

# STRENGTHENING MULTIDISCIPLINARY COOPERATION TO ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE REFERRAL, ASSISTANCE, RIGHTS PROTECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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As part of the project, **a workshop & study visit took place in Uppsala Sweden between 9 March 2017 and 10 March 2017**. The event gathered professionals (lawyers, social workers, psychologists/psychotherapists, doctors, police officer, experts, researchers) with expertise on issues related to human trafficking and victims' assistance. An event that allowed the Romanian, Swedish, Belgium, Spanish and Bulgarian specialists to exchange knowledge in areas in which they activate and also allow to learn more on the Swedish intervention methods to combat human trafficking and assist the victims (strategies to combat human trafficking and legal aid in Sweden; support and assistance to victims of human trafficking; how to cope with traumatized persons-rehabilitation and treatment; the correlation between drugs and human trafficking; anti-trafficking strategy from the hotel business in Sweden to combat human trafficking).

The event was focused on the idea that a strengthened interdisciplinary cooperation is crucial in combating human trafficking and in assisting the victims; it facilitates in the same time a concrete, correct overview of the phenomenon and of the victims' needs for comprehensive support. Participation in this event allowed professionals from all 5 partners countries to better understand the valances of the human trafficking phenomenon and the need to have a holistic approach (a multi-disciplinary one) when it comes to the victims needs for assistance to overstep trauma, follow complex legal proceedings, reintegrate in society.

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