



Forced Labour: The EU Dimension

- **880 000** people are in forced labour in the European Union
- **Statistically, per 1000 inhabitants almost 1.8 persons** in the European Union are in forced labour
- 464 000 (58%) of forced labour victims are women
- 270 000 people (30%) are estimated to be victims of sexual exploitation
- 610 000 people (70%) are estimated to be victims of labour exploitation
- Victims of sexual exploitation come primarily from the EU, Central and South-Eastern Europe, Africa and to a lesser extent Latin America and Asia
- **Domestic Work, agriculture, manufacturing and construction** are the main sectors where forced labour victims were found. Victims were also forced into **illicit or informal activities** such as **forced begging**
- Central & South Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States is the region with the **highest prevalence of forced labour per 1000** inhabitants globally. 13 out of 19 countries of this region are **at the EU's doorstep**¹
- **20.9 million** people are victims of forced labour **globally**
- 18.7 million (90%) of forced labour globally is exacted **in the private economy**.

Sources:

2012 ILO Global Estimate of Forced Labour

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---declaration/documents/publication/wcms_182004.pdf

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¹ Total 19 countries in this region: Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey, The former republic of Yugoslavia Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

Of these: **EU Candidate Countries** : Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey, The former republic of Yugoslavia Macedonia; **Potential Candidate Countries**: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania; **Acceding country to EU**: Croatia; **EU Neighbourhood countries**: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine