

**The perspective of a lawyer:  
Assisting and representing victims of THB for  
sexual exploitation and ensuring their clients' protection within the  
context of questioning in proceedings**

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# The problems and the challenges

- Earns victim's trust
- Make them feel safe and comfortable
- Ensure to take out all "difficult" details
- Know the truth
- Make them understand the upcoming criminal procedure

# Preliminary procedure

- Police questioning
  - A) Before legal advice
  - B) After legal advice
  
- Investigation Judge questioning
  - A) Before legal advice
  - B) After legal advice

# Courtroom

- Preparing for deposition
  - A) The Judges – DA questioning
  - B) Defendant's attorneys questioning
- Representing the victim by PoA
  - Is it possible and if so is it right?
- In person testimony
- The time gap between the starting point of the case and the hearing

- The postponements
- The Court of Appeal
- The victim's relocation
- The victim's new life

# Compensation

- The legal framework
- The practical difficulties
- The costs

# Difficulties

- Distinguishing the victims
- Realize the case you should go after (the offences, the circumstances etc.)
- Victims – offenders
  - Same offend (Trafficking – sexual exploitation)
  - Other offends (drug dealing etc.)
- Victims non-punishment clause

# Statistics



## Greece

### Institutional framework

The specific offence of trafficking in persons was established in Greece in 2002. A national action plan to combat trafficking in human beings was adopted in 2006.

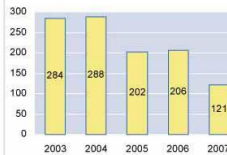
### Criminal justice response

At the central, strategy level, an anti-trafficking group has been operating within the Public Security Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters since 2002. At the operational level, regional level, the Hellenic Police counts up to 16 anti-trafficking groups, one in each General Police Division of the country and 2 Sections to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings in the Security Divisions of Attica and Thessaloniki, which constitutes the 3rd Section of the Suppression of Organized Crime Sub-Division.

### Services provided to victims

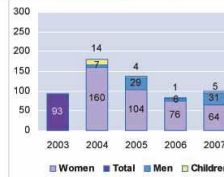
State authorities provide legal protection, temporary stay permits, medical and psychosocial services, and housing and shelter to support victims of trafficking in persons. NGOs also offer medical and psychosocial support and housing and shelter.

Fig. 311: Persons arrested for trafficking in persons in Greece (2003-2007)



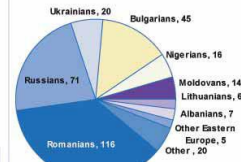
Source: Ministry of Public Order

Fig. 312: Victims of trafficking in persons identified by State authorities in Greece, by gender and age (2003-2007)



Source: Hellenic Police Headquarters

Fig. 313: Victims of trafficking in persons identified by State authorities in Greece, by citizenship (2005-2007)



Source: Hellenic Police Headquarters

### Additional information

The shelters of the National Centre for Social Solidarity (E.K.K.A.) provided accommodation to 18 trafficking victims in 2005 and one victim during the first semester of 2006. Overall, the E.K.K.A. services helped 72 trafficking victims from the beginning of 2005 to mid-2006.



# Protection of victims of trafficking in criminal investigations and proceedings

- **Article 12:**
- Article 12(1): Rights set in Council Framework Decision on the standing of crime victims
- Article 12(2): Access to free legal counseling and representation
- Article 12(3): Protection on the basis of an individual risk assessment
- Article 12(4): Avoiding secondary victimization

# Key players

- Police
- DA
- Investigation Judge
- National Center for Social Solidarity
- A21
- Other NGO's

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