
WORKSHOP FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

10-11 December 2013, Belgrade, Serbia

Hotel Metropol

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, 10 December 2013

09:00 – 10:00

Welcome and Introduction

- Ms Petya Nestorova, Executive Secretary of Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.
- Ms Nataliya Oliynyk, Anti-Trafficking Officer, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR).

Tour-de-table - general presentations by the participants on their work and practical experience on the provision of legal assistance to trafficked persons.

10:00 – 11:00

Session 1: Pro-bono assistance

Moderator: Ms Nataliya Oliynuk, Anti-Trafficking Officer, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

During this session the following topics will be discussed: national legal provisions needed to enable pro-bono legal aid; involvement of Bar Associations and the private sector; discussion on obstacles to provision of free legal assistance and state support needed to make such assistance possible.

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 1: continued

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Session 2: Legal assistance at the stage of identification and investigation

Moderator: Ms Michelle Brewer, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers, London

This session will aim at specifying the types of legal assistance required by trafficked persons from the moment of first-line identification - representing trafficked persons before the police, prosecutors, authorities which provide social assistance, etc., sharing positive experiences and challenges in the work with these agencies, and developing recommendations on how to guarantee provision of effective legal assistance at these stages.

Methodology:

14:15 - 15:30 – participants work in 3 groups to prepare presentations on types of assistance needed at each stage of the identification and investigation process.

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 Session 2 - presentation of the results of group work and discussion.

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09:30 – 11:00 Session 3: Legal assistance in court

Moderator: Ms Michelle Brewer, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers, London

This session will focus on the special requirements for representing a trafficking case in court, how to prepare a trafficking case for trial, practical examples from the participants, and recommendations to overcome the existing obstacles.

Methodology:

09:30 - 10:00 – work in 3 groups.

10:30 - 11:00 – presentations by the results of group work and discussion.

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Session 4: Claiming compensation for victims of trafficking

Moderator: Ms Petya Nestorova, Executive secretary of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

This session will aim at identifying ways of improving the support to victims of trafficking to claim compensation (through criminal or civil proceedings, labour tribunals, State compensation schemes), good practices and obstacles, as well as developing recommendations on how to guarantee payment of compensation to victims of trafficking.

Methodology:

11:30 - 12:15 – work in 3 groups.

12:15 - 13:00 – presentations by the groups and discussion.

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:00

Concluding session: summarising recommendations

The recommendations prepared by the working groups on each thematic session will be summed up and finalised in a plenary. These recommendations, aimed at States, Bar Associations, private firms and NGOs, will be included in the report of the event and made public.