



DEMAND REDUCTION IN RELATION TO TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

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Outline



Measures to counter THB sexual exploitation demand and an influx into the EU in a third country

1. TiP situation in Albania
2. Prosecution (Legislation against TiP, statistics)
3. Protection (Institutional framework, Identification of VoTs)
4. Prevention (Awareness raising, Capacity building of the State Police (border guards, anti trafficking police etc)

TiP in Albania

- Albania is a source and destination country for victims and potential victims of trafficking.
- Victims are 16– 30 years of age.
- They are recruited through the promises for marriage and a better life abroad.
- Facebook also is used to recruit girls.

Prosecution

Legislation on TiP

Criminal Acts of TiP according to the Criminal Code

- ✓ TiP as an offence was introduced for the first time in the CC in 2001.
- ✓ Articles against TiP after the ratification of the Palermo Protocol were:

“Trafficking in persons” – article 110/a

“Trafficking in females ” – article 114/b

“Trafficking in minors ’ – article 128/b

To provide a specific protection for women and children, legislator has foreseen specific offences and tougher sanctions.

Trafficking articles refer to the definition of the Palermo Protocol.



Legislation on TiP

Problems solved with the amended CC

- Amendments in the CC in June 2013 abrogated article 114/a “Exploitation of prostitution in aggravated circumstances” and reformulated article 114 “Exploitation of prostitution”.
- Amendments in the CC aimed to avoid the problems that were faced in practice with the formulation of article 114/a which in substance was a form of trafficking.
- Article 114 foresees the forms of exploitation: “abetting”, “mediating”, “receiving payment”. There is a particular aim for prostitution.

Legislation on TiP

- Amendments of the CC introduced new criminal acts linked to trafficking:
 - art. 110/b “ Profiting or using services offered by trafficked persons”;
 - art. 110/c “ Actions that facilitate trafficking”.

Statistics on prosecution (2016)

State Police data :

- Trafficking of minors 22 cases
- Trafficking of adults 47 cases
- Exploitation of prostitution 81 cases

Serious Crimes Court (First instance)

- 13 persons convicted for trafficking in adults
- 7 persons convicted for trafficking in minors

Protection

Institutional framework

- State Committee to combat THB
- National Coordinator's Office
- NRM
- RA
- State Police (Anti trafficking Sector, BMP, Witness Protection)
- Serious Crime's Court (SCPO)
- RATC

Identification of VoT/PVoT

SOP-s

- Initial and formal identification

Where :

1. At the border
2. In the territory of Albania
3. Abroad

Statistics on VoT/PVoT

- In 2016 were identified 95 VoT/PVoTs
- 33 VoT-s and 62 PVoT
- 51 adults and 44 minors
- 11 males and 84 females

Prevention

Awareness raising activities



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Prevention/Protection/ Prosecution

- Capacity building
- Training of State Police, State Labor Inspectors, SSS, Teachers, Health Service on VoT identification
- Training of Anti trafficking police on techniques of investigation
- Bilateral meetings prosecutors and police officers

Prevention/Protection/ Prosecution

International Cooperation

- Unified Standard Operating Procedures between Albania, Montenegro and Kosovo
- Exchange of police information
- Exchange information on possible THB cases
- Risk assessment for each VoT/PVoT
- Common working plans

Recommendation

- Enhance cooperation between destination and origin country
- Exchange information on every potential victim
- Conduct joint investigations
- Prior to deportation ask for a risk assessment

THANK YOU

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