



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

THE INTERFACE BETWEEN PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND ASYLUM

Sofia, Bulgaria
23 - 24 June 2015

Hilton Hotel, Mussala Hall

*Organised jointly by
the Bulgarian National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human beings,
the Council of Europe, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
and the Hanns Seidel Foundation*

AGENDA

Tuesday, 23 June 2015

09:00 - 09:30 **Registration of participants**

09:30 – 10:10 **Opening remarks**

Moderator: Kamelia DIMITROVA, Secretary General of NCCTHB, Council of Ministers of Republic of Bulgaria

- Tsviatko GEORGIEV, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Republic of Bulgaria
- Mariya GABRIEL, Member of the European Parliament, Vice Chair of the Group of the European People's Party (written statement)
- Gianluca ESPOSITO, Head of Equality and Human Dignity Department, Council of Europe
- Roland-François WEIL, Representative, UNHCR Bulgaria
- Bogdan MIRTICHEV, Representative of the Hanns Seidel Foundation for Bulgaria

10.10 – 10.40	Key note speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siobhán MULLALLY, Professor of Law and Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights at University College Cork • Gert WESTERVEEN, Representative, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg
10:40 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Theme 1: The identification of victims of trafficking in asylum procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The identification of victims of trafficking in asylum procedures Moderator: Mats LINDBERG, Administrator, Council of Europe Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inkeri MELLANEN, Senior Adviser, Finnish National assistance system for victims of trafficking • Albena IGNATOVA, Head of Unit “Integration”, Bulgarian State Agency for Refugees • Constantin HRUSCHKA, Head of the Protection Department, Swiss Refugee Council • Rita DUCA, Anti-trafficking Field Expert, International Organization for Migration, Italy Discussion
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Theme 2: The identification of protection needs for victims of trafficking, with special attention to unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification and reception of (potential) minor victims of human trafficking - Trafficking and the right to seek and receive asylum Moderator: Petya KARAYANEVA, National Protection Officer, UNHCR Bulgaria Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joop VAN DER SCHUIT, Policy advisor, Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (COA), the Netherlands and Otto SCHUURMAN, Sector manager at Jade Zorggroep, the Netherlands • Radoslav STAMENKOV, Chief of Mission of IOM Bulgaria • Bistra ZOGRAFOVA, State expert, Bulgarian State Agency for Child Protection Discussion
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break

- 16:00 – 17:30 **Theme 3: The international protection of victims of trafficking under the CoE Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees**
- The identification and referral to assistance of victims of trafficking
 - Refugee status for victims of trafficking
- Moderator:** Dobryana PETKOVA, Senior expert, NCCTHB
- Speakers:**
- Gert WESTERVEEN, Representative, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg
 - Melita GRUEVSKA-GRAHAM, Project Manager, ICMPD
 - Siobhán MULLALLY, Professor of Law and Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights at University College Cork
- Discussion**
- 19:00 **Dinner**

Wednesday, 24 June 2015

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Workshops** (one to be held in English only and the other one with interpretation)
- 1. Identification of victims, review, needs and challenges**
- Moderator:** Kamelia DIMITROVA, Secretary General of the National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- 2. The Dublin III Regulation – application and consequences in a trafficking context**
- Moderator:** Constantin HRUSCHKA, Head of the Protection Department, Swiss Refugee Council
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Reports from workshops**
- Rapporteur Group 1: Emilia PAUNOVA, Senior expert, NCCTHB
- Rapporteur Group 2: Delphine LENEUTRE, Legal Associate, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Closing Session: The interactions between the CoE Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees: Conclusions of the conference and closing remarks**
- Kamelia DIMITROVA, Secretary General of the National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
 - Gianluca ESPOSITO, Head of Equality and Human Dignity Department, Council of Europe
 - Gert WESTERVEEN, Representative, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg
- 12:00 **Lunch and departure of participants**