclusions

16.00 – 16.30 Closing Remarks

EU Presidency Representative

Ilias Chatzis, Chief, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section
Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch, UNODC

Mr. René Karstens, Head of Coordination Division, Federal Criminal Police, Federal
Office of Police, Swiss Confederation, **OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office**

End of Conference