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# Launch of the EU Civil Society Platform against Trafficking in Human Beings

## 31 May 2013, Brussels

**European Commission, Charlemagne Building, Room: Sicco Mansholt**

**rue de la Loi, 170, 1040 – Brussels, Belgium**

**AGENDA**

***08.30 – 09.30: Registration***

*Chair: Myria Vassiliadou, EU Anti Trafficking Coordinator, European Commission*

**SESSION I - THE LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK**

**09.30 – 10.00 Keynote Address: Launch of the EU Civil Society Platform**

- Cecilia Malmström, EU Commissioner for Home Affairs

**10:00 – 11:15 Plenary: Working with Civil Society against Trafficking in Human Beings**

*Introductory Remarks: Myria Vassiliadou, EU ATC*

- Livia Jaroka, Member of European Parliament
- Morten Kjaerum, Executive Director of the Fundamental Rights Agency
- Jelena Drenjanin, Committee of the Regions
- Béatrice Ouin, European Economic and Social Committee
- Koen Dewulf, Center for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism, Belgium

*11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break*

**11:45 – 12:45 Discussion with the Policy Makers**

- Following the panel with the decision makers, an interactive session with interventions by the participants is foreseen in order to have a constructive discussion on how to best work together with civil society towards the eradication of trafficking in human beings

*12:45 – 14:15 Lunch break (buffet lunch will be served in the Charlemagne Building)*

## SESSION II – THE VOICE OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY

**14:15 – 15:45 Working groups**

**Working group 1: Priorities of the EU Civil Society Platform**

*Introduction and Moderation: Katarzyna Cuadrat–Grzybowska, Office of the EU Anti trafficking Coordinator, European Commission*

- Discussion on the needs and priority themes to be addressed by the Platform.
- Discussion on possible future activities of the Platform in line with the implementation of the EU Strategy towards the eradication of trafficking in human beings 2012-2016 and the Directive 2011/36/EU.

**Working group 2: Engagement and cooperation of the Civil Society with MSs and third countries – the role of the Platform**

*Introduction and Moderation: Gert Bogers, Office of the EU Anti trafficking Coordinator, European Commission*

- Discussion on the ways to engage and cooperate with civil society organisations in the EU (in particular in the context of national referral/cooperation mechanisms) and in third countries outside the EU in the framework of the EU Civil Society Platform taking into account the list of Priority countries and regions as defined by the Second Implementation Report of the Action Oriented Paper on strengthening the EU external dimension on action against trafficking in human beings.

**Working group 3: Exploring the Links between the Internet and Trafficking in Human Beings – Challenges and Possibilities**

*Introduction and Moderation: Zoi Sakelliadou, Office of the EU Anti-trafficking Coordinator, European Commission*

- Discussion on good practices tackling the links between the Internet and Trafficking in Human Beings:
  - Internet as a mean to recruit victims of trafficking and to address demand on line
  - Internet as a tool for prosecution including new opportunities to tackle transnational cases involving the authorities of several Member States
  - Internet for prevention of trafficking in human beings including the role of social networks to raise awareness in particular amongst children and young people
- Discussion on the possibility of creating an Online EU Civil Society Platform.

*15:45-16:15 Coffee break*

## SESSION III – CONCLUSIONS AND WAYS AHEAD

**16:15 - 16:45 Outcomes from the Workshops**
Assigned rapporteurs from each working group will present the main findings of the working groups in the plenary.

**16:45–17:15 Discussion with the EU Civil Society Platform Participants**

**17.15-17.30 Summary of the day and Possible Ways Ahead,** Myria Vassiliadou, EU ATC