**LSI NEWS**

**Liberation and Advocacy for Sex Workers**

Continue our monitoring and advocacy work to ensure accountability for the end of the European project. This includes the publication of the final report and the dissemination of its findings.

**Call for Papers on Climate-Induced Labour Movements**

The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI) have recently issued a call for papers on climate-induced labour movements. Contributions are welcome until 15 December 2024. Find out more about the call for papers [here](https://www.heuni.arts.ubc.ca/call-for-papers/).

**Handbook for Forensic Child Interviews in Presumed Sexual Abuse**

The Handbook for Forensic Child Interviews in Presumed Sexual Abuse has been recently published. It aims to provide guidance on conducting investigative interviews with children suspected of being victims of sexual abuse. For more information, visit the website of the Business and Human Rights Center [here](https://www.business-humanrightscenter.org).

**Georgia adopts Foreign Agent Law**

Georgia has recently adopted a Foreign Agent Law, which restricts the activities of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and independent media outlets. The law has been controversial and raises concerns about its potential impact on freedom of expression and civil society in the country.

**EU moves towards adopting a renewed law to criminalise migrant smuggling**

The EU is moving towards adopting a renewed law to criminalise migrant smuggling. The EU aims to crack down on traffickers and protect migrants from exploitation.

**Upcoming Events**

- **LSI General Assembly**
  - From 22 until 24 of May, LSI participated in PICUM's General Assembly in Paris, France. On 25 May, LSI further participated in the online meeting of the EU Civil Society Dialogue agreement if elected. You can check out the list of supporters [here](https://www.civilsocietyforueurope.org).
  - You can read more about the visit [here](https://www.civilsocietyforueurope.org).

- **EU Parliament debates on forced marriage**
  - The EU Parliament debated on forced marriage, which has been a significant issue in several European countries. The debate aimed to raise awareness and discuss potential solutions to combat forced marriage.

- **European Social Fund**
  - The European Social Fund has released a report on the European Social Fund's achievements. The report highlights the fund's role in supporting sustainable economic growth and social development.

- **PICUM**
  - PICUM recently published a new briefing 'Beyond the Social Deal: Addressing Forced Marriages and Slavery in Azerbaijan'. The briefing focuses on forced marriages and slavery in Azerbaijan and their implications for EU member states.

- **EU Civil Society**
  - More than 300 EP candidates have signed the Civil Society for EU Rights pledge, promising to support civil society and to back a Civil Society strategy and a Civil Society Dialogue with the EU. You can read more about the pledge [here](https://www.civilsocietyforueurope.org).

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**Upcoming Events**

- **June public event on human trafficking**
  - La Strada International wishes to inform and update you on developments in the field of human trafficking. The event will focus on whether and when major sport events lead to human trafficking and the use of digital technologies and AI for 'national security' or 'public order', the use of criminal law to manage migration, with the detention of migrants seen as a 'collective punishment' of competitors who exploit their workers, and strengthening an interlocking net of international protections against the import of goods made with forced labour.

- **Strada International**
  - Strada International, together with 12 other CSOs reacted to the adoption in a letter of the Directive on Criminalising Migrant Smuggling. The adoption of this Directive recognises that businesses are accountable for the impact of their operations on other businesses and workers, and that human rights due diligence is a legal obligation for multinational companies.

- **EU Commission adopts EU labour law**
  - The EU Commission recently adopted EU labour laws, including the Violence Against Women Directive and the Asylum Directive. La Strada International is looking into the manifestos of the European political alliances.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **LSI Representation in May**
  - LSI Representation participated in the EU Civil Society Dialogue agreement if elected. You can check out the list of supporters [here](https://www.civilsocietyforueurope.org).

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**Support us**

You can support La Strada International's work by donating to our cause. Your contribution will help us continue our advocacy work and support sex workers. You can donate [here](https://www.strada-international.org/donate).

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. You can reach us at [info@strada-international.org](mailto:info@strada-international.org) or visit our website [here](https://www.strada-international.org).

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