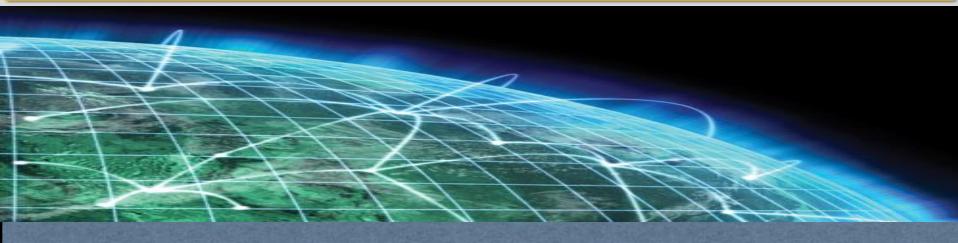


NATIONAL AGENCY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS



Dealing with demand within an EU country of origin of individuals trafficked for sexual exploitation: national legislation prohibiting the buying and selling of sexual services, harsh penalties for traffickers, identifying victims and information campaigns



NATIONAL AGENCY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

- ❖ Coordinates, evaluates and monitors at national level the implementation of anti-trafficking and victims' prevention, protection and assistance policies by public institutions
- Elaborates/monitors/evaluates the National Strategy against Trafficking in Persons and its Action Plan
- Manages the technical system for registering and monitoring of trafficked persons
- Elaborates/monitors/evaluates prevention projects / campaigns
- Manages the Helpline



WHEN THEY WILL STOP BUYING I WILL STOP SELLING!



THB is a crime that directly affects <u>the person</u>, through the impact on the fundamental rights but, at the same time, <u>the society</u> which has to face the augmentation of corruption, criminality and the establishment of criminal mechanisms that weaken the national/regional economy and security.



The importance of the demand within human trafficking phenomenon

THB is a crime driven by demand

 The clients/employers pretend to have nothing to do with human trafficking: I didn't know it.....

https://vimeo.com/90116055



International documents asking for demand reduction

 PROTOCOL TO PREVENT, SUPPRESS AND PUNISH TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, SUPPLEMENTING THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

Article 9 Prevention of trafficking in persons

 COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Article 19 Criminalisation of the use of services of a victim

DIRECTIVE 2011/36/EU

Article 18 Prevention



Romanian legal framework

- Harmonization with international legal framework
- Internal legislation
- Law 678/2001
- The Penal Code
 - Specific provisions on
 - incriminating the use of services of a victim of trafficking,
 - exploitation of begging
 - o use of a minor for begging



Specific provisions on incriminating the use of services of a victim of trafficking

Art. 216 Use of services of an exploited person

The use of services foreseen in art 182, provided by a person about whom the beneficiary knows that is a victim of trafficking in persons or trafficking in minors, shall be punishable by prison from 6 months to 3 years or with a fine.

Art. 182 Exploitation of person

Exploitation of a person means:

- a) Forcing a person to carry out work or a task;
- b) Enslavement or other similar procedures to deprive of freedom or place in bondage;
- c) Forcing persons into prostitution, pornography, in view of obtaining and distributing pornographic materials or any other type of sexual exploitation;
- d) Forcing into mendicancy;
- e) Illegal collection of body organs, tissues or other cells.



Convictions

- ☐ Trafficking in persons 332 in 2016 (252 in 2015)
- ☐ Use of services of an exploited person 18 in 2016
 - Within a case of trafficking in Timis County
 - 1 (<u>judge</u>) convicted for use of services of an exploited person 8 months imprisonment (total lengths of sentence being 2 years)
 - Within a case of trafficking in Olt County
 - 17 beneficiaries convicted for use of services of an exploited person (1-2 years imprisonment with the suspension of sentence execution, fine, ban of the exercise of certain rights, community service)
 - 7 people convicted for THB (70 years imprisonment in total the biggest sentences being 20 and 15 years)



National Identification and Referral Mechanism (NMIR)

Approved through a Common Order of several ministers aiming to adopt a unique and coordinated answer by all institutions and organizations involved in the fight against THB



VICTIMS' COORDINATION DURING CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

Aims to:

- Increase participation of victims in criminal proceedings phases
- Respect the rights of individual participation in all phases of the trial
- Inform the victim about judicial and administrative proceedings
- Facilitating the access of victims of trafficking to support services



PREVENTION

Strategic approach:

- Types of exploitation
- Territorial coverage
- Main vulnerable groups
- Tailored
- Partnership

2015-2016

- 6 national campaigns
- 100 local initiatives
- 3.000 prevention activities
- 350.000 direct beneficiaries
- 2.500.000 indirect beneficiaries



RAISING AWARENESS

Raising awareness campaigns focused on type of exploitation

Raising awareness campaigns focused on demand reduction

 Raising awareness campaigns with mix message and mix target group