

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

JUST/2015/JACC/AG/VICT/9221

STUDY VISIT & WORKSHOP UPPSALA SWEDEN
9-10 March 2017



Funded by the Justice Programme of the European Union



SCANDINAVIAN
HUMAN RIGHTS
LAWYERS



Strengthening multidisciplinary cooperation to ensure an effective referral, assistance, rights protection for victims of human trafficking, is a complex transnational project implemented with the financial support of the European Commission, Justice Program.

The project is **coordinated** by the Romanian organization, Association Pro Refugiu in **partnership with** Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers Sweden, Caritas International Belgium, Association Trave Iniciativas para la Economia Social y Solidaria Spain, Center for the Study of Democracy Bulgaria. The project benefits from the support of several associate partners from Romania (National Institute for Magistracy, Bucharest Bar, National College of Social Workers), Sweden (Uppsala University Center for Research on Addiction U-FOLD and Hela Manniskan i Malmö Organization), Spain (General Prosecutor Office -Immigration Department), Bulgaria (National Legal Aid Bureau).

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.

Professionals, Experts / Project Countries

Romania

Silvia Berbec President of Association Pro Refugiu (coordinator) and Lawyer specialized in Criminal Law and Refugee Law

Gabriela Ionescu Vice-President of Association Pro Refugiu and Psychotherapist specialized in assisting victims of torture, refugees, victims of human trafficking.

Anda Dragan Psychotherapist Association Pro Refugiu

Ana-Maria Zamfir Psychotherapist Association Pro Refugiu

Iulia Nimescu Social Worker Association Pro Refugiu

Sweden

Ruth Nordström, President and Senior Legal Counsellor, Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers

Fred Nyberg, University Professor, Coordinator UFOLD Uppsala University

Rebecca Ahlstrand, Vice-President and Lawyer, Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers

Elisabeth Samuelsson, Manager at Noomi, shelter for victims of human trafficking in Sweden

Patricia Feito, Researcher Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers

Dr. Björn Ogéus, Physician/Trauma expert

Ninna Mörner, Coordinator Swedish Platform Civil Society Against Human Trafficking

Pernilla Johansson - Hotel Manager, Clarion Hotel, Arlanda Airport (Anti Trafficking Certified hotels in Sweden)

Belgium

Ilse Van der Straeten Legal Guardian of Unaccompanied Minors a Caritas International

Stef Janssens: Expert human trafficking and migrant smuggling at the Belgian Federal Migration Agency

Veerle Peters: Attaché at the Belgian Foreigners Affaires Office, Minors and victims of Human trafficking department

Christel Verstrepen: Social inspector at the Federal Social Inspection

Spain

Nerea Garcia, Lawyer (specialized in assisting THB victims) Trabe Association

Natalia de la Rubia, Psychologist (specialized in assisting THB victims), Trabe Association

Clara Fova, Social Worker (specialized in assisting THB victims), Trabe Association

Ana Sanchez, consultant, Trabe Association

Bulgaria

Miriana Ilcheva, Research Fellow, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

Petya Dobрева, Director National Legal Aid Bureau



This publication has been produced with the financial support of the Justice Programme of the European Union. The contents of this publication are the sole responsibility of Association Pro Refugiu and can in no way be taken to reflect the views of the European Commission.