TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS IN THE EU
WORKING TOGETHER TO ERADICATE TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Figures are based on Eurostat’s data collection on trafficking in human beings and cover the totals for 2010-12

REGISTERED VICTIMS

Victims registered by EU States’ authorities

30 146
Victims by type of exploitation

Sexual exploitation: 69%
Forced labour: 19%
Other (incl. criminal activities, removal of organs, selling of children and forced begging): 12%

Source: Eurostat, 22 EU States
Victims by gender

- Women: 67%
- Girls: 13%
- Men: 17%
- Boys: 3%

Source: Eurostat, 22 EU States

Top countries of origin of victims

- 65% EU
- 30% Non-EU
- 6% Unknown, stateless and other*

* Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding
THE TRAFFICKERS

Prosecuted traffickers

8 551

Source: Eurostat, 20 EU States

Suspected traffickers by citizenship

EU Bulgaria, Romania, Belgium, Germany, Spain
Non-EU Nigeria, Turkey, Albania, Brazil, Morocco

Source: Eurostat, 17 EU States
Over 70% of traffickers were male

3,786 convicted

Source: Eurostat, 22 EU States
Traffickers’ modus operandi

**Recruitment** of victims by acquaintances, relatives or criminal groups, often with promises of well-paid jobs

**Internet** increasingly used for the recruitment of victims and for advertising their services

**Victims controlled** through (the threat of) force, deception and debt bondage

**Victims exploited** in sex industry, agriculture, construction, textile industry, health care and domestic service
EU ACTION

Legislation

- Harmonisation of EU States' criminal laws, e.g. common definition of the criminal offence of trafficking in human beings
- Possibility to not prosecute and apply penalties to victims for unlawful activities they were forced to commit by the traffickers
- Possibility to prosecute EU nationals for human trafficking offences committed in another EU State or outside the EU
- Robust provisions on victim's protection, including special measures for children
- Victims' support, such as shelters, medical and psychological assistance, translation services
EU Strategy 2012-16

Over 40 concrete actions under five priorities to prevent human trafficking, protect victims and prosecute traffickers

EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator

Mandated to improve coordination and coherence among EU institutions, EU agencies, EU States and international actors and to develop existing and new EU policies to address trafficking in human beings
EU anti-trafficking website

http://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/
Information hub for practitioners and the public

EU Anti-Trafficking Day
18 OCTOBER

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