About this book

The book is based on the results of the project "How much? A Pilot Study on Four Key EU Member and Candidate Countries on the Demand for Trafficked Prostitution". Financed by the European Commission, the research is focused on the demand for trafficked prostitution and its driving factors in Italy, Romania, Sweden and the Netherlands.

Many studies have been conducted on the phenomenon of trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation, however very few were focused on the demand side. This book makes a first step to fill this gap. In particular, the research attempts to improve knowledge on the demand for trafficked prostitution, using an ethnographic methodology. In order to reach this goal, a double approach was adopted: on the one hand, we developed a "virtual ethnography" focused on the analysis of specialised forums/chats on the web and an anonymous internet questionnaire was elaborated. On the other, field work allowed national research teams to collect interviews and data from possible clients of trafficked prostitutes, police forces, prostitutes, NGOs and national experts.

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Academics in the fields of Criminology, Sociology, Law, Political Sciences, students (undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate), law enforcement officers, public prosecutors and judges involved in the fight against organised crime, in particular in tackling trafficking in persons; international organisations, policymakers, NGOs dealing with anti-trafficking activities, journalists and the mass media in general.