

## **Second meeting of specialised lawyers and NGOs providing legal assistance to victims of human trafficking**

**21-22 November 2018**

Council of Europe, Agora Building, Avenue de l'Europe, Strasbourg

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **Wednesday, 21 November 2018**

##### ***Meeting room G.05, Agora Building***

- 09:00 - 09:30      **Registration of participants**
- 09:30 - 10:00      **Welcome and introduction of the programme and participants**
- Petya Nestorova, Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
  - Tour de table
- 10:00 - 10:45      **Presentation of GRETA's monitoring findings from the 2nd evaluation round and the questionnaire for the 3rd evaluation round of monitoring the implementation of the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by GRETA, with a thematic focus on "Access to justice and effective remedies"**
- Siobhán Mullally, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)
- Discussion
- 10:45 – 11:15      **Presentation of the HELP course for legal professionals on trafficking in human beings**
- Parosha Chandran, Professor of Modern Slavery Law, Barrister, United Kingdom
- 11:15 - 11:45      **Coffee break**
- 11:45 - 13:00      **Case law of the European Court of Human Rights related to trafficking in human beings**
- Thomas Straub, Registry Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights
- Discussion

- 13:00 - 14:30      **Lunch** - suggested venue: restaurant of the Court
- 14:30 - 16:00      **National strategic litigation: presentation of cases from different countries**
- Natasha Dobрева, Attorney, Animus Association Foundation, Bulgaria
  - Kateřina Uhlířová, Assistant Professor of International Public Law, Czech Republic
  - Parosha Chandran, Professor of Modern Slavery Law, Barrister, United Kingdom
  - Silvia Nicolaou Garcia, Associate Solicitor, United Kingdom
- Discussion
- 16:00 - 16:30      **Coffee break**
- 16:30 - 18:00      **Three working groups to discuss gaps and good practices in the provision of legal assistance and free legal aid to victims of trafficking at different stages (identification as a victim of trafficking; interviewing by the police; residence permits; asylum procedures; court proceedings; compensation claims; application of the non-punishment provision)**

**Thursday, 22 November 2018**

***Meeting room G.04, Agora Building***

- 9:15 - 10:00      **Presentation of *S.M. v. Croatia* (n°. 60561/14)**
- Ksenija Turković, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights
- Discussion
- 10:00 - 11:00      **Continuation of the working groups**
- 11:00 – 11:20      **Coffee break**
- 11:20 - 12:00      **Presentation of the working groups' outcomes**
- 12:00 - 12:45      **Setting up of a network of lawyers specialised in providing assistance to victims of human trafficking**
- Moderator: Catherine Meredith, Barrister, United Kingdom
- 12:45 - 13:00      **Conclusions and closure of the meeting**