



# ASSISTING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND MEASURING THE COSTS THEREOF

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## Key topics

- Focus on vulnerable groups (women and children) and how assistance to them could be improved
- Judicial and law enforcement aspects in relation to victims and the need for better cross-border and inter-institutional cooperation
- Identification of victims and their questioning (in proceedings), and the material, human and emotional cost thereof

Languages:  
English, Portuguese  
(with simultaneous interpretation)

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Organiser  
ERA (Ramin Farinpour) in cooperation with the *Centro de Estudos Judiciários*, the Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV), LEFÖ, the Romanian National Agency Against Trafficking in Persons (ANITP), the Bulgarian National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, the German Weisser Ring

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**Monday, 4 December 2017**

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Welcome and introduction**  
*João da Silva Miguel and Ramin Farinpour*

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**I. THE EU AND INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK – AND INTENDED NATIONAL MEASURES – FOR COUNTERING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND PROTECTING AND ASSISTING VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS**

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*Chair: Ramin Farinpour*

09:10 **The definition of trafficking in human beings (THB) in international norms within the context of sexual exploitation and protecting and assisting its victims and their rights: can such (financial and human) costs be measured?**

*Ryszard Piotrowicz*

09:45 **The need to collect, analyse and disseminate information on THB within the context of sexual exploitation and a national action plan: an overview of related financial and human costs**

*Rui Belchior*

10:15 Discussion

10:45 Coffee Break

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**II. RESPONSES TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, ASSISTING ITS VICTIMS AND MEASURING THE COSTS THEREOF WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THB: MEASURES TAKEN BY MEMBER STATES**

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*Chair: Ryszard Piotrowicz*

11:15 **Italy's approach to protecting and assisting victims of THB for sexual exploitation: using anti-mafia techniques to confiscate criminal's assets and compensate victims**

*Giorgia Spiri*

11:45 **Victim support from in-house cooperation amongst courts to effective investigation and compensation: the Spanish perspective**

*Teseida García García*

12:15 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

13:45 **The importance of non-punishment and non-prosecution when dealing with victims and the need for effective cooperation between judicial authorities, the police and other actors in protecting and assisting victims**

*Warner ten Kate*

14:15 **The role of the police in interviewing victims and giving them support**

*Edite Fonseca Fernandes*

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **The perspective of a lawyer: assisting and representing victims of THB for sexual exploitation and ensuring their clients' protection within the context of questioning in proceedings**

*Alexios Athanassopoulos*

16:30 **The perspective from a country of origin of victims of sexual exploitation in relation to THB: victims' identification, protection and support as well as reintegration into society and measuring the costs thereof in Romania**

*Cristina Dragota*

## Objective

This second seminar in a series of four co-funded by the European Commission on countering trafficking in human beings (THB) will focus on assisting victims of sexual exploitation at both EU and national level and measuring the cost thereof.

## Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice, law enforcement officers and representatives of civil society/NGOs.

## CPD

ERA's programmes meet the standard requirements for recognition as Continuing Professional Development (CPD). This event corresponds to 11.5 CPD hours.

## Location

**Centro de Estudos Judiciários**  
Largo do Limoeiro, Lisbon

## Save the date

PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS IN THE EU  
Riga, 15-16 February 2018  
THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE  
Handling e-evidence in child sex abuse material  
Trier, 19-20 February 2018  
APPLYING THE EIO  
Cracow, 1-2 March 2018  
REHABILITATION AND ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS TO DETENTION OF RADICALISED INDIVIDUALS  
Utrecht, 8-9 March 2018  
INVESTIGATING WEB 2.0  
Focus on internet searches for EU legal practitioners  
Lisbon, 13-14 March 2018  
THE LIFE CYCLE OF ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE  
The challenges posed by "Cloud Computing"  
Prague, 10-11 April

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- 17:00 Discussion
- 17:30 End of first day
- 19:30 Dinner

## Tuesday, 5 December 2017

- 09:00 **Putting together a national programme for the prevention of THB and the protection and assistance of victims of sexual exploitation in a country of origin: cooperation at local level and beyond national borders within the context of measuring the material and human costs**  
*Dobryana Petkova*
- 09:30 **Protecting victims by providing psychosocial and legal support as well as access to health care and secure accommodation: the perspective of a victims' support NGO within the context of measuring costs**  
*Evelyn Probst*
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee break

### III. THE VICTIMS' RIGHTS PACKAGE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THB

*Chair: Ramin Farinpour*

- 11:00 **The EU's Victims' Rights Package: from minimum standards on support and protection of victims (Directive 2012/29/EU) to mutual recognition of protection measures in civil (Regulation 606/2013) and criminal matters and its application in Portugal within the framework of THB and the protection of victims of sexual exploitation**  
*João Lázaro*
- 11:30 **From negotiation to implementation: the application of the Victims' Rights Package in Germany and national reform within the context of protecting victims of sexual exploitation of THB and the possibility of measuring related costs**  
*Barbara Wüsten*
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:15 **Simultaneous workshops**
- **Investigation techniques within the context of assisting and protecting victims of THB for sexual exploitation**  
*Teseida García García*
  - **Statements of victims and non-punishment and cross-platform cooperation**  
*Warner ten Kate*
  - **Protecting and assisting victims**  
*Evelyn Probst, Edite Fonseca Fernandes, Joana Menezes*
- 13:15 Workshop reports and discussion
- 13:45 Lunch and end of seminar

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Programme may be subject to amendments.

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## Speakers

**Alexios Athanassopoulos**, Founder and Managing Partner, AA Law Firm, Athens

**Rui Belchior**, Senior Technician, Observatory on Trafficking in Human Beings (OTSH), Lisbon

**João da Silva Miguel**, Director of CEJ, Lisbon

**Cristina Dragota**, Specialist Inspector, Monitoring, Evaluation and Victims' Coordination Unit, National Agency Against Trafficking in Persons (ANITP), Bucharest

**Ramin Farinpour**, Senior Lawyer, Course Director, European Criminal Law, ERA, Trier

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**Teseida García García**, Prosecutor, Prosecutor's Office, Las Palmas

**Warner ten Kate**, Prosecutor, Prosecution Service for the North-Eastern Netherlands, Zwolle

**João Lázaro**, President, Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV), Lisbon

**Joana Menezes**, Manager, Support Network for Migrant and Discrimination Victims, Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV), Lisbon

**Dobryana Petkova**, Chief Expert, National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (NCCTHB), Council of Ministers of Bulgaria, Sofia

**Ryszard Piotrowicz**, Professor of Law, Department of Law and Criminology, Aberystwyth University, Aberystwyth; Member of GRETA, Council of Europe

**Evelyn Probst**, Head of Intervention Centre for Trafficked Women and Girls, LEFÖ (Information, Education and Support for Migrant Women), Vienna

**Giorgia Spiri**, Public Prosecutor, Special Antimafia Directorate, Public Prosecution Office, Palermo

**Barbara Wüsten**, Head of Victims' Rights, International Affairs and Honorary Work Unit, Weisser Ring, Mainz

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