Addressing Trafficking of Human Beings in EU External Cooperation

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"Trafficking in persons" shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs."
Organised crime
- police, prosecution, legislative and penal reform, witness protection

Migration issue
- border control, migration management, return and readmission, document security

Public order
- awareness raising, anti-corruption

Labour issue
- working conditions, child labour vocational training for vulnerable groups, black labour markets

Moral issue
- abolition/prohibition of commercial sex

Cultural issue
- awareness of possible negative effects of traditions
External Dimension of the fight against THB

EU strategy against trafficking
✓ Council of Europe Convention on Action against trafficking
✓ Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU (2000)

EU External Policy on fighting THB
➢ October 18th Anti-trafficking day
➢ AOP on external dimension of trafficking
➢ With Africa:
  - Africa-EU MME Partnership
  - AU COMMIT Campaign (2009-2012)
  - ACP Observatory on Migrations (2010)
➢ In other Regions: Budapest/Prague Process, ASEM Dialogue, Bali Ministerial Process...
External Dimension of the fight against THB

EC External Cooperation:

- **TP Migration and Asylum** – Overall cooperation in THB and Smuggling (Call for Proposals + Targeted initiatives)
- **EIDHR and NSA**: Protection of rights and rehabilitation of victims (Call for Proposal, mainly civil society)
- **Instrument for Stability**: fighting transnational criminality
- **Investing in People**: labour exploitation, Medical and psychosocial support to victims.
- **Geographical instruments** (EDF, DCI, ENPI...): Broader support to comprehensive anti-THB strategies at national and regional level
Strategy against trafficking

- Promote ratification of international instruments
- Address prevention, protection and prosecution (3 P’s)
- Comprehensive Anti-THB support (Capacity building)
- The key concern must be the victim!

Prevention

1. Awareness raising
2. Promote good governance
3. Capacity building for law enforcement
4. Research and data collection
5. Risk assessments
6. Combat informal economy and labour markets in destination countries
Strategy against trafficking

Protection
1. Victim identification and referral systems
2. Victim support systems (legal aid, social benefits, health care, witness protection)
3. Victim rehabilitation
4. Return and Re-integration

Prosecution
1. Adoption and implementation of laws and sharpening of definitions
2. Training of law enforcement bodies
3. Penalties for traffickers
4. Cooperation between origin, transit and destination countries
5. Combat corruption
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