

Mr Peter Van Hauwermeiren is a Belgian national. Having worked in various Belgian Social and Labour Inspection services, he has been an active partner in the Belgian multidisciplinary network of actors in the field of combating human trafficking since 1995.

From 2017 till 2024 he was head of the Anti-trafficking Directorate within the Belgian National Social Security Office (NSSO) Inspectorate. His main task there was to develop strategies for inspection and investigation activities in the area of labour trafficking and to uphold a strong network of anti-trafficking partners, on both a national and international level.

Since May 2024 Mr Van Hauwermeiren is working as an independent expert for CIVIPOL, which is the technical operator of the French Ministry of the Interior providing capacity-building and technical assistance to developing countries. He is involved in the "Better Migration Management" (BMM) programme in the Horn of Africa, which is jointly supported by CIVIPOL, the British Council, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). His contribution to the project consists in developing and implementing Guidelines for labour inspection services and regional and national training curricula for Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Djibouti with the purpose of involving labour inspectors in the prevention and combating of labour trafficking.

Mr Van Hauwermeiren has a solid experience in investigating trafficking cases, cooperating with prosecutors, police and victim support providers. He has developed and conducted training programmes for frontline actors and contributed to anti-trafficking initiatives and projects conducted by various international organisations (Council of Europe, OSCE, ILO, IOM, ICMPD, HEUNI, EU/Europol's EMPACT and others).