

Regional Implementation Initiative 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



Think-tank Event

International Expert Round Table

***UNDERSTANDING THE LINKAGES
BETWEEN
(LABOUR) EXPLOITATION, MIGRATION & HUMAN TRAFFICKING***



**Chamber of Labour, Vienna, Theresianumgasse 16-18, 4th District
14 September 2021, 10:00 – 16:00**

Experts/Speakers/Panelists Bios and Partners of Cooperation

Expert Panel Debate 1: Narrowing the Gap between Theory and Reality

Johannes Peyrl, *Analyst on European Migration and Labour Market Laws, Chamber of Labour, Vienna*
Ryszard Piotrowicz, *Professor Aberystwyth University, Dept. of Law and Criminology, former Member of GRETA, Wales*
Roger Plant, *Independent Expert, Former Head of ILO Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour, UK*
Vassilis Kerasiotis, *Director HIAS GREECE, Lawyer of the Applicants "Chowdury and 42 others vs Greece, ECHR*
Klara Skrivankova, *Independent Expert on Trafficking and Business and Human Rights, London*
Helmut Sax, *Senior Researcher, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Austria*

Expert Panel Debate 2: Discouraging Exploitation in the Context of Human Trafficking and Migration

Albin Dearing, *Project Manager, European Union Fundamental Rights Agency FRA*
Philipp Schwertmann, *Head of the 'Migration and Decent Work' Section at Arbeit und Leben (DGB-German Association of Trade Unions/VHS) Berlin, Germany*
Suzanne Hoff, *International Coordinator, La Strada International, NL*
Evelyn Probst, *Coordinator of LEFÖ-Intervention Centre for Trafficked Women and Girls (IBF), Austria*
Roxane Ouadghiri Hassani, *Project Development Officer, Comité contre l'Esclavage Moderne CCEM, France*
Markus Zingerle, *Sociologist, MEN VIA- Support for Male Victims of Human Trafficking, Vienna*

Expert Panel Debate 3: Challenging EU Policies on Human Trafficking for Labour Exploitation – including Return and Reintegration Schemes

Mike Dottridge, *Independent Expert and Consultant, UK*
Kiril Sharapov, *Researcher, Associate Professor of Applied Social Sciences, Edinburgh Napier University, Scotland*
Conny Rijken, *Researcher, Univ.Prof. Tilburg University, Member of GRETA, NL*
Sara Prestianni, *Migration & Asylum Program Officer, EuroMed Rights, Brussels*

Albin Dearing,

Project Manager, European Union Fundamental Rights Agency. He worked as a lawyer in various Austrian Ministries and positions (Federal Chancellery, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior). For the EU Commission he implemented projects relating to fundamental rights, policing and the judiciary in Poland, Croatia and Turkey. From 2009 to 2011 he was legal assistant at the CJEU before joining the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) in September 2011.

Mike Dottridge,

Independent Expert/Consultant. He spent 25 years working with human rights non-governmental organizations and was one of the organisers of the Global March against Child Labour in 1998. For the past 15 years he has worked as an independent consultant on human rights and child rights issues. His work takes him to different parts of the world, particularly regions where human trafficking is regarded as a major problem, such as South East Europe and South East Asia. He has focused on various forms of exploitation, including child labour, the commercial sexual exploitation of children, forced labour and trafficking in human beings. In 2002 he was one of the experts invited by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a set of Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking. In 2006 he prepared a Reference Guide on Protecting the Rights of Child Victims of Trafficking in Europe, published by UNICEF. His subsequent publications on child trafficking include a handbook on designing projects to prevent child trafficking. Earlier this year he was one of the two authors who drafted a set of Recommended Principles to Guide Actions Concerning Children on the Move and other Children Affected by Migration.

Roxane Ouadghiri Hassani,

Project development officer, Comité contre l'Esclavage Moderne CCEM, France. Roxane got involved as a volunteer at CCEM (Comité contre l'esclavage moderne / Committee against modern slavery) in 2016 was doing a Master in Human Rights & Humanitarian Actions at the Paris Institute of Political Sciences. Her experience as a volunteer led her to complete a 1 year internship at CCEM, during which she mainly worked on project development and conducted a statistical study on Moroccan victims of trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation's profiles. In September 2017 she presented a short paper on this topic at the Boston University's Pardee School of Global Studies. In 2018, Roxane joined the permanent staff of CCEM and operated the launch of the "SAVE Project", aiming at building local capacities in Morocco to better fight trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation. Today she continues to coordinate the Project, in close-ties with 5 local Moroccan civil society organisations.

Suzanne Hoff,

Since 2004, International Coordinator of La Strada International, the European NGO Platform against trafficking in human beings, comprising 26 NGO members and 4 Associate members in 23 European countries. The overall aim of LSI is to prevent trafficking in human beings and exploitation in Europe and to protect the rights of trafficked and exploited persons and ensuring their access to justice. As International Coordinator, she manages a broad range of tasks including strategy planning, lobby & advocacy and coordination of European projects and research on the issue of human trafficking. Recent projects relate to early identification of trafficked persons, access to justice and compensation (www.justiceatlast.eu); to building the capacity of anti-trafficking NGOs to cooperate with businesses and trade unions and address labour exploitation and ensuring complaint mechanisms and access to remedies for workers. Before La Strada International, she worked for different NGOs, like the Dutch foundation against trafficking in Women (now Comensha/LS NL), Caritas Netherlands, the Dutch Centre for International Cooperation and the Dutch Refugee Council as well as for the Amsterdam Municipality. Most of her work focused on human rights and the situation in Central and Eastern Europe. Suzanne has an academic background; a master in Eastern European Studies and journalism.

Vassilis Kerasiotis,

Human Rights Lawyer, Legal Representative of the Applicants 'Chowdury and 42 Others vs Greece'. He was the lawyer who took a case to the European Court of Human Rights, known as 'Chowdury versus Greece'. It concerned a number of irregular migrants from Bangladesh who cultivated strawberries on farms in northwest Greece – a case of deemed to be 'trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation'. In his recent work he focuses on refugees as country director in Greece for HIAS, a refugee support NGO, supporting refugees from Europe arriving in the USA

Johannes Peyrl,

works for the Austrian Chamber of Labour. His main working areas are expertises, analytic work and publications on Austrian and European migration law, studies on proposed legislation, legal counselling in labour market and migration

related law. He is member of various committees regarding migration law on national and EU level, e.g. Advisory committee on free movement of workers of the EU-commission, Committee on integration (ministry of the interior), Committee on foreign nationals (ministry of labour, social affairs and consumer protection). He is also lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences Vorarlberg and Danube University Krems.

Ryszard Piotrowicz,

FLSW, teaches in the Dept. of Law and Criminology, and specialises in migration law. He was a member of GRETA, the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, for two terms, from 2013-20, and Vice-President from 2017-20. He also served two terms as a member of the European Commission's Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings (2008-15). He is Adjunct Professor at the University of South Australia and a Senior Research Associate at the Refugee Law Initiative, University of London. He is an Alexander-von-Humboldt Fellow, and a Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales. He has acted as a consultant on human trafficking for the Council of Europe, IOM, OSCE, UNHCR, EU and ICMPD, as well as national governments and NGOs, and has conducted training programmes on human trafficking in many countries. He has published extensively on the law relating to human trafficking. He is a member of the Wales Anti-Slavery Leadership Group, and is currently working on a number of projects relating to legal issues concerning human trafficking. He is a member of the Board of Editors of the International Journal of Refugee Law.

Roger Plant,

Independent Expert/Consultant. Between 2002-2009 he was Head of the ILO's Special Action Program to Combat Forced Labour since its inception, spearheading the ILO's work against forced labour and human trafficking. His book *Sugar and Modern Slavery*, published in the 1980s, was one of the first to draw attention to new forms of forced labour and human trafficking in today's global economy. He has consulted on issues such as human rights and labour standards, migrant workers and contract labour, rural development, indigenous people and ethnic minorities, and corporate social responsibility for a range of international organizations, governments, financial institutions, private companies and NGOs.

Sara Prestianni,

is the Migration and Asylum Program Officer in Euromed Rights, based in the Bruxelles Office since March 2020. She focused her research from 2004 on migration in the Euro-Mediterranean space and in the Sahel region, through field missions at the internal and external borders of this area, developing a visual approach and advocacy strategy. She has contributed to several reports produced on the violation of Human Rights at the borders and published with Michel Agier "Je me suis réfugié là! Bords de route en exil" (Ed. Donner Lieu 2011) and took part to the collective book "A world of camps" (Ed. La Découverte, 2014) as well to the "Atlas of Migration in Europe" (Ed: Armand Colin)"

Evelyn Probst,

Coordinator of LEFÖ– Intervention Centre for Trafficked Women and Girls (IBF) since 2000, based in Vienna, Austria. In her capacity she monitors the support system for trafficked persons as well as their access to their rights. Further focal areas of the work include access to compensation for trafficked persons, interlinkages between THB and undocumented work etc. She is a much sought-after trainer for seminars on the issue of THB carried out by public authorities, police, NGOs and other relevant actors. She has been a member in the EU Expert Group against Trafficking from 2008 to 2011. She is currently the European board member of Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women (GAATW) and board member of La Strada International. Due to her long experience in the field she has been a teacher at the Austrian University in Klagenfurt for more than ten years and has given classes at other Austrian Universities as well as at the Universidad Autonoma de Mexico. Furthermore she has published in the field of trafficking in women, focusing on feminist women's rights perspectives, exploitation and compensation for victims of human trafficking. Evelyn Probst holds a Master in Psychology and is a certified trainer who has been working in the field of fighting Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) for over 20 years.

Conny Rijken,

is professor of Human Trafficking and Globalisation at Tilburg Law School, Tilburg University in the Netherlands and holds a PhD in Law (2003). Before she was director of INTERVICT (the interdisciplinary research Institute on Victimology) and served for ten years as a deputy judge in criminal proceedings. She is trained as a lawyer in International and European law with specialization in Human Rights Law. Over the last twenty years Rijken has researched and published on many different aspects of human trafficking including labour exploitation, the role of businesses in combating human trafficking and the psychological consequences of human trafficking. She has conducted innovative research for instance on labour migration, labour exploitation, urban refugees, Sinai Trafficking,

the needs of victims of human trafficking and the nexus between human trafficking and statelessness in Thailand. She has extended her field of research to other areas including global migration, European criminal law and inclusion and exclusion through migration. Central in her research is the focus on human rights, engagement with the position of the individual and conducting 'research that matters'. She is a member of the advisory board of the Dutch Coordination Center on Human Trafficking, CoMensha, was a member of the Dutch victim identification board, endowed with the determination of victimhood in human trafficking cases and the Advisory Committee on Migration Affairs. She is member of the board of editors of the Journal of Human Trafficking, Enslavement and Conflict-related Sexual Violence (JHEC), editorial Member of the Journal of Trafficking, Organized Crime and Security and co-editor of the Routledge Handbook on Human Trafficking, and member of GRETA.

Helmut Sax,

Key researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM), Vienna/Austria, and Member of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), since 2011 (ten country evaluation visits so far); completed legal studies in 1993, BIM staff member since 1995, with research projects and consultancies in various human rights areas (social rights, development cooperation, internal displacement and refugee law); since 1997 focus on human rights of children, since 2006 focus on anti-trafficking efforts. Lecturer on civic education and human rights at Vienna University; consultancies for non-governmental organizations, the European Commission and the Council of Europe; member of the Austrian Child Rights Advisory Board to the Federal Ministry of Families and Youth and of the Child Trafficking Working Group of the Austrian Taskforce on Human Trafficking.

Philipp Schwertmann,

Head of the 'Migration and Decent Work' Section at Arbeit und Leben (DGB-German Association of Trade Unions/VHS) Berlin. He joined AL in 2012 and the "Migration and Decent Work" Department. As such, he is responsible for the "National Service Centre against Labour Exploitation, Forced Labour and Human Trafficking", which was founded in 2016 on behalf of the German Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Before joining AL, he was head of the counter-trafficking section of IOM Germany and worked at several research institutions, foundations and an umbrella organization of migrant self-organizations. Mr. Schwertmann holds a Ph.D. in Political Sciences from the Philosophical Faculty at the University of Passau. His research focused on philanthropy and the civil society.

Kiril Sharapov,

Associate Professor of Applied Social Sciences at Edinburgh Napier University and Associate Director at the Scottish Graduate School of Social Science. He has a longstanding research interest in forced migration, which enabled him to develop a considerable and sustained track record of conducting policy-oriented research and publications within the broad domain of migration and with a specific focus on policy and media representations of human trafficking. Kiril is currently leading a participatory action research project investigating the impact of the pandemic on internally displaced people with disabilities in Ukraine. This project is funded by the UK's Global Challenges Research Fund. It is the first ever participatory research project co-designing and co-delivering social research with disability activists in Ukraine.

Klara Skrivankova,

is an internationally recognised expert on business and human rights, decent work and modern slavery. She has been working in the field since 2000, starting as a programme manager in La Strada Czech Republic. Between 2005 and 2019 she managed programmes in Anti-Slavery International and led the development of the organisation's business and human rights programme. Ms Skrivankova has held numerous expert appointments including as an anti-trafficking expert, including with the Council of Europe since 2005, from 2008 until 2015 as a member of the EU Experts Group on Trafficking in Human Beings advising the European Commission. She advised the Joseph Rowntree Foundation from 2010 until 2015, the Ethical Trading Initiative between 2016-2017 and the DaNa Facility in Myanmar since 2018. She currently works for anti-poverty foundation Trust for London and continues to independently advise organisations and businesses on modern slavery and responsible business practice.

Markus Zingerle,

Sociologist, staff of the Men's Health Center MEN in Vienna. On behalf of the Austrian Federal Minister for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Markus Zingerle and colleagues started to establish and offer special support for male victims of human trafficking in 2013 with the pilot project MEN VIA.

Roberto Ziglio,

Advisor and Assistant of the 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Trafficking in Human Beings' on Web-management themes. Psychologist, Psychotherapist and Deputy Manager at Diakonie-Jefira - Intercultural Psychotherapy Centre in St. Pölten, which is specialized on Trauma-Psychotherapy with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; He has been also Psychologist, Psychotherapist and Head of Organization and Administration at CentroMoses, S.r.l., a private mental health centre in Italy, where he used to perform his clinical activity since 2010. As Head of Organization and Administration he was involved in the organization of numerous trainings for mental health practitioners and citizens. He collaborated with the Treviglio-Caravaggio Hospital, in the Centre for Family Therapy and with the A.L.T. Association (association against drug addictions), located in Treviglio (Bergamo, Italy).

Helga Konrad,

Head/Coordinator of the 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking' since 2010. Executive Director Anti-Trafficking; Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe IDM; former (first) Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of the OSCE - Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (2004-2006); Chair of the EU Stability Pact Task Force on Human Trafficking for South Eastern Europe (2000-2004). In her capacity as Austrian Federal Government Minister for Women, she hosted the first EU Conference on Trafficking in Women for Sexual Exploitation in Vienna (1995). She was Head of the Austrian government delegations to the fourth UN World Conference on Women in Beijing/China and of the first World Congress on Combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Stockholm/Sweden (1996).

Partners of Cooperation:

Centre for European and International Policy Action (CEIPA), Founded in 2011, the Centre for European and International Policy Action (CEIPA) is an independent think-tank committed to promoting public debate on major European and international policy issues, Central to CEIPA's work is the belief that providing a platform for informed debate, the exchange of ideas and the search for common ground between EU policy-makers on one side, and non-state actors and European citizens on the other, is vital to obtain the necessary broad support to underpin EU democratic governance and cohesion. Complexity and interdependence are the main features of modern societies around the world. Europe is no exception. It too must foster unbiased dialogue, beyond narrow national goals, party lines, dogmatism or vested interests. The perception that EU member states and institutions are imposing policies from the top down is robbing the process of European integration of its legitimacy in the eyes of many. Access to information is a human right. The CEIPA platform and activities keep citizens abreast of developments on key policies and provide contacts to the European Institutions and civil society organisations.

Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna, coordinates human rights as a cross-cutting topic in all areas of the Vienna City Administration and makes the City of Vienna's commitment to human rights visible. The Human Rights Office was opened in September 2015.

EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR), the coordination office of Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity and Cooperation" (PAC 10) of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) manages projects such as "Danube Cities Against Human Trafficking" and is member of the local GRETA Working Group in Vienna. PAC 10 coordinates administrative capacity building and involvement of local stakeholders in the EUSDR.

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