



“Preventing human trafficking and sham marriages: A multidisciplinary solution (HESTIA)”

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Expert report of the training seminar

"Preventing sham marriages as a form of human trafficking: training of multipliers"

Seminar venue and time: 28.09 and 30.09.2016 in Tallinn Hotel Metropol

Seminar experts:

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1. Institutions/organizations represented by seminar participants and the number of participants from each institution (for example, municipal police - 3 representatives, educational institutions - 6 participants):

2. Expert conclusions regarding the training seminar:

1.1. To describe the knowledge of seminar participants regarding human trafficking and sham marriages as a form of human trafficking, including, what do you think, what does the awareness/unawareness of the participants regarding the subject depend on, for example, represented institution, courses attended, influence of media, or another reason.

Seminar participants presented very limited about sham marriages as a form of human trafficking. They were aware that the topic was actual, but could neither provide a definition of sham marriage nor identify potential exploitative aspects of it. None of the participants has taken part in any training on the topic before

1.2. To assess project methodological material and working methods (for example, which themes were the most significant for seminar participants; were proper working methods used for a particular audience, which ones; what shortcomings were noticed during the seminar; how was collaboration organized among the lecturers, etc.)

Majority of the group liked specific case examples of sham marriages involving Estonian citizens. The group itself was very motivated and proactive, they have been constantly asking questions and coming up with examples of situations where sham marriage scenarios have been encountered or suspected. Majority of participants didn't have any previous experience in conducting interactive trainings, so more time was needed to cover the topic of methodology and



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practical tips of the training organisation. Specific practical tasks helped the group to involve group into the communication and increase their motivation. It also helped to demonstrate them the use of interactive methods for engaging people into an active discussion.

- 1.3. What additional questions were discussed with the participants during non-formal conversations; were particular human trafficking cases requiring immediate expert action identified

During the lunch and coffee breaks, the participants had a chance to get to know each other better. That in turn has facilitated better exchange of information on potential cases of sham marriages, their professional experience and challenges. Particular attention paid to the topics of victim centred approach, challenges of identification and assistance to potential victims after the cases reach attention of authorities (e.g. establishing connection to trafficking in human beings, assistance in terminating the sham marriages etc.)

- 1.4. To assess compliance of the seminar with the agenda and presentation material

The material provided during the training was sufficient; the existing timeframe for the seminar would not allow them to learn more material. The presentations of trainers were focused on practical aspects and concrete cases, while also providing many possibilities for open discussion.

Expert suggestions and/or improvements to be made regarding the content of the seminar and non-formal and formal methods, including, please, specify, which methods should be added to the methodical material

It is crucial to organize more of interactive trainings on the issue, incorporating number of various recourses and materials. Methodical material should include more of in detailed instructions on conducting interactive activities, so that their implementation would not require any additional training.

Annexes:

1. Seminar agenda.
2. List of seminar participants.
3. Seminar presentation.

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