



# TOLERANT

Support Victims of Human Trafficking

## TOLERANT: Transnational network for Employment integration of women victims of trafficking

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**TOLERANT** is a transnational network aiming to support the regular exchange of good practices, experiences and information related to ground work for integrating women victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation (VoT) in employment and for promoting their economic empowerment.

With the 15th EU Anti-trafficking Day (October 18th) and the International Day for the elimination of violence against women (November 25th), the last two months have seen a wide number of significant initiatives at the international and national level, which, as every year, have allowed institutions and NGOs to take stock of progress in the fight against trafficking and other forms of violence against women, as well as to focus on the main challenges and emerging phenomena.

In beyond the recurrences, relevant reports from international authorities have been published and the Tolerant project partners continue their daily work to fight trafficking and support victims, as witnessed by new projects and initiatives undertaken.

### ► European and International news

- Meeting of the EU Civil Society Platform against Trafficking in Human Beings on the 30/11/2021
- New INTERPOL report highlights human trafficking for organ removal -> [https://www.interpol.int/News-and-Events/News/2021/North-and-West-Africa-INTERPOL-report-highlights-human-trafficking-for-organ-removal?fbclid=IwAR3-7Wz2E9vv0mIM8PQeYMN-Ky6BYr\\_o1cAzBEo7xdLu0ynVVBtWzeXOY](https://www.interpol.int/News-and-Events/News/2021/North-and-West-Africa-INTERPOL-report-highlights-human-trafficking-for-organ-removal?fbclid=IwAR3-7Wz2E9vv0mIM8PQeYMN-Ky6BYr_o1cAzBEo7xdLu0ynVVBtWzeXOY)
- 23 August: International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition -> [https://ich.unesco.org/en/news/23-august-international-day-for-the-remembrance-of-the-slave-trade-and-its-abolition-13328?fbclid=IwAR2ZOnTOuW1uSGfgLtDLUU\\_knqjeE-u5zrf8wrAv\\_jKf0vJdiv6vluvCriY](https://ich.unesco.org/en/news/23-august-international-day-for-the-remembrance-of-the-slave-trade-and-its-abolition-13328?fbclid=IwAR2ZOnTOuW1uSGfgLtDLUU_knqjeE-u5zrf8wrAv_jKf0vJdiv6vluvCriY)
- The Trafficking in Persons 2021 Report (TIP Report) was recently published and is compiled and presented by the US Department of State on an annual basis. The report presents the performance of 187 countries in the field of combating trafficking in human beings and the countries are classified in one of the four categories of Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 2 Watch List and Tier 3, depending on their performance in the previous year -> <https://bit.ly/3k86763>
- New report from the UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime research on the effects of Pandemic # COVID19 on Human Trafficking: The Report notes, among other things, that children are increasingly being targeted by traffickers who use social media and other online platforms to reach new victims and respond to the growing demand for pornographic material -> <https://bit.ly/3xwRUUk>
- On the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the European Day Against Trafficking in Human Beings, on the 18 October 2021, the Anti-Trafficking Coordinators from South-Eastern Europe, members of the Informal Anti-Trafficking Network, under the auspices of the Slovenian Presidency of the EU Council 2021 issued a joint statement
- 24 November 2021, marked one year since the European Commission announced its new EU Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027.
- The national Agency against THB in Romania, organized a video conference regarding the collection of the data base of the victims of trafficking in persons at European level. The conference took place on the 25 th of November 2021. The activity was attended by the

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National Rapporteurs / Equivalent Mechanisms / experts from Italy, Great Britain, Spain, France (main countries of destination for victims of trafficking in human beings, Romanian citizens) and Bulgaria (country of origin) who presented the national model for collecting data on victims of trafficking in human beings. At the same time, in order to ensure a high impact of the activity, the Internal Affairs Attachés from the above-mentioned countries also participated, as they have a very important role in the international cooperation.

- The **review process of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols** was launched. The first 15 countries are currently reviewed. NGOs need to have a role in this process. Therefore, LSI and GAATW have developed short **Guidelines** to empower NGOs to contribute to the review process.
- The Commission has launched the evaluation of the Anti-trafficking Directive on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims (Directive 2011/36/EU). Earlier this year the EC launched public consultation road map procedure for an evaluation and possible revision of the directive. The research team will undertake different activities, such as desk research, targeted interviews, online public consultation, stakeholder meetings/workshops, summary of feedback received on the **Roadmap** of the Inception Impact Assessment of the Directive. National law enforcement agencies, judicial authorities, civil society organisations, national rapporteurs, social service providers will be involved in the research process. The evaluation will show whether the Directive is fully and correctly implemented especially concerning victims' rights. The evaluation will show also whether there is a need for amendments.
- An international conference was organized on the occasion of the completion of "WIN-Trafficked Women Integration" project<sup>1</sup> on 5th of October - **Labour Integration of Women Victims of Trafficking from Third Countries – Tackling Multiple Vulnerabilities**. You can watch the recording of the conference [here](#).

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<sup>1</sup> The project is financed by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund of the EU.

## ► Greece:

- KMOP and the Office of the Greek National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings signed a Memorandum of Cooperation -> <https://www.facebook.com/GreekNationalRapporteur/posts/1925082391004117>
- The second round of seminars “Human Rights for Beginners 2” has started aiming at training secondary school teachers to contribute to the creation of an aware and active citizen in the school environment -> [https://humanrightsforbeginners.gr/purpose/?fbclid=IwAROpqmo\\_k1hLPjNFAtlKcUQOf-z-XMriHjGR9ER4dYCr-yA39RGKV74WJ3c](https://humanrightsforbeginners.gr/purpose/?fbclid=IwAROpqmo_k1hLPjNFAtlKcUQOf-z-XMriHjGR9ER4dYCr-yA39RGKV74WJ3c)
- “No children is for sale!” This is the title of the digital painting exhibition organized by UNICEF Greece (<https://www.facebook.com/UNICEFGreece>) in collaboration with the Office of the National Rapporteur (Greek National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings) on the occasion of the EU Anti-Trafficking Day on the 18th of October -> <https://publish.exhibit.com/gallery/926893610141586736/long-gallery-70943/?v=20211013025602&fbclid=IwAR2GSpMHuqVgsarkmOpJaqaTakYy8Hu8BrlU7TsirgRJYgLmYHJstjn7DE>.
- As part of the events organized in the Member States for the European Day against Trafficking in Human Beings, the Subcommittee of the Hellenic Parliament on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings met on the 19 October, at 13:00, with the participation of Deputy Minister of Justice, the Secretary General of Justice and Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice and the National Rapporteur on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and on “Policies for the protection of victims of crime”. -> [https://www.hellenicparliament.gr/Vouli-ton-Ellinon/ToKtirio/Fotografiko-Archeio/?fbclid=IwAR3ADWqtjC-bB-PU-RjYi\\_\\_xv-EzFyv0Flr764EREjHoshSY-7GkCdTWek0#f5f7aa82-3e74-44c8-93ee-adc700b2a947](https://www.hellenicparliament.gr/Vouli-ton-Ellinon/ToKtirio/Fotografiko-Archeio/?fbclid=IwAR3ADWqtjC-bB-PU-RjYi__xv-EzFyv0Flr764EREjHoshSY-7GkCdTWek0#f5f7aa82-3e74-44c8-93ee-adc700b2a947)
- The support team of the National Reporting Mechanism for the Protection of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings (EMA) at EKKA organized an online information meeting on “Residence Permit for Trafficking in Human Beings: Conditions and Procedures for Granting and Renewal” -> [https://ekka.org.gr/index.php/el/videos/adeia-diamonis-thymatos-emporias-anthropon-proupotheseis-kai-diadikasia-xorigisis-ananeosis-19-10-2021?fbclid=IwAROC58YBKNUeNOL75X0eXtlw9TmINxYMg6avcNuwwnOBxpEBr39AIPA\\_Yx4](https://ekka.org.gr/index.php/el/videos/adeia-diamonis-thymatos-emporias-anthropon-proupotheseis-kai-diadikasia-xorigisis-ananeosis-19-10-2021?fbclid=IwAROC58YBKNUeNOL75X0eXtlw9TmINxYMg6avcNuwwnOBxpEBr39AIPA_Yx4)
- Performances of the Andromeda Theatrical Group took place, presenting at the Radar Theatre (from October 13 to November 21, 2021) the play “TRADE - True facts and testimonies of men, women and children victims of Human Trafficking”, with the support of the National Rapporteur on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings -> <https://www.viva.gr/tickets/theater/andromedaemporio/>



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## READ ABOUT:

## ► Greece:

- Walk For Freedom: On Saturday, October 16, the Walk for Freedom, A silent march for the millions of victims of human trafficking, took place in Athens and four other cities in Greece -> [https://www.facebook.com/GreekNationalRapporteur/posts/1908495925996097?\\_\\_cft\\_\\_\[0\]=AZWdRXMHDC2pnWfMG4X7vgNpTRPx-2JXUbtzFeJLWxXIYG98cYZRkcYljoL5YkwknD6P-gVNEpsJrEur1DnpuERNcJK834MacYXS5y-lmQVz9nlhcwaMVeLJslgxl4SjnPJgrPuWSp-PMYsT2K7Zc0bxEmRO7wfglaSLuEcVBD6ib56n-pw&\\_\\_tn\\_\\_=%2C0%2CP-R](https://www.facebook.com/GreekNationalRapporteur/posts/1908495925996097?__cft__[0]=AZWdRXMHDC2pnWfMG4X7vgNpTRPx-2JXUbtzFeJLWxXIYG98cYZRkcYljoL5YkwknD6P-gVNEpsJrEur1DnpuERNcJK834MacYXS5y-lmQVz9nlhcwaMVeLJslgxl4SjnPJgrPuWSp-PMYsT2K7Zc0bxEmRO7wfglaSLuEcVBD6ib56n-pw&__tn__=%2C0%2CP-R)



- The inclusion of victims of human trafficking in the employment program of vulnerable social groups of OAED was decided by the Board of the Organization, in the context of targeted support of the most vulnerable unemployed and the continuous improvement of OAED active employment policies -> [https://m.naftemporiki.gr/story/1789301/oaed-sto-programma-apasxolisis-eupathon-koinonikon-omadon-oi-energou-thumata-emporias-anthropon?fbclid=IwAR1MYGuv9f7lGS-R9IIW\\_Ks\\_4PiZ5gzXnRGwvdiQ\\_chndt8v8VJ6-h1I90Ag](https://m.naftemporiki.gr/story/1789301/oaed-sto-programma-apasxolisis-eupathon-koinonikon-omadon-oi-energou-thumata-emporias-anthropon?fbclid=IwAR1MYGuv9f7lGS-R9IIW_Ks_4PiZ5gzXnRGwvdiQ_chndt8v8VJ6-h1I90Ag)

- The institutional obligations of Greece in the framework of the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Beings, discussion in the parliament on 22.9.2021 -> [https://www.hellenicparliament.gr/Vouli-ton-Ellinon/ToKtirio/Fotografiko-Archeio/?fbclid=IwAR3fPSJLFS1q6vqNNB2XNKktJtog\\_91JrPWm9tl7EmtBpL7X-OnqjQ16Qo8#1055d762-f888-4658-98d0-adab00cb71e3](https://www.hellenicparliament.gr/Vouli-ton-Ellinon/ToKtirio/Fotografiko-Archeio/?fbclid=IwAR3fPSJLFS1q6vqNNB2XNKktJtog_91JrPWm9tl7EmtBpL7X-OnqjQ16Qo8#1055d762-f888-4658-98d0-adab00cb71e3)

- New Informative Guide for building healthy relationships from A21 Greece -> <https://bit.ly/3jybgUj>

- Watch here the entire joint meeting held on the occasion of UN World Day against Human Trafficking, on July 30, 2021 in the Parliament. The following Parliamentary Committees participated: the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, the Standing Committee on Public Administration, Public Order and Justice, and the Subcommittee on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, which operates under the Special Standing Committee on Equality, Youth and Human Rights -> <https://www.hellenicparliament.gr/.../Fotografiko.../...>

- A new ISFP-funded project will start in January 2021 initiated by KMOP. **ERADICATING - Enhancing pRevention AnD multi-agenCy cooperAtion against Trafficking:** the project is designed to increase the capacity of LEAs and service providers to enhance prevention and early identification mechanisms in place, with a focus on trafficking for sexual and labour exploitation. In the long run, the project aspires to eradicate the established and dangerous culture of impunity, that persists and contributes to the thriving of the trafficking industry.

**Applicant:** KEMEA (EL). **Partners:** KMOP (EL), Gemeinsam Gegen (DE), Centre for Study of Democracy (BG), University of Applied Sciences for Public Administration and Legal Affairs in Bavaria (DE), Hellenic Police (EL), GLAVNA DIREKTSIA BORBA S ORGANIZIRANATA PRESTUPNOST (BG)

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## ► Italy:

- On October 7th and 8th DD hosted the second EXCHANGE MEETING of the ACTIVATE Project, an European AMIF Project aimed at enhancing the anti-trafficking identification, prevention and support mechanisms -> <https://www.activateproject.eu/>

- MIRIAM project: On October 14th, 15th and 16th, Differenza Donna, partner of the MIRIAM project, participated in a three-day seminar titled “mental health and migrant women” organised by APG23 in Carpi (Modena). The seminar particularly focused on trafficking, sexual exploitation, forced marriages and trauma recovery -> <https://sfr.apg23.org/miriam-convegno/> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXxFXbwt7pI&list=PLQwb7oxrkzONV\\_E2kCqZow\\_7KutXNbeGR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXxFXbwt7pI&list=PLQwb7oxrkzONV_E2kCqZow_7KutXNbeGR)

- On the occasion of the EU Anti-Trafficking Day (18 October 2021) Cesie drafted an article entitled: Removing gender barriers and promoting work inclusion: towards autonomy for victims of trafficking - <https://cesie.org/notizie/giornata-europea-contro-la-tratta-2021/>

- Many conferences and events were held in Italy to mark the International Anti-Trafficking Day. All references can be found at the following link: <https://www.osservatoriointerventitratta.it/15-giornata-europea-contro-la-tratta/>

- At the beginning of November, DD started an important fundraising campaign to support a centre for women victims of trafficking, run by DD in Rome. The Centre, LIBERE DA, LIBERE PER, was created to guarantee immediate protection to at least 65 migrant women fleeing trafficking for the purposes of sexual and labour exploitation. -> <https://www.eppela.com/projects/6871>

- On the occasion of the International Day for the elimination of violence against women, DD organised and participated in many events, including:

- On 22 november the President of Differenza Donna, Elisa Ercoli, spoke at the event: ‘The Istanbul Convention ten years later’ organised by the Intergroup on Women, Rights and Equal Opportunities.

- on 24 november a new Helpdesk against gender-based violence was inaugurated at the Tor Vergata hospital in Rome.

- On 25 November DD with the UK and Canadian embassies organised an event entitled: The narration of violence against women in traditional and digital media, Italy, UK and Canada, comparing experiences -> [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=153490870335888&id=100070249264302](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=153490870335888&id=100070249264302)

- on December 4th, DD organised, together with other organisations, a demonstration to remember Adelina Sejdini. Adelina committed suicide, on November 8th, as a result of her condition as a victim and survivor of trafficking, no longer able to bear the weight of the trauma caused by the countless violent acts of the criminal organisation but also the institutional violence she was subjected to. -> <https://www.differenzadonna.org/differenza-donna-convoca-un-raduno-femminista-per-ricordare-adelina-scendiamo-in-strada-per-essere-tutte-e-tutti-la-sua-voce/>

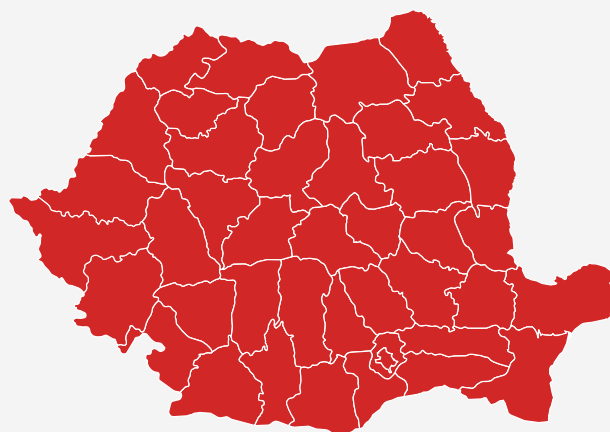


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## ► Romania:

- 21 non-governmental Romanian organizations specialized in prevention, protection, victims' assistance, support during criminal, lobbying and advocacy campaigns for initiatives with a greater impact in the fight against trafficking in human beings gathered within the **ProTECT** platform, [secretariat@traficdepersoane.ro](mailto:secretariat@traficdepersoane.ro)



- In October, the national Agency against Trafficking in Persons, launched the National Report regarding the phenomenon of Trafficking in persons in Romania. <https://anitp.mai.gov.ro/raport-anual-privind-fenomenul-traficului-de-persoane-in-2020/>

- Between 18-22 October 2021, AIDRom in cooperation with the National Agency against THB- ANITP, organized a series of events dedicated to the EU anti-trafficking day.

- AIDRom launched the project EoM - Solidarity and Inclusive Communities for Immigrants in Romania. The project is developed in partnership with the association NOVAP-OLIS and aims to promote active involvement and a positive attitude of acceptance, solidarity and tolerance in the protection of human rights and equal treatment of immigrants, especially women asylum seekers and refugees, by working together to at the level of local communities, as well as through information and awareness campaigns on immigration among children and young people. The project is developed through Active Citizens Fund Romania, funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014-2021.

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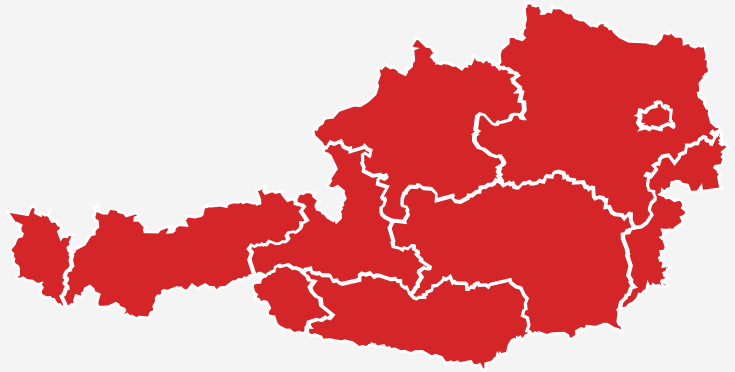
## ► Austria:

- EU- Anti Trafficking Day October 13 and 14 2021

“Follow the Money: Financial Aspects of Combatting Human Trafficking”

On the occasion of the EU Anti-Trafficking Day, LEFÖ-Intervention center for Trafficked Women, as part of the Austrian Task Force on Combatting Human Trafficking co-organized this year’s annual

conference focusing on the surveillance of money flows as a means to combat THB.



The two day- event was packed with input from various speakers like **Calogero Ferrara**, European Delegated Prosecutor (EDP) at European Public Prosecutor’s Office (EPPO) -venue of Palermo, holding a speech on “A difficult path? The Italian response”, or **Daniel Thelesklaf**, Project Director, Liechtenstein Initiative on Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking (FAST), **Amy Weatherburn**, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, **Evelyn Probst**, Head of LEFÖ-Intervention Center for Trafficked Women and **Martin Jones**, United Kingdom Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) only to mention a view who were giving their professional insight from the field on the approach.

In addition to that, there were 4 different workshops organized. If you are interested in the outcome of the conference, there is the possibility to watch all the input speeches as well as the wrap up sessions from the workshops [here](#)

- **What do Au-pairs, caregivers and domestic workers have in common? What is the difference between decent work, labour exploitation and human trafficking?**

In the frame of the EU- funded project „Hidden at Work“, LEFÖ is doing innovative online outreach work on the social media platform Facebook. If you like to find out more about our new outreach approach check out our [Facebook page](#) at and follow #HiddenatWorkLEFÖ.

- LEFÖ- Counselling, Education and Support for Migrant Women has celebrated its 35th anniversary (+1) on June 25 of this year with a one day long Birthday Party including exchange, workshops, speeches and performances by women who have accompanied the LEFÖ in many ways since its foundation in 1985.

- Workshops were held by LEFÖ’s Learning Center for Wigrant women, the Intervention Center for Trafficked Women, by TAMPEP: Counselling and Health Prevention for Migrant Women in Sex Work as well as the Counselling Center for Latin American Women all focusing on structural challenges and inequalities migrant women face in Austria as well as the approach in the daily work of LEFÖ’s working areas to fight them.

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## ► Bulgaria:

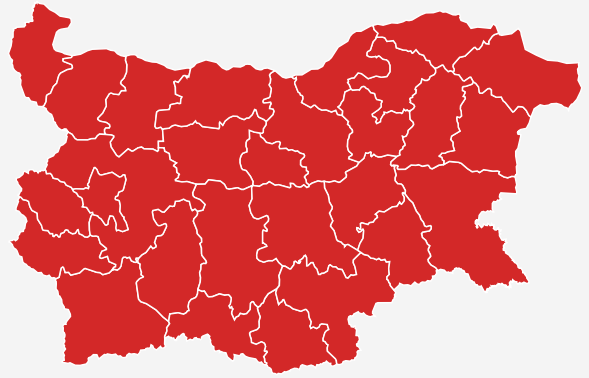
- The Bulgarian National Commission for combating Trafficking in Human Beings in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior have launched a national-wide campaign “**Blind Betting: Don’t play with their destiny**”.

- On the occasion of 18th of October – EU anti-trafficking day Animus Association disseminated a video based on real stories, which shows how important the labour

integration of migrant women is for the prevention of trafficking and re-trafficking. You can watch the video [here](#). The video was created within “WIN – Trafficked Women Integration” project and was broadcasted in Bulgaria, Italy and Spain. In Bulgaria it was screened for free by seven televisions.

- A National Conference was organised by Animus Association on the 5th of November – **The Problems of the Integration of Women, Migrants, Victims of Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation and Other Forms of Gender-based Violence**. Animus invited two **TOLERANT NETWORK members** to contribute to the conference – **Council of Refugee Women in Bulgaria** and **Caritas Sofia**. An open letter with the conclusions and recommendations of the Conference will be prepared by the three organizations and send out to all institutions responsible for the integration of refugee and asylum seeking women.

- Gender based violence is wide spread in Bulgarian society. It takes all kind of forms – domestic violence, sexual violence, trafficking for sexual exploitation, early marriages. Animus has launched a campaign against domestic violence **Active against Violence against Women** which aims to create more awareness on the topic of domestic violence and violence against women.



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