

Preventing and combating trafficking in human beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina

What is the goal?

- ▶ To improve the identification, protection of and assistance to victims of human trafficking in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), in line with the European standards;
- ▶ To support the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Who benefits from the Action?

- ▶ Victims and persons at risk of trafficking in human beings;
- ▶ Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Ministry of Security, Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council, entity line Centres for Judicial and Prosecutorial Training and Labour Inspectorates;
- ▶ Civil society organisations by strengthening their capacities to provide assistance to victims of human trafficking;
- ▶ Private sector actors such as recruitment and temporary work agencies by strengthening their capacities to prevent trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation;
- ▶ Citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina who will be living in a more secure and peaceful society.

How will the Action work?

- ▶ Research and policy support
- ▶ Multi-disciplinary trainings
- ▶ Seminars
- ▶ Awareness raising events

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ Improved detection and identification of, and assistance to victims of human trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation
- ▶ Enhanced detection, and identification of, and assistance to child victims of human trafficking
- ▶ Labour inspectors and other key anti-trafficking stakeholders are involved in the identification of victims of trafficking and their referral to assistance and protection
- ▶ Strengthened criminal and social justice response to trafficking in human beings
- ▶ Greater awareness of all actors, and of general public, about specific vulnerabilities to trafficking situations and the rights of trafficked persons

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How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of the Action is 700.000 EUR
- ▶ The budget allocated to the overall Horizontal Facility programme amounts to ca. 41 Million EUR (85% funded by the European Union, 15% by the Council of Europe).

How to get more information?

- ▶ Council of Europe Office in Sarajevo website: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/sarajevo/>
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