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Gender, corruption and human trafficking

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Outline

- **The fairer sex?**
- **THB as a gendered phenomenon**
- **Corruption and implementation failure in anti-trafficking policies**

The gender gap in criminality

Males 3 to 10 times more likely than females to be offenders everywhere (self-reported offending, arrests, convictions, prisoners etc)

Gender gap has narrowed somewhat over time but is persistent

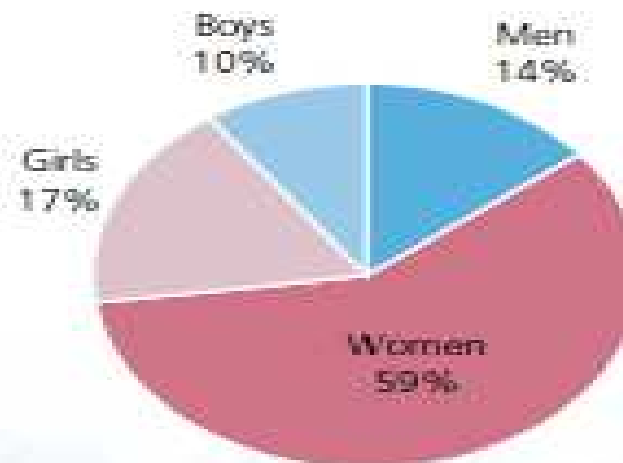
Psychological and sociological determinants

The gender gap in corruption

- Mixed results of research studies (Sung, 2003; Esarey & Chirillo, 2012)
- Hypothesis derived from criminological literature: ***females less inclined to engage in corrupt practices to the extent that these are de facto criminalised***

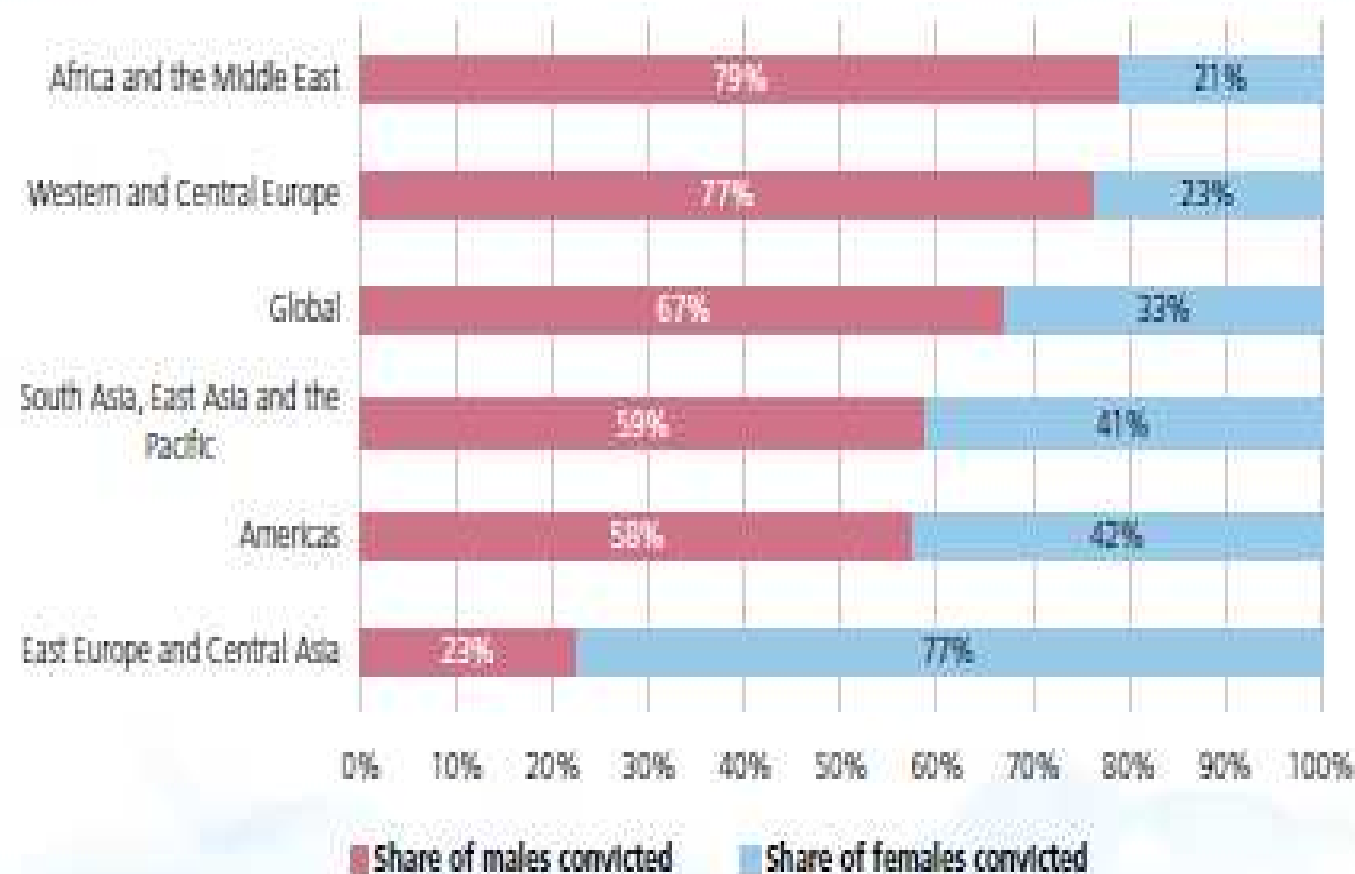
Gender and THB globally

FIG. 1: Gender and age profile of victims detected globally, 2009



Source: UNODC elaboration of national data.

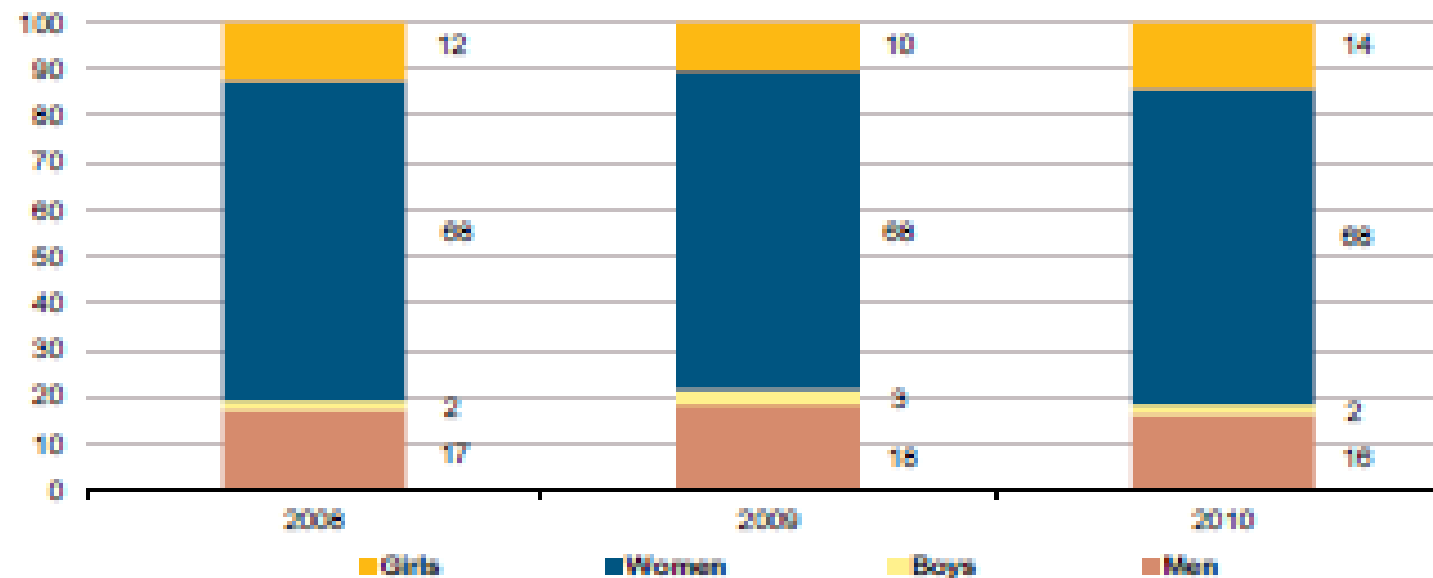
FIG. 3: Shares of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by gender, regional/subregional averages, 2007-2010



Source: UNODC elaboration of national data.

Gender and THB in EU

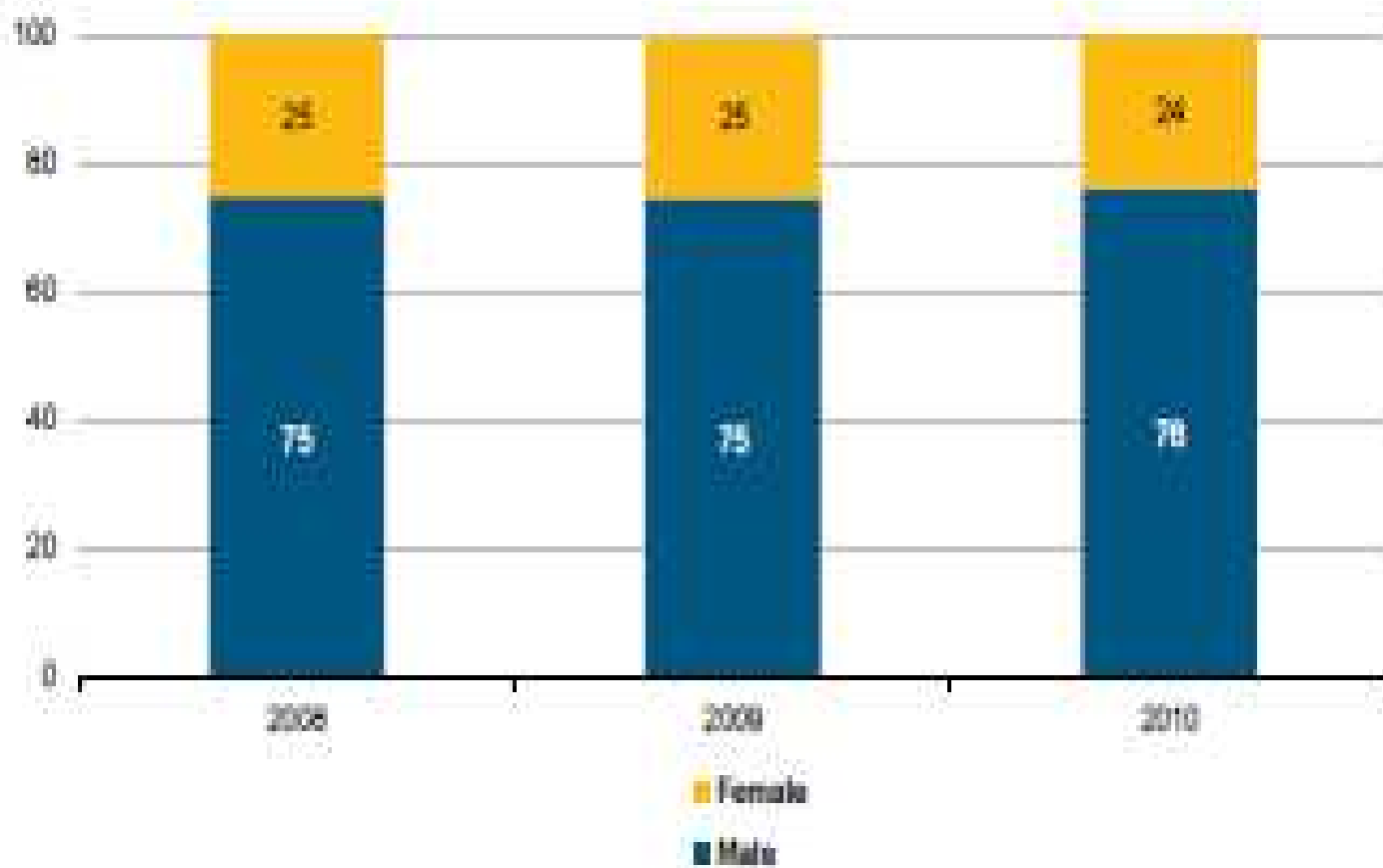
Figure 4: Identified and presumed victims (%)



Source: Eurostat

Figure 11: Suspected traffickers by gender

(%)



Source: Europol

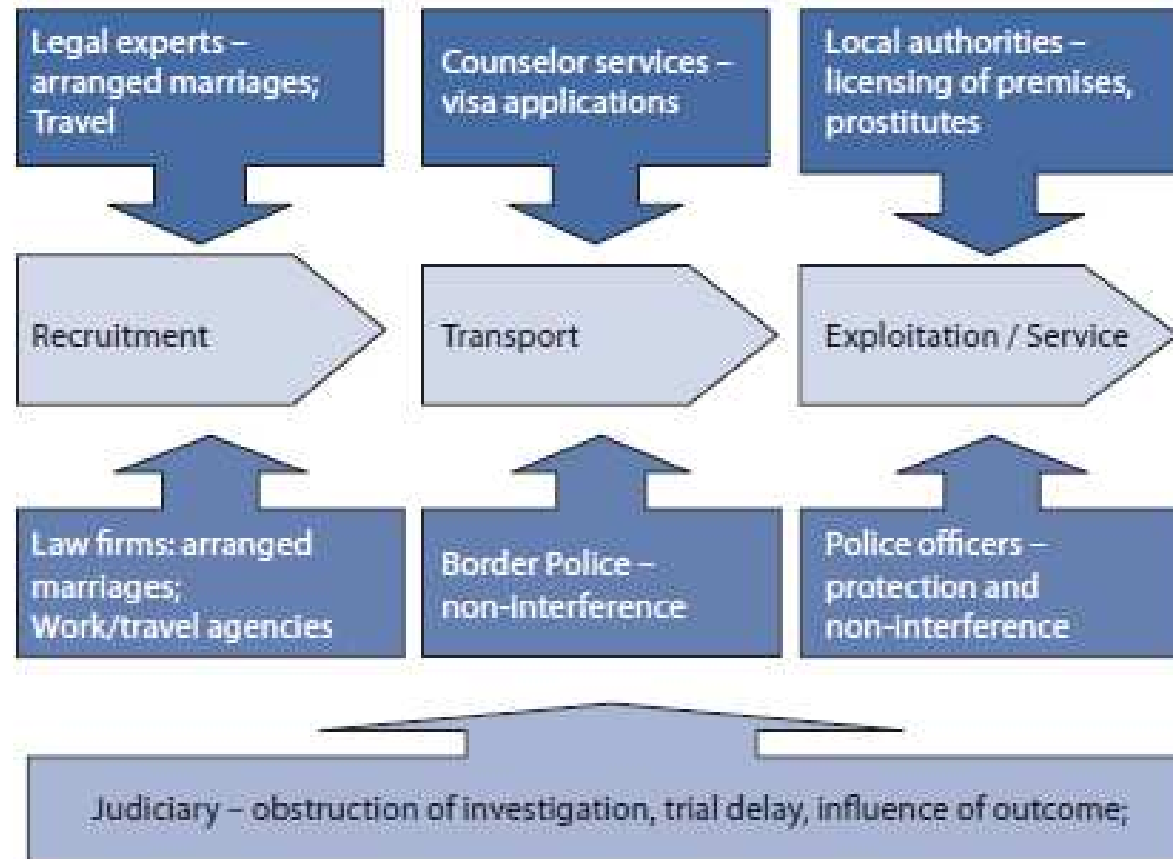
Corruption and anti-trafficking efforts

- Cases reported in several CoE/GRETA country reports (esp. In Central and Eastern Europe)
- Qualitative studies (Gounev & Bezlov, 2010)
- Quantitative analyses (Zhang & Pineda, 2008; Van Dijk & Klerx, 2013)

Corruption and types of prostitution

- **Street and highway prostitution:** this is the most conspicuous type of prostitution and most directly controlled by the police. Low-level corruption of patrolling police officers for protection/racketeering is most common (UK, BG, FR, ES, DE).
- **Club prostitution** (brothels, massage parlours etc): low to mid-level corruption of law enforcement is likely to be used to prevent raids and vice squad investigations (BG, UK, CY). Brothel-regulation-related
- **Elite prostitution:** Elite prostitutes are used as a corruption instrument by organised crime to gain influence over politicians, magistrates, and representatives of multinational corporations (FR, BG, DE).
- **Independent:** the internet has provided an opportunity for some women to work independently as prostitutes. Little corruption seems to be involved, and organised crime, especially in countries where prostitution is legal, often does not control independent prostitutes).

FIGURE 14. CORRUPTION VULNERABILITIES WITHIN PROSTITUTION AND THB



Scores on P R G Corruption Index 2012 (high scores indicating good performance) by 3P Anti-Trafficking Index 2009 (high scores indicating good performance) (source: Van Dijk & Klerx, 2013)

