

# Regional expert workshop on international legal co-operation in the fight against trafficking in human beings and the protection of victims' rights

8-9 November 2017  
Sofia, Bulgaria



## PROGRAMME



Secretariat of the Council of  
Europe Convention on Action  
against Trafficking in Human  
Beings



**Wednesday, 8 November 2017**

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| 9:00 - 9:30  | Registration  |
| 9:30 - 9:50  | <p><b>Opening statements</b></p> <p>Petya Nestorova, Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings</p> <p>Kamelia Dimitrova, Secretary General of the Bulgarian National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings</p>   |
| 9:50 -10:20  | <p><b>Council of Europe conventions on co-operation in criminal matters and their application to cross-border cases of trafficking of human beings</b></p> <p>Erik Verbert, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on the Operation of European Conventions on Co-operation in Criminal Matters (PC-OC), Federal Public Service Justice, Belgium</p> |
| 10:20 -10:50 | <p><b>The work of UNODC on developing a global resource on international legal co-operation in trafficking cases</b></p> <p>Silke Albert, Crime Prevention Expert, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</p>  |
| 10:50 -11:10 | Discussion  |
| 11:10 -11:30 | Coffee break  |
| 11:30 -12:00 | <p><b>Effective use of international co-operation tools in the investigation of trafficking in human beings cases</b></p> <p>Caroline Denham, European Serious Organised Crime Centre, EUROPOL</p>  |
| 12:00 -12.30 | <p><b>The role of Eurojust in supporting the co-ordination of investigations and prosecutions of cross-border cases of trafficking in human being and the setting up of Joint Investigation Teams (JITs)</b></p> <p>Ivanka Kotorova, Deputy to the National Member of Bulgaria at Eurojust</p>  |
| 12:30 -13:00 | <p><b>The contribution of INTERPOL to tackling trafficking in human beings</b></p> <p>Faysel Al-Mohannadi, Vulnerable Communities Sub-Directorate Trafficking in Human Beings, INTERPOL General Secretariat</p>   |
| 13:00 -14:30 | Lunch   |
| 14:30 -15:00 | <p><b>Transnational Referral Mechanism: a model for transnational co-operation in the referral of trafficked persons and ensuring the protection of victims' rights</b></p> <p>Elena Petreska, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)</p>  |

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| 15:00 -15:20 | <p><b>The role of IOM in supporting the safe return of victims of trafficking</b></p> <p>Radoslav Stamenkov, Head of Office, IOM Bulgaria</p>   |
| 15:20 -15:40 | <p><b>OSCE's support in enhancing international co-operation to combat trafficking in human beings</b></p> <p>Tetiana Rudenko, Senior Co-ordination Adviser, Office of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings</p>   |
| 15:40 -16:00 | Discussion  |
| 16:00 -16:20 | Coffee break  |
| 16:20 -18:00 | <p>Discussions in three working groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Setting up of Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) in human trafficking cases</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Ola Laurell</b>, former National Member of Sweden at Eurojust, current member of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Overcoming problems in international co-operation in human trafficking cases: mutual legal assistance, exchange of information and evidence, co-ordination of investigations between countries, confiscation of criminal assets, protection of victims/witnesses</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Helga Gayer</b>, Deputy Head of the Analysis Unit in Human Trafficking Cases, German Federal Criminal Police, member of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Protection of victims' rights in cross-border cases of human trafficking: identification, referral, safe return and reintegration</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Rita Theodorou Superman</b>, Head of the Anti-Trafficking Unit in the Cyprus Police, member of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)</p> |
| 20:00        | Dinner  |

**Thursday, 9 November 2017**

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| 9:00 -10:30  | <b>Continuation of the work of the working groups</b> |
| 10:30 -11:00 | Coffee break  |
| 11:00 -12:00 | <b>Reports from the working groups and discussion</b> |
| 12:00 -12:30 | <b>Conclusions and closing addresses</b>              |
| 12:30        | Lunch and departure of participants                   |