**AGENDA**

Regional Expert Group Meeting: “Addressing risks, threats and forms of trafficking in persons caused by the conflict in Ukraine”

**Bucharest, Romania**
**28-29 March 2023**

Hybrid format with in-person and online attendance

Implemented by UNODC in collaboration with the National Agency against Trafficking in Persons within the Ministry of Interior of Romania, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of France

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**Day 1 – 28 March 2023**

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<td>Ms. Maria Cristina Stepanescu, Acting Director, National Agency Against Trafficking in Persons, Romania</td>
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<td>H.E. Ms. Therese Hydén, Ambassador, Embassy of Sweden in Bucharest</td>
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<td>H.E. Ms. Laurence Auer, Ambassador, Embassy of France in Romania</td>
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### Session 3: Combating trafficking in persons in armed conflict, especially among persons affected by conflict in Ukraine – perspective of international and regional justice and home affairs institutions

**Session objective:** Representatives of international and regional justice and home affairs institutions will present their mandate and efforts in addressing trafficking in persons in armed conflict, particularly among persons affected by war in Ukraine.

**Moderator**

Mr. Erwann Tor, Magistrate, Regional expert on «fight against trafficking in human beings and related crimes», Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the International Organisations in Vienna

**Speakers**

- **Mr. Sasa Gosic**, Criminal Intelligence Officer, Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants Unit, Interpol
- **Mr. Gerald Tatzgern**, Brigadier, JOO – Joint Operational Office, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Austria (online)
- **Mr. Shawn Kohl**, Director, European Anti-Trafficking Program, International Justice Mission
- **Ms. Diane Reynders**, Senior Advisor on Prosecutorial Reform, EU Assistance Mission in Ukraine (online)
- **Mr. Romulus Ungureanu**, Director of Operations, SELEC

#### 11:30-11:45

**Coffee break**

#### 11:45-12:45

**Session 4 (Part I): Victim-centered approach to identification, investigation and prosecution of trafficking in persons in armed conflict in SEE, especially among persons affected by conflict in Ukraine – criminal justice and law enforcement perspective**

**Session objective:** To provide participants with a better understanding of practical examples of good practices, challenges and lessons learned of identifying, investigating and prosecuting trafficking in persons in armed conflict, particularly among persons affected by war in Ukraine.

**Moderator**

Mr. Davor Raus, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

**Speakers**

- **Ms. Lucie Laffont**, Anti-trafficking team, Unit D5 – Organised Crime and Drugs Policy, European Commission (online)
- **Ms. Harsheth Virk**, Head of Office, UNODC Ukraine
- **Ms. Sandra Berty**, GBV Officer and THB Focal Point, Regional Bureau for Europe, UNHCR (online)
- **Ms. Tetiana Rudenko**, Senior Co-ordination Adviser, Office of Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE
- **Ms. Parvine Ghadami**, Lawyer, GRETA Secretariat, Council of Europe (online)
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            | Mr. Erwann Tor, Magistrate, Regional expert on «fight against trafficking in human beings and related crimes», Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the International Organisations in Vienna  
            | Speakers  
            | ➢ Ms. Zyhdi Mema, Head of Sector of Risk Analysis and Implementation of Supplementary Measures for Territory Control, Border and Migration Department, Ministry of Interior, Albania  
            | ➢ Mr. Ahmed Mesic, Public Prosecutor, Chief of Section for combating THB & SOM, State Public Prosecutor's Office, BiH  
            | ➢ Ms. Elitsa Kalpachka, Deputy Head, District Prosecutor's Office in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria  
            | ➢ Mr. Alen Tahiri, Director, National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Croatia  
            | ➢ Ms. Sebahate Sinani, Basic Prosecutor's Office in Ferizaj, Kosovo UNSCR 1244 |
| 16:00-16:15 | Coffee break                                                                         |
| 16:15-17:15 | **Session 4 (Part III):** Victim-centered approach to identification, investigation and prosecution of trafficking in persons in armed conflict in SEE, especially among persons affected by conflict in Ukraine – criminal justice and law enforcement perspective  
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            | Mr. Davor Raus, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC  
            | Speakers  
            | ➢ Ms. Areti Skafida, Vice Prosecutor, Court of Appeal of Piraeus, Greece (online) |
Ms. Tijana Sukovic, Head of Department for Fight Against Trafficking in Human Beings, Ministry of the Interior, Montenegro (online)
Mr. Artan Ali, Inspector in the Communications Monitoring Unit, Ministry of Interior, North Macedonia
Ms. Cristina Schimbov, Head of the Child and Organ Trafficking Investigation Section, Center for Combating Human Trafficking of the National Investigative Inspectorate of the GPI of the MIA, Moldova

17:15-17:30  Closure of Day 1
Moderator  
Mr. Davor Raus, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

Day 2 – 29 March 2023

09:30-10:30  Session 5: Recent research, analysis and contemporary approaches to address trafficking in persons in armed conflict, especially among persons affected by war in Ukraine

Session objective: to provide participants with better understanding of recent research and analysis publications on trafficking in persons in armed conflict, particularly among persons affected by war in Ukraine

Moderator  
Mr. Davor Raus, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

Speakers  
- Ms. Claire Healy, Research Officer, Crime Research Section, Research and Analysis Branch, UNODC (online)  
- Ms. Heather Komenda, Migrant Protection and Assistance Specialist, IOM Regional Office for South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia  
- Ms. Anniina Jokinen, Senior Programme Officer, HEUNI (online)  
- Ms. Tereza Borodenchyk, Assistant Project Officer, OSCE/ODIHR  
- Ms. Suzanne Hofi, International Coordinator, La Strada International (online)

10:00-11:00  Session 6 (Part I): Exchange of experience and practice on the latest trends, policy and legislative initiatives, modus operandi and challenges in addressing trafficking in persons in armed conflict, especially among persons affected by conflict in Ukraine – NRM and victim protection and assistance perspective

Session objective: To provide participants with better understanding of practical examples of good practices, challenges and lessons learnt from prevention of trafficking in persons, referral of victims affected by war in Ukraine and provision of protection and assistance services

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*Mr. Davor Raus*, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

**Speakers**
- Ms. Alket Pashaj, Specialist of the Sector against illegal traffic, DVP Tirana, Albania
- Mr. Sanin Prasovic, Expert Advisor, Ministry of Security, BiH
- Ms. Lyubka Kostadinova, Secretary, Local Commission for Combating THB in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria
- Mr. Sven Novosel, Professional Associate, Red Cross Croatia

### Lunch break

### Session 6 (Part III): Exchange of experience and practice on the latest trends, policy and legislative initiatives, modus operandi and challenges in addressing trafficking in persons in armed conflict, especially among persons affected by conflict in Ukraine – NRM and victim protection and assistance perspective

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*Mr. Erwann Tor*, Magistrate, Regional expert on « fight against trafficking in human beings and related crimes », Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the International Organisations in Vienna

**Speakers**
- Mr. Vladan Djalovic, State Prosecutor, Higher State Prosecutor's Office in Bijelo Polje, Montenegro (online)
- Ms. Marija Isaevska Ristovska, Director of Center for Social Work, Social worker, Ministry of Social Work, North Macedonia
- Ms. Mariana Soltan, Main Consultant, Gender Equality Policy Directorate, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Moldova
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|            | ✓ Ms. Kateryna Cherepakha, President, La Strada Ukraine (online)  
|            | ✓ Ms. Mirabela Vasile, Legal Counselor, eLiberare Romania  
|            | ✓ Ms. Susanne Lindered, Coordinator, Swedish Platform Civil Society against Human Trafficking  
|            | ✓ Ms. Natalia Holynska, Anti-trafficking project manager, Caritas Ukraine  
|            | ✓ Ms. Marija Pantelic, Project Coordinator, Atina Serbia |
| 16:30-17:00| Conclusions and Closure of REGM  
|            | **Moderator** Mr. Davor Raus, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC |
|            | **Speakers**  
|            | ✓ Mr. Eliodor Tanislav, Head of the International Relations and Project Implementation Unit, National Agency Against Trafficking in Persons, Romania  
|            | ✓ Mr. Erwann Tor, Magistrate, Regional expert on « fight against trafficking in human beings and related crimes », Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the International Organisations in Vienna  
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