



National Rapporteur on Trafficking in
Human Beings and Sexual Violence
against Children

General Presentation Dutch National Rapporteur Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence against Children

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Yearly, there are an estimated **5.000** victims of human trafficking in the Netherlands

Since 2000 the Netherlands has an independent National Rapporteur. She is currently supported by an office of 18 employees



Mandate of the Dutch National Rapporteur anchored by law

- Conducting research into the nature and scope of human trafficking and sexual violence against children and the effects of policies developed and implemented by authorities;
- Advising the government on the prevention of and approach to address trafficking in human beings and sexual violence against children;
- Periodic reporting to the government by presenting reports to the Minister of Justice and Security.



Priorities and focus for 2022-2026

- > **Overall focus on:**
- > Victim protection
- > Vulnerable groups, such as minors
- > Migration in relation to THB and sexual violence against children
- > Criminal Prosecution



Cross cutting issues

- > **Digitalization:** and its relevance with regards to the phenomena THB and sexual violence against children
- > **Stakeholders on different levels:** municipalities, ministries, as well as other actors such as the health care sector
- > **European and international level:** for example why we are here today



- > Due to its independent status, protected by law, the rapporteur can make its own decisions with regards to its priorities and research agenda.
- > The National Rapporteur can advise national and local government, other administrative bodies, international organisations and professionals who provide help and support, on how to prevent and combat human trafficking and sexual violence against children.
- > The National Rapporteur can foster cooperation between organisations that work to combat human trafficking and bring networks together.

The importance of being independent



Conditions for independence

- › Strong (legal) basis (national and European levels)
- › Guaranteed budget
- › Agreed follow up of reports and advice
- › Strong data position
- › Know your partners





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