

Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking in North Macedonia

What is the goal?

- ▶ To support the implementation of the recommendations resulting from the monitoring of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by North Macedonia, in particular with a view to improving the identification, protection of and assistance to victims of human trafficking in line with the European standards.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ End beneficiaries: victims and persons at risk of trafficking in human beings
- ▶ Key beneficiary institutions, including National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Migration, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and State Labour Inspectorate, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health as well as civil society organisations and selected private sector actors.

How will the project work?

- ▶ Legislative, policy and research 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
- ▶ Labour inspectors and other key anti-trafficking stakeholders are involved in the identification of victims of trafficking and their referral to assistance and protection
- ▶ Enhanced detection and identification of, and assistance to child victims of human trafficking
- ▶ Improved access to compensation for victims of human trafficking
- ▶ Greater awareness of all actors, and of general public, about specific vulnerabilities to trafficking situations and the rights of trafficked persons

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of the Action is 715.000 Euros
- ▶ 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).

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How do we get more information?

- ▶ Council of Europe Programme Office in Skopje website: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/skopje>
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