

Preventing and combating trafficking in human beings in Serbia

What is the goal?

- ▶ To support the implementation of recommendations resulting from the monitoring of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by Serbia. This includes in particular recommendations to improve the identification, protection of and assistance to victims of human trafficking and persons in at risks' situations.

Who benefits from the Action?

- ▶ Ministry of Interior - National Anti-trafficking coordination office, Ministry of Employment, Labour, Veteran and Social Affairs - Labour Inspectorate and Centre for Human Trafficking Victims' Protection, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Ministry of Health, Judicial Academy
- ▶ Civil society organisations
- ▶ Private sector's representatives, including businesses and trade unions
- ▶ Victims of trafficking and persons in vulnerable or at risks' situations, in particular children and women

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
- ▶ Improved 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
- ▶ Greater awareness of all actors, including general public and private sector's representatives, about specific vulnerabilities to trafficking situations and the rights of trafficked persons

How much will it cost?

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- ▶ The total budget of the Action is 750.000 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 Belgrade website: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/belgrade>
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