

Municipalities as Initiators of Local Networks against Labour Trafficking

Examples from Germany

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Existing legislation for municipalities to combat human trafficking in Germany

- No National Action Plan defining the role of municipalities in combating human trafficking
- No Action Plan at the municipality level regulating anti-trafficking activities

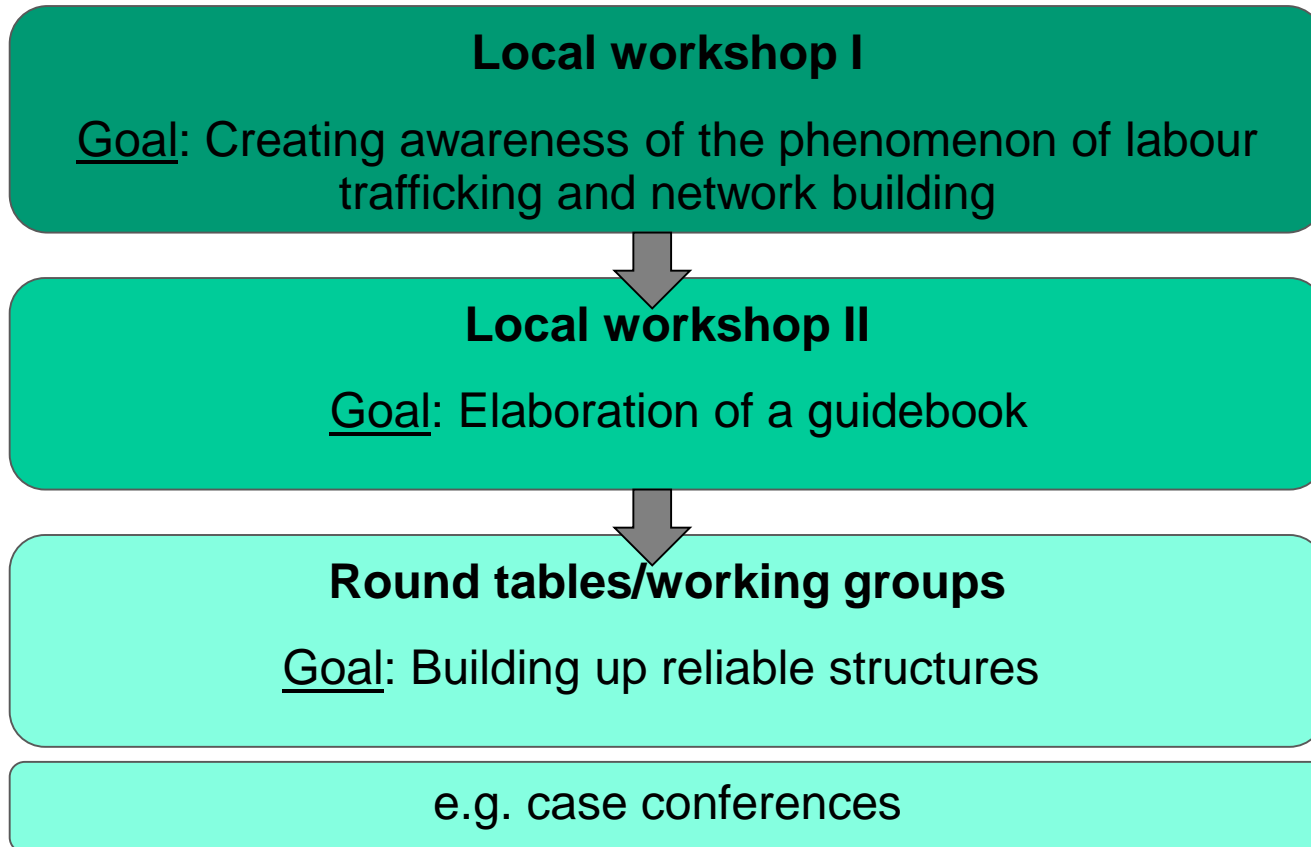
but

- Cooperation Agreements in almost all federal states
 - Various informal approaches on local level
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Alliance against Human Trafficking for Labour Exploitation

- ESF funded national project in three federal states
 - Project partners: Arbeit und Leben Berlin, German Confederation of trade Unions Berlin/Brandenburg, Ministry of Integration, Family, Children, Youth and Women Rhineland-Palatinate, Social Welfare Organization of the Protestant Church (Diakonie)
 - Awareness rising and establishment of networks through trainings and workshops
 - at local and federal state level
 - Counselling services in two federal states
 - Prevention tools (work time calendar, course module)
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Local networks against labour trafficking



Target Group: Employment agencies, job centres, immigration authorities, social welfare offices, factory inspectorates, public order offices, commissioner for integration, counselling services, police, financial control of illicit work (FKS)

Example City of Ludwigshafen

Local workshop I

- Organization by the Alliance Against Human Trafficking for Labour Exploitation in cooperation with the Commissioner for Integration, City of Ludwigshafen
 - Creating awareness of labour trafficking through presentations and casework
 - Initial process of network building → guidebook
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Local workshop II

Guidebook

- Double function:
 - 1) Relevant actors at a glance
 - 2) Clear description of the mandate of the actors
- Formal and informal versions due to lack of specialized contact points within various authorities
- Desired goal: more effective assistance for victims due to shorter communication channels and close cooperation between actors involved



Round tables/working groups

- Integration in existing structures, e.g. round tables/working groups focusing on human trafficking for sexual exploitation or refugees assistance

or

- establishment of new structures focusing specifically on labour trafficking
 - Independent process at the local level
 - Integration of the guidebook
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Advantages:

- Flexible approach
 - Concept is applicable to other municipalities
 - Concept is also applicable at the federal state level
 - Possibility of independent action against labour trafficking on the local level
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Further example:

➤ North Rhine-Westphalia:

- Labour trafficking round table

- development of online guidebooks and networking in 8 municipalities (planned)



Thank you!

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