



Tieslietu ministrija

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**Training course “Recognition,
investigation and prevention of human
trafficking as an effective tool for the
termination of the phenomena”**

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EU Directive and strategy

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Background

- 2005 Council of Europe Convention agreed
- 2008 Convention in to force, 37 members, 6 signatories
- GRETA monitoring introduced
- 2011 EU Directive agreed
- 2012 EU Strategy to implement Directive agreed
- 2013 Member States required to transpose Directive.

EU Directive

- Indicates that human trafficking is a priority for member states
- Integrated, holistic and human rights approach
- Children's rights to be a primary concern
- Broad concept of trafficking which includes begging, criminal activity, organ removal and forced marriage
- Protection of victims
- Prevention including curbing demand

Current issues

- **Article 2.2** Position of vulnerability
- **Article 7** Seizure and confiscation and **Article 17** Compensation
- **Article 8** Non prosecution or non application of penalties and **Article 15** protection of children in criminal investigations and proceedings
- **Articles 11 and 12** Assistance, support and protection of victims

Implementation

- Establishment of EU Anti Trafficking Coordinator
- Transposition by all member states. Deadline 6 April 2013. To date 14 have notified
- Reporting by member states of transposition and activity
- Commission report to the European Parliament and Council

EU Strategy priorities

- Identifying. Protecting and assisting victims
- Stepping up prevention measures
- Increasing prosecution
- Enhancing coordination and cooperation
- Increasing knowledge of, and effective response to, emerging concerns

Identifying. Protecting and assisting victims

- Ensure formal, functional NRMs established by all member states
- Appropriate protection and assistance based on individual risk and needs assessments including compensation and safe return
- Commission to develop further guidelines and a model for EU Transnational Referral Mechanism by 2015
- Strengthen child protection systems
- Improve information to victims

Stepping up prevention measures

- Commission research on reducing demand
- Member states to develop measures to curb demand
- Establishment of a European Business Coalition
- Commission to launch EU wide awareness raising activities targeted at specific vulnerable groups

Increasing prosecution

- Member states to establish national multi disciplinary law enforcement units which act as contact points for Europol etc
- States to proactively conduct financial investigations and report to Europol which will analyse to identify best practice
- Further use of Joint Investigation Teams
- Pilot on strengthening regional cooperation East to the EU

Enhancing coordination and cooperation

- Strengthening coordination to support national rapporteurs. Forum now established
- Identification of priority third countries and specific delegations
- Establishment of a European Civil Society Platform
- Comprehensive review of current previous projects
- Coordination of multi disciplinary training

Increasing knowledge of, and effective response to, emerging concerns

- EU wide system for data collection
- Develop knowledge on gender dimension and vulnerable groups
- Increase understanding of high risk groups
- Better understand online recruitment
- Targeting labour exploitation (study of case law in member states, best practice for public authorities and better cooperation with labour, social, H&S and fisheries inspectors)

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