

ROUND-TABLE MEETING

Stepping up the Council of Europe action against trafficking in human beings in the digital age

Strasbourg, 17 December 2019 Palais de l'Europe (Meeting room 10)

AGENDA

09:30 - 09:40	Opening remarks
	Ms Corina CĂLUGĂRU, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, Committee of Ministers Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF)
09:40 - 09:50	Presentation of the purpose and expected results of the round-table meeting
	Ms Petya NESTOROVA , Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
09:50 - 10:30	Towards a concerted Council of Europe approach to human rights challenges in the digital age
	Mr Jan KLEIJSSEN, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime
	Mr Virgil SPIRIDON, Cybercrime Division
10:30 - 11:00	Addressing the scale of human trafficking through technology and policy related action
	Mr Radu CUCOS , Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE
	Discussion
11:00 - 11:20	Coffee break

11:20 - 12:30	Key challenges in investigating and prosecuting cases of human trafficking committed with the use of information and communication technology
	Moderator: Mr Christopher YVON, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the Council of Europe, Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
	Mr Jean-Marc DROGUET , Head of the Central Office for Combating Human Trafficking (OCRTEH), Ministry of the Interior, France
	Ms Amanda READ , National Lead on Safeguarding and Modern Slavery, UK Border Force
	Discussion
	Guiding questions:
	 How is digital technology misused in the context of human trafficking and what tools or policies exist to address this? What are the challenges of trans-border investigations where different jurisdictions regulate technology-related matters? Are there examples of good practice linked to co-operation between different agencies (including those dealing with cybercrime and financial investigations)? What additional legislation/regulations should be put in place? What new policies and operational tools are required? What are the capacity-building needs to address technology-facilitated trafficking?
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch (Blue Restaurant, Palais de l'Europe)
14:00 - 15:00	Technology against trafficking in human beings: private sector initiatives and developments
	Moderator: Ms Petya NESTOROVA , Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
	Mr Phil BENNETT, Tech Against Trafficking
	Mr Eric ANDERSON, Modern Slavery Lead, Human Rights team, British Telecom Mr Andrew WALLIS, UNSEEN, United Kingdom
	Discussion
	Guiding questions:
	 What technology-based initiatives exist to identify victims, improve access to services, and enhance the investigation and prosecution of perpetrators? What are the human rights challenges linked to the use of technology in tackling trafficking in human beings? What can governments and international organisations do to strengthen collaboration with business and civil society?

15:00 - 15:30	Discussion
	Guiding questions:
	 How to build expertise and capacity among practitioners to allow for maximum use of available counter-trafficking technology tools? How to build effective public-private partnerships?
15:30 - 16:00	US experience: Deliver Fund against human trafficking (video conference)
	Mr Daniel CLEMENS, ShadowDragon and Deliver Fund
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 - 17:15	Continuation of the discussion
	Conclusions and closing remarks
17:15 - 17:30	Ms Claudia LUCIANI, Director, Human Dignity, Equality and Governance