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Invitation

Beyond the crossing

Identification and support of women victims of trafficking: an exchange of practices and strategies for the post-pandemic in the European Union

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online via zoom

At the closing of the **EU-funded project “Cope and Hope”** Fondazione ACRA (IT) Consorzio Passepartout (IT), ABD (ES) in collaboration with the Municipality of Milan antitrafficking unit invite you to the final **online seminar “Beyond the crossing. Identification and support of women victims of trafficking: an exchange of practices and strategies for the post-pandemic in the European Union”**.

Please register via our online form through the following link <https://forms.gle/2DKs5NQ4ZESkxw3v8> by February 22nd, at the latest.

The seminar brings together experts, stakeholders, professionals and interested communities. The exchange of various perspectives on different (good) practices and challenges to support women Victims of Trafficking will be fostered, and recommendations and policies will be discussed.

Background

As stated by the EU strategy on combatting trafficking in human beings 2021-2025, despite the progress achieved, trafficking in human beings remains a serious threat in the European Union, endangering thousands of individuals every year, particularly women. Traffickers prey on social inequalities as well as economic and social vulnerability of people, which have been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic, making it easier for perpetrators to find victims. The pandemic also hindered victims' access to justice, assistance and support. Moreover, traffickers moved to a new business model of online recruitment and exploitation of victims. At operational level, it is crucial to develop and share knowledges and information. Cross-border cases of trafficking in human beings are difficult to investigate as they require resources, coordination and good communication between relevant authorities.

Practitioners' talk

2.30-6.00

Challenges and gaps in the detection, identification and support of women victims of trafficking in the post COVID 19. Exchange of practices and strategies at EU level.

In all tables the idea would be focusing not only on challenges but also on the best-practices developed by each of the participants / municipalities / NGO's, etc.

Program

2.30-2.45 Saluti/Welcome

2.45-3.30 Round table: Challenges on research and data collection on Human Trafficking and the development of best practices

This table focuses on research and the difficulties found to get to know the realities surrounding trafficking, the different levels of narratives and the challenges in data collection and interpretation, as well as the difficulties developing best-practices based on reality. Here the issues about the agency of women can also be addressed and the questioning of the typical idea of victim

- **Giulia Serio**, Associate Expert, co-author of the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2020, UNODC. What do we know about trafficking in persons? An overview of key achievements and remaining gaps in understanding counter-trafficking response.
- **Carrie Pemberton**, director CCARHT Cambridge Centre for Applied Research in Human Trafficking
- **R. Evon Benson-Idahosa**, Founder and director of Pathfinders Justice Initiative, Nigerian NGO, lawyer and expert of modern slavery

Parallel sessions :

3.30- 5.00 Table 2: First arrival countries and second arrival countries

This table focuses on the differences between the approaches of Mediterranean countries and the rest of the countries which receive victims once they've been in Europe for some time, the different policies developed by each country and the role of the States developing responses

- **Tiziana Bianchini** (IT), Cooperativa Lotta contro l'emarginazione, member of national antitrafficking working group. The return of victims of trafficking to Italy: challenges and gap between the international protection system and the national antitrafficking protection system
- **Sophia Wirsching and Larissa Hilt (G)**, KOK Germany (German NGO Network against Trafficking in Human Beings), The German system and framework in relation to victims of trafficking from third countries
- **Klaus Van Houtte** (BE), Director of Payoke, Best practices to improve the transnational referral mechanisms for victims of trafficking the experience of Belgium
- **Rob Kelder** (TN) FIER, The Netherlands, coordinator of FIER victims' supporting services. "The Netherlands: lack of protection for victims who have been exploited outside the Netherlands"
- **Veronica Jimenez** (SP), Unit for antitrafficking of Barcelona municipality. The experience of UTEH in Barcelona
- **Evelyn Probst (AU)**, head of LEFÖ-IBF : presentation of "Residence Permits, International Protection and Victims of Human Trafficking: Durable Solutions Grounded in International Law" report

3.30-5.00 Table 2: Transnational coordination ,mobility , referral mechanisms in the frame of Dublin regulation

This table focuses on how countries manage the mobility of women under Dublin regulation, how they coordinate in networks at country and international level (or don't), the different laws and services available in each country and how these reveal different rights for women. Lastly, how mobility hinders full identification and recuperation processes. Here it would be relevant to mention as well the mobility back to their countries of origin and how this process develops.

- **Miriam Pasqui (IT)**, head of Department Social Rights and Inclusion of Milan Municipality . The interception of vulnerabilities within return flows : the experience of the Municipality of Milan

- **Giulia Vicini** (IT), ASGI, Lawyer and consultant for LULE . The Dublin regulation implementation in Italy : Unit Dublin last attitudes and cases The return of vulnerable asylum seekers to Italy: protecting victims of trafficking
- **Francesca Nicodemi** (IT) , Trafficking Expert, Human rights Lawyer, trainer and consultant Identification of victims of trafficking in human beings in international protection and referral procedures
- **Michela Sempredon** (IT), Researcher of the University of Parma (Italy) Research Team Coordinator INSigHT project (Building Capacity to deal with human trafficking and transit routes in Nigeria, Italy, Sweden).Social protection programmes in face of Nigerian women internal movements.
- **Federica MARENGO**, ALC (FR) - Coordinator of the French national network Ac.Sé The protection of victims of human trafficking in France : issues and challenges in the face of the evolution of the phenomenon and the absence of a national referral mechanism

17.00-17.30 Final conclusions and recommendations