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Personal information	
Family name(s)	Ferčíková Konečná
First name(s)	Irena
Nationality(ies)	Czech
Sex	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Relevant qualifications summary¹	21 years of experience in the field of human trafficking. As an expert consultant and evaluator, she currently works for NGO networks at European level and for international organisations and institutions. Previously, she served as a board member for seven years, during which time she shaped the strategic direction of La Strada International, a leading European network of NGOs working on trafficking in human beings. For six years, she led the only specialized NGO in the Czech Republic dedicated to preventing THB and helping victims of trafficking. In 2004, she was instrumental in establishing the NRM for victims of THB in the Czech Republic. She has experience in research and evaluation methods.
Current professional activity	
Start date	10/2020
Name and address of employer	Self-Employed
Sector of activity	Evaluations in the areas of victims' rights and migration
Occupation or position held	Evaluator
Main activities and responsibilities ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim Support Europe (2022-2024) External evaluations of European level NGO network and their core activities in the area of victims' rights implemented within the EU Operating grant (DG-Just) of 2022, 2023 and 2024. • Victim Support Europe (2024) Final External Evaluation of project BeneVict: Benefits of full implementation of the Victims' Rights Directive, funded by JUST Programme of the European Union • 4Geval (2024) final evaluation of the project Strengthening of self-dependence of Ukrainian refugees in the Czech Republic implemented by the Diaconia ECCB. • Victim Support Europe (2023) Impact evaluation of project ENABLE-Early Network-based Actions Against Violent Behaviours to Leverage victim Empowerment, implemented in Italy, funded by the REC Programme of the European Union. • 4Geval (2022) Final Evaluation of EU EuropAid project: SDGs and Migration Multipliers and Journalists Addressing Decision Makers and Citizens in the EU • 4Geval, (2021) Mid-term and final evaluation-European Social Fund Project- Young Caritas Academy focused on strengthening social inclusion and cultural diversity
Current professional activity	
Start date	10/2018
Name and address of employer	European Sex Workers Rights' Alliance (ESWA), the Netherlands
Sector of activity	Trafficking in human beings, exploitation, victims' rights, access to justice

1 Please provide a summary (**100 words maximum**) of your qualifications relevant for membership of GRETA.

2 In particular, specify whether you hold a decision-making position as regards defining and/or implementing policies in the field of action against trafficking in human beings in government or in any other organisation or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the

Occupation or position held	Policy Consultant
Main activities and responsibilities ³	Conducting community research on exploitation in the sex industry and access to justice, drafting policy papers, submissions, feedback and interventions to EU institutions, Council of Europe, OSCE, UN Treaty bodies. Representing the organization at the EU Victims' Rights Platform, conferences and meetings with the international and national institutions. Building capacity of ESWA national members (CSOs)
Relevant previous professional activity/activities⁴	
Dates	2020, 2022, 2023
Name and address of employer	European Commission
Sector of activity	Expert assistance, evaluation. Trafficking in human beings, child sexual exploitation, migration, non-discrimination
Occupation or position held	Expert
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of the project proposals under the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) call: Transnational actions on asylum, migration, and integration (2023) • Evaluation of the project proposals under the Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) to promote equality and to fight against racism, xenophobia, and discrimination (2023) • Evaluation of the project proposals in the area of migration AMIF Programme (2022) • Evaluation of the research project proposals in the area of combating human trafficking and child sexual exploitation of the Horizon 2020 Work Programme (2020)
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	
Dates	03-07/2018, 06-09/2021, 02/2022
Name and address of employer	La Strada International, the Netherlands
Sector of activity	Trafficking in human beings, fundamental rights, access to justice
Occupation or position held	Expert consultant
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the multi-country project to the EC- CERV Programme to promote capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and activities on strategic litigation. (2022) • Development of the multi-country project proposal to the EC JUST Programme- on access to compensation. (2021) • Assessment of the international cooperation mechanisms in EU for victims of human trafficking in access to compensation within EC JUST funded project Justice@Last (2018)
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	
Dates	11/2015-02/2016, 04/2017
Name and address of employer	International Organization for Migration, Azerbaijan
Sector of activity	Trafficking in human beings, assistance to victims
Occupation or position held	Expert consultant
Main activities and responsibilities	Assessment of the civil society shelters for victims of human trafficking in Azerbaijan (2016) Training on shelter management and operations for victims of trafficking with regard to human rights based approach. (2017)
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	
Dates	10-12/2015, 09/2017
Name and address of organisation/body	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Austria
Sector of activity	Trafficking in human beings, evaluation
Position held	Anti-trafficking Expert/ Consultant (SSA)
Main activities and responsibilities	Expert assistance in the preparation of the high level evaluation visit of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings to the Czech Republic. (2015) OSCE (Kazakhstan) Presentation and expert consultation on public policies on access to services for victims of trafficking. (2017)
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	
Dates	11/2017
Name and address of organisation/body	International Development Law Organization, the Netherlands
Sector of activity	Victims' rights, gender based violence

³ In particular, specify whether you hold a decision-making position as regards defining and/or implementing policies in the field of action against trafficking in human beings in government or in any other organisation or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to membership of GRETA.

⁴ Add separate entries for the most relevant professional activities, starting from the most recent.

Position held	Expert
Main activities and responsibilities	Expert discussion, written recommendations to the government and civil society on strengthening the response to violence against women.
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	
Dates	10/2010-10/2017
Name and address of organisation/body	La Strada International, the Netherlands
Sector of activity	Trafficking in human beings, access to justice, CSO management
Position held	Board member
Main activities and responsibilities	Setting the strategic directions of the leading European level NGO membership organization working towards prevention of THB and protection of victims.
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	
Dates	03-06/2015
Name and address of organisation/body	Polaris (US)/ Fulbright Programme, Washington D.C., United States
Sector of activity	Trafficking in human beings, research, data analyses
Position held	Research fellow
Main activities and responsibilities	Data analyses on trafficking in human beings.
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	
Dates	07/2008-04/2014
Name and address of organisation/body	La Strada Czech Republic
Sector of activity	Trafficking in human beings, victims' services, prevention, CSO management
Position held	Executive director
Main activities and responsibilities	Management of NGO providing direct assistance to victims of trafficking, cooperation within the NRM, prevention of THB, strategic litigation, research, cooperation on international projects.
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	
Dates	09/2003-03/2006
Name and address of organisation/body	Refugee Facilities Administration of the Ministry of Interior, Czechia
Sector of activity	Refugees, asylum, human trafficking, social services
Position held	Head of methodology Unit, Head of residential centre in Straz p.R.
Main activities and responsibilities	Management of methodological unit, management of residential centre for asylum seekers, participation on setting up the NRM for victims of trafficking.
Relevant additional responsibilities⁵	
Education/training	
Dates	09/2003-11/2005
Title of qualification awarded	Ph.D.
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Special pedagogy- specialized on children with migration background, including unaccompanied minors seeking asylum and related risks.
Name and type of organisation	Department of Special Pedagogy, Palacky University, Olomouc, Czechia
Education/training	
Dates	07/2010
Title of qualification awarded	Certificate
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) "Cooperative Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons"
Name and type of organisation	US Department of State
Education/training	
Dates	11.-12.12.2017
Title of qualification awarded	Certificate
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Evaluation- training in evaluation methodology
Name and type of organisation	Czech Evaluation Society
Publications⁷	
Ferčíková Konečná I. Excluded but Fighting: Where Are the Voices of Sex Workers and Their Allies in EU Anti-Trafficking Policymaking? <i>Social Sciences</i> . 2024; 13(3):148.	
Ferčíková Konečná Irena: Cooperation on Access to Compensation in Cross-Border Context. Working Paper, La Strada International, July 2018.	
Ferčíková Konečná Irena, Ganterer Astrid: Assessment of Civil Society Shelters for Victims of Trafficking in persons in Azerbaijan. February, 2016.	

5 Add separate entries for the most relevant responsibilities outside your principal professional activity, starting from the most recent.

7 Please list **recent relevant publications**, starting from the most recent, but **not more than 10**.

Ferčíková Konečná in Střítecký, V., Topinka, D., Developments in Trafficking in Human Beings for the Purpose of Labor Exploitation and Forced Labor, La Strada Czech Republic and The Institute of International Relations, Prague 2013. Co-author.

Computer skills

Software packages ⁸	Microsoft Office, Google-drive
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Other IT skills and competences	
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Language skills¹⁰

Mother tongue	Czech				
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Understanding		Speaking		Writing
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Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing skills
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English	C 1	C 2	C 2	C 2	C 2
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French					
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In Valtice, July 22, 2024

⁸ Please indicate the software packages you are familiar with.

¹⁰ Please provide a self-assessment of your level in languages other than your mother tongue using the following Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.