

# *Regional Implementation Initiative 2017 on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking*

*Improving National and Transnational Coordination and Cooperation in Preventing and Combating all Forms of Human Trafficking; Developing and Strengthening National and Transnational Networks and Partnerships*



## **International Round Table**

### **Re-Branding Human Trafficking**

### **The Interface of Migration, Human Trafficking and Slavery**

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Haus der Europäischen Union/Representation of the European Commission in Austria  
Wipplingerstraße 35, Vienna

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# AGENDA

## 9.00-9.15 Welcome & Introduction

- **Wolfgang Bogensberger**, Deputy Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria
- **Minister Alois Stöger**, Austrian Federal Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection
- **Ines Stilling**, Director General, Women and Equality, Austrian Federal Ministry of Women and Health
- **Helga Konrad**, Director 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking'

## 9.15-10.00 Opening Remarks & Comments by Partners, Decision-makers & Stakeholders

**Is the worldwide fight against human trafficking in danger of turning into inefficient pottering due to tight migration policies? Do we have to accept Human Trafficking and Restrictions of Human Rights as Collateral Damage of the Refugee/Migration Crisis?**

- **Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Coordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
- **Shams Asadi**, Human Rights Commissioner, City of Vienna Human Rights Office
- **Catrin Neumüller**, CEO Act.Now - Internationally Acting Private Enterprise, Vienna
- **Peter von Bethlenfalvy**, Director CEIPA – Center for European and International Policy Action, Brussels

## 10.00-11.00

### **Modern Day Slavery versus Human Trafficking**

**Understanding the Effects and Consequences of Policies and Agendas behind different Concepts, including Moneyupulation**

Introductory Remarks: **Mike Dottridge**, International Expert and Consultant, UK: *Efforts to re-brand human trafficking as modern slavery appear to be another attempt to waste time and money in Western countries on developing neat theoretical concepts, instead of focusing energy on stopping unacceptable exploitation. Isn't it really about the egos of some particular people who want history specifically to acknowledge their contribution?'*

#### Panel Discussion with

- **Fabrizio Sarrica**, UNODC, Team Leader of Research Team on Trafficking in Persons & Smuggling of Migrants, Global Report on Trafficking in Persons: *'We do need definitions to measure the phenomena and to make sure that we speak about the same issues.'*
- **Jutta Henneberger**, Prosecutor, Division for Criminal Code–Special Part, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany: *'The term 'modern day slavery' is not precise enough to be used for concrete commitments. The UNTOC-Protocol contains a clear definition of trafficking in human beings. There is no need to blur agreed definitions.'*
- **Ulrich Nachtberger**, Presiding Judge at the Regional Court for Criminal Matters, Vienna, Special Court Unit for Human Trafficking and People Smuggling cases: *'It is necessary to overcome stereotypes of victims and offenders in order to carry out effective and fair trials.'*

#### Q&A/Discussion

**11.00-11.30 Networking Break - Drinks & Snacks offered by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection**

## 11.30-12.15

### **Trafficking, Smuggling and the Broken Migration System: Crossover & Overlap**

Introductory Remarks: **Anders Lisborg**, International Expert, Migration Management Advice (MMA), Denmark: *'The current European migration system is dysfunctional and there is an urgent need to rethink migration management.'*

#### Panel Discussion with

- **David Reizenzein**, FONTEX, Liaison Office Brussels: *'For a border guard - as the first public authority (potential) victims of trafficking encounter upon entry into the EU - it is a huge responsibility, but also a great chance to identify and refer them to a protective system.'*
- **Evelyn Probst**, Coordinator LEFÖ-Ibf, Austria: *'Narrow security approaches affect the human rights of trafficked persons and hinder their access to justice - thus exacerbate trafficking in human beings.'*

#### Q&A/Discussion

12.15-13.00

### **Human Trafficking for Labour exploitation, Slavery, Servitude, Forced labour What has Shrimp Consumed in Europe to do with Slavery in Thailand?**

Trailer: 'Pirates and Slaves' ( <https://vimeo.com/117925642> )

Introductory Remarks: **Stephan Jermendy**, *Researcher and Campaigner, Environmental Justice Foundation EJF, UK: 'The degradation of natural environments enables human rights abuses and fuels slavery and human trafficking.'*

#### Panel Discussion with

- **Manfred Buchner**, *Psychologist, Head of MEN VIA – Support for Men Affected by Human Trafficking, Men Health Center, Vienna: 'Tools to overcome the roots of this crime are still weak and victims often cannot find sufficient perspectives for regaining secure life-conditions, self-efficacy and human dignity'*
- **Suzanne Hoff**, *International Director, Lastrada international, Netherlands: 'Measures to discourage and reduce the demand for certain (exploitative) services do not necessarily have a positive effect or an impact on reducing human trafficking.'*

#### Q&A/Discussion

13.00-14.00 **Networking Lunch Break – Drinks & Snacks offered by the Federal Ministry for Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection**

14.00-15.00

### **Aspects on the Feminization of Migration and Human Trafficking in a Long Term Perspective**

Introductory Remarks: **Sylvia Hahn**, *Vice Rector for International Relations and Communication of University of Salzburg/Austria: 'Migrant women have always been local and global actors - as well as victims of manifold exploitation.'*

#### Panel Discussion with

- **Ruth-Gaby Vermot-Mangold**, *President of Peace Women Across the Globe, former MP Council of Europe, Switzerland: 'Female migrants seek refuge in Europe to save their lives. Europe seeks female migrants to save its economy.'*
- **Mona Chamass**, *Director, Comité contre L'Esclavage Moderne (CCEM), France: 'Questioning the vulnerability of migrant women regarding human trafficking for labour exploitation?'*
- **Ghada Jabbour**, *Head of the Exploitation & Trafficking in Women Unit KAFA, Lebanon: 'Migrant domestic workers are sold dreams to come to Lebanon.'*

#### Q&A/Discussion

15.00-15.45

### **Where have all the Children gone?...and when will we ever learn?**

Introductory Remarks: **Helmut Sax**, *Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Member of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), Austria: 'We need to listen to the voice of trafficked children!'*

#### Panel Discussion with

- **Daja Wenke**, *Independent Researcher/Consultant, Child Rights, Italy/Germany*: *'The narrow focus on anti-trafficking renders many of the specialized services futile and creates vulnerabilities for young migrants and asylum seekers - including victims of trafficking.'*
- **Olivier Peyroux**, *Sociologist, France*: *'Have the recent migration flows, that worry a large number of European citizens and States, led to a 'normalization' of the phenomenon of Human Trafficking, considered as the price to pay for the refugees and migrants?'*

#### Q&A/Discussion

15.45-16.15 Networking Break - Drinks & Snacks offered by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection

16.15-17.00

### **Lessons Learnt from Health Screening of Migrants for Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking**

Introductory Remarks: **István Szilard**, *Chief Scientific Adviser, University of Pecs Medical School, Department of Operational Medicine, Hungary*: *'Health assistance of migrants, especially victims of trafficking, needs well trained health professionals. Unfortunately, in the EU there is a shortage of under- and/or post-gradual training in this field.'*

#### Panel Discussion with

- **Nora Martin-Janko**, *Social Worker at 'Lotus Bus Programme', Médecins du Monde, France*: *'The fight against human trafficking starts with listening to and empowering victims rather than criminalizing them.'*
- **Barbara Preitler**, *Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Austria*: *'Forced to give up control and autonomy about its own life means a traumatic loss of human dignity and has dramatic consequences.'*

#### Q&A/Discussion

17.00-17.45 Outlook & Ways Forward

18.00 Closing of the Meeting

**Registration is obligatory and open until 23 September 2017**

#### Info & Registration at

<https://thbregionalimplementationinitiative.wordpress.com/2017/03/06/international-round-table-29-09-2017-links-between-human-trafficking-and-migration/>

*The Round Table will be held in English - No interpretation - No Registration Fee*

*You can follow the Round Table Discussions via Livestream under the link: <https://youtu.be/-1XfFhSHI64> from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.*