

INVITATION

EU Anti Trafficking Day

What is being done to prevent trafficking in women and to assist victims?

Brussels, 16 October 2008
European Parliament - Room: A1G- 3

On the eve of the second EU anti-trafficking day (18 October), the European Women's Lobby organises a seminar to take stock of different anti-trafficking actions and to present concrete cooperation models in Europe.

The Nordic Baltic Network – Support to women victims of trafficking

The seminar will present the Nordic Baltic Pilot Project to support and assist women victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation. This Pilot project has achieved very positive concrete results in establishing international and national cooperation between government authorities and NGOs, with the primary aim to improve assistance to victims of trafficking.

Regional cooperation models as a European strategy

Increased regional cooperation is central to more efficient work against trafficking in Europe. This seminar will highlight existing cooperation models in Europe and serve as a platform to discuss the possibility of initiating similar projects in other regions in Europe – to address trafficking in women for sexual exploitation.

Holding the EU policy-makers accountable

The EU and its Member States have declared that fighting trafficking in human beings is a priority, and that action will be taken to prevent trafficking, to assist victims, and to prosecute perpetrators. The meeting will give important EU actors an opportunity to identify the strengths and weaknesses in current policies.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.15 – 9.30 **Welcome address** by Myria Vassiliadou, EWL Secretary General

9.30-10.45 **Regional cooperation models as a European strategy**

9.30 – 10.45 **Regional cooperation models – making a difference**

- **The Nordic Baltic Pilot project** – a model for regional networking: *Malin Björk, EWL Project Director*
- **Council of Baltic Sea States (CBSS)**: *Anna Ekstedt, Senior Adviser to the CBSS Taskforce on Trafficking in Human Beings*

Discussion

- Cooperation between NGOs and government agencies at National level: *Jenni Tuominen, Monika Multicultural Women's Association, Finland*
- Developing assistance programmes for women victims of sexual exploitation: *Dovilė Rūkaitė, Women's Issues Information Center, Lithuania*

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10.45-13.00 Preventing trafficking in women for sexual exploitation

10.45 – 11.30 Addressing the demand for women in prostitution

- The Links between trafficking and prostitution: *Grainne Healy, Chair of the EWL Observatory on Violence against Women*
- Norway – towards a new law criminalising the purchase of sexual services: *Maya Brenna Nielsen, Rosa project - assistance to women victims of trafficking, Norway.*

Discussion

11.30-13.00 What is the EU doing to stop trafficking in women?

Questions' session with EU policymakers

Moderator: *Myria Vassiliadou, EWL Secretary General*

Eva-Britt Svensson, MEP (SE - GUE/NGL)

Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, MEP (UK - ALDE)

Hiltrud Breyer, MEP (DE - Greens/EFA)

Marusya Lyubcheva, MEP (BG - PSE)

Anna Záborská, MEP (SK - PPE)

Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, National seconded expert, European Commission, DG Justice, Freedom and Security

Discussion

13.00 Conclusions and forward looking

Please note that the seminar language will be English

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