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**PROJECT**

**STRENGTHENING MULTIDISCIPLINARY COOPERATION TO ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE REFERRAL, ASSISTANCE, RIGHTS PROTECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**JUST/2015/JACC/AG/VICT/9221**

**EXPERT MEETING REPORT**

**15 JUNE 2017**

The event was organized on 15 June 2017, by Association Pro Refugiu in Bucharest, Romania with participation of Romanian, Belgium, Bulgarian, Spanish, Swedish experts.

* Silvia Berbec, lawyer, legal expert, Association Pro Refugiu
* Elena Lazar, lawyer, legal expert, Association Pro Refugiu
* Gabriela Ionescu, psychotherapist, health expert, Association Pro Refugiu
* Anda Dragan, psychotherapist, health expert, Association Pro Refugiu
* Ana Maria Zamfir, psychotherapist, health expert, Association Pro Refugiu
* Iulia Nimescu, social worker, social expert, Association Pro Refugiu
* Ilse Van der Straeten, social worker, social expert, Caritas International
* Christine Vaillant, legal advisor, legal expert, Caritas International
* Miriana Ilcheva, lawyer, legal expert, Center for the Study of Democracy
* Natalia de la Rubia, psychologist, health expert, Trabe Association
* Patricia Feito, social expert, Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers

The discussions were focused on the activities that will have to be implemented under Workstream 2 *An Enhanced Victims Assistance through a multi-disciplinary approach.* The agreements made by the experts were related to the development of the handbook and the implementation of the trainings that will be organzied in Romania, Bulgaria, Belgium and Spain.

**HANDBOOK FOR LEGAL / HEALTH / SOCIAL PROFESSIONALS**

**The Structure and Tasks Distributions**

* The Handbook final version will have approx. 50 pages. A4 format. The publication will be written in English by the experts and translated in partners languages.
* Deadline 15 September 2017 first Draft for all partners to transmit their contribution to the publication. By email to project Coordinator Association Pro Refugiu [**office@prorefugiu.org**](mailto:office@prorefugiu.org)
* Deadline 20 October 2017, final version in EN of the publication. Sent by project coordinator to all partners for a final look/analyze of the information contained.
* Deadline 30 October 2017, final version in EN ready for translation.
* November 2017 the final version of the Handbook is translated.

**CHAPTER 1** **EU AND NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK**

It will contain a brief presentation/descriptionof relevant EU Directives and national laws containing information related to victims of human trafficking assistance (legal/social/health), referral, financial compensation. Summarize relevant legal provisions from these normative acts.

* **Section 1: EU Directives**
* **Section 2: National Laws**

**CHAPTER 2** **THE SECONDARY VICTIMIZATION FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND HOW IT CAN BE AVOIDED**

The Criminal proceedings often represent a secondary victimization for THB victims. This chapter will contain tips & suggestions of procedures / behavior norms/code of conduct for lawyers, prosecutors, judges.

* **Section 1: Definition of terms**:

The section will start with a description (few lines) on the importance of empathy, human rights approach in the judicial proceedings, in cases involving victims of human trafficking.The section will continue further on with a set of terms explained in a friendly manner/common language to be understood by all types of professionals representing the project target group (legal/social/health professionals)

*Terms explained: PTSD; secondary victimization; trauma etc…*

* **Section 2: Code of conduct for lawyers, prosecutors, judges, social workers, psychologists coming into contact with victims of human trafficking**

The section will contain a general presentation of the deontological norms existing in each country legislation related to lawyers, prosecutors, judges, social workers, psychologists’ professions. And will continue further on with tips & suggestions on how to behave when coming into contact, as part of the judicial procedures, with the victim, in order to avoid re-traumatization.

* **Deontological Norms currently existing in each country legislation**. *If there are general rules related to legal/social/health professionals make a summary presentation on this.*
* **Tips & Suggestion of Behavioral Norms** to avoid secondary victimization throughout the entire trial from first contact with the victim until end of trial

**CHAPTER 3 THE ROLE OF THE PSYCHOLOGIST AND SOCIAL WORKER ALONGSIDE THE LAWYER TO SUPPORT THE VICTIM DURING THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

The chapter will be elaborated only by health & social experts.

* Section 1: The added value ot the presence of the psychologists and social workers alongside lawyer
* Section 2 The importance of the psychological reports to assess the trauma (as part of the process to evaluate moral damages and receive compensation).

**CHAPTER 4** **THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES**

* Section 1. What is a multi-disciplinary team
* Section 2. Why use a multi-disciplinary team to respond to THB case
* Section 3: What are the roles and responsibilities of a multi-disciplinary team in THB cases.
* Section 4: Fostering a supportive environment for a multidisciplinary team. Capacity-building methods/strategies to maintain the team sustainable, dynamic.
* Section 5: The multi-disciplinary team work in national cases and in transnational cases

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| **Model of Standard Operating Procedures in cases / Multi-Disciplinary Team** (the model is just a suggestion, it can be adapted / modified)  **1: Identification**  Measure 1: Initial Referral  Measure 2: Access to Basic Needs and Information  Measure 3: Early Risk Assessment  Measure 4: Language Interpretation and Cultural Mediation  Measure 5: Recovery and Reflection Period  **2: First Assistance and Protection**  Measure 1: Information on Assistance Options and Conditions  Measure 2: Information on Legal Options and Conditions  Measure 3: Intake and Needs Assessment  Measure 4: Assistance Provision and Protection  **3: Longer-Term Assistance and Social Inclusion**  Measure 1: Joint Development of the Individual Assistance Plan  Measure 2: Consent Procedures to Implement the  Measure 3: Adjustment and Social Inclusion  Measure 4: Legal Support and Assistance  **4: Return**  Measure 1: Informed Decision to Return  Measure 2: Risk and Social Inclusion Assessment  Measure 3: Risk Management Plan  Measure 4: Family Tracing  Measure 5: Documentation  Measure 6: Information Sharing between the Receiving and Referring Organisation and with the Assisted Person  Measure 7: Safe Transport transfer and Arrival Assistance  **5: Criminal and Civil Proceedings**  Measure 1: Evidence Gathering  Measure 2: Preparing the Victim-Witness before the Trial  Measure 3: Victim-Witness Support during the Trial  Measure 4: Victim-Witness Support after the Trial  Measure 5: Support for Compensation Claims |

**TRAININGS IN ROMANIA, BULGARIA, BELGIUM, SPAIN**

Multi-disciplinary local trainings, that will be organized between November 2017 and March 2018 (Romania, Bulgaria, Belgium, Spain).

* **For training, each partner will have**: -participants lists signed

-agenda of the event

-photos of the event

-written materials used during the training.

* **October/November 2017, each partner will inform coordinator on the team of experts that will be involved in their local trainings**
* **Evaluation Questionnaires** to be used for trainings.
* **Impact Assessment Report** elaborated.

**TRAINING CURRICULA/PROGRAM**

**For all trainings, the partners will use similar approach.**

* EU and National Legal Framework on THB victims
* The secondary victimization and how it can be avoided.
* The role of the psychologist and social workers alongside lawyer to support victim of THB in criminal procedures.
* The Multi-Disciplinary Team Work.
* Presentation & Question –Answers Sessions (plennary sessions).
* Case Studies.