



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



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- ❖ **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**



Reducing the demand....

**WHEN THEY WILL STOP
BUYING I WILL STOP
SELLING!**

Skin Trade, American movie, 2014



Reducing the demand....

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



Reducing the demand....

- 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>



Reducing the demand....

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



Reducing the demand....

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**
 - **use of a minor for begging**



Reducing the demand....

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.



Reducing the demand....

- 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 (judge) 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