

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

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Further Networking and Cooperation Plan for 3 year period

Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Latvia (hereinafter referred to as “Project Leading Partner”) and the following Project Partners:

- **Biedrība “Patvērums “Drošā māja””** (Society “Shelter “Safe House””) – established in Latvia (LV);
- **Mittetulundusühing “Living for Tomorrow”** – established in Estonia (EE);
- **Caritas Lithuania** – established in Lithuania (LT);
- **Immigrant Council of Ireland** – established in Ireland (IE);
- **Ministry of the Interior** – established in Slovakia (SK);
- **European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, Affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI)** – established in Finland (FI)

hereinafter referred to collectively as “Project Partners”

AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

To provide further exchange of information regarding informative and educational activities, positive changes and developments in the project countries.

To continue training of specialists using HESTIA training methodology and provide awareness raising activities in the project countries.

To continue to provide visibility of the follow-up activities of the HESTIA Project through the project’s web page administrated by the Project Leading Partner and web pages of the Project Partners.

The Latvian Project Partner – Society “Shelter “Safe House”” commits itself to implement its Action Plan:

No.	Action
Participation in working groups, development of proposals to improve national legal acts, keeping up with the court practice	
1.	Participation of representatives of the society in the inter-institutional working group coordinating the implementation of the National Anti-Trafficking Guidelines 2014 - 2020
2.	To follow the changes in legal acts providing the supplementation of training methodology developed in the framework of the project
3.	To follow application of Paragraph four of the Section 154. ² of the Criminal Law (during pre-trial investigation and adjudication) and in court judgements
4.	To follow the topicality of the phenomenon of exploitative sham marriages, to monitor development of new trends in other EU Member States



	To continue provision of contribution in the development of international reports by informing about observations of the society and collected statistical data
Education of specialists and the society	
5.	To continue education of multidisciplinary specialists about the phenomenon of exploitative sham marriages
6.	Education of specialists of various areas about THB and exploitative sham marriages, for example, employees of marriage registration offices
7.	To continue activities of information of the society about THB and exploitative sham marriages
8.	Once in a half a year from all trained specialists to collect statistical data about identified possible cases of THB, exploitative sham marriages with the aim to find out proportionally the most effective profession (occupation) of specialists involved in dissemination of project's results
9.	Information of the society about THB phenomenon involving mass media
Support to (potential) victims of trafficking in human beings	
10.	Provide free of charge trust-line 24 hours for potential victims and victims of THB

The Estonian Project Partner – NGO “Living for Tomorrow” commits itself to implement its Action Plan:

No.	Action
1.	To continue provision of contribution in the development of international reports by informing about observations of the society and collected statistical data
2.	Participating actively in the Estonian National Action Plan Against Violence 2015-2020 human trafficking prevention roundtable and network. Implementing program activities with other partners
3.	Information about THB phenomenon concerning exploitative sham marriages in mass media
4.	Educational program in vocational schools and trainings/seminars, information days local communities
5.	Providing Human Trafficking Prevention and Victims Help Hotline +372 6607320 Service in Estonia

The Lithuanian Project Partner – Caritas Lithuania commits itself to implement its Action Plan:

No.	Action
1.	Participate actively in the National commission Against Human Trafficking involving partners into joint preventive-educational activities.
2.	Elaborate together with Lithuanian National Police and General Prosecutor's Office measures regarding prevention of exploitative sham marriages, investigation of cases and support of the victims.
3.	Describe through the national and regional mass media the dangers of exploitative sham marriages, ways of recruitment.
4.	Search for the financial resources to provide legal aid to the victims who want to witness against the traffickers.
5.	Inside the country cooperate with the researchers, the universities to tackle more profoundly the most “burning” issues in exploitative sham marriages, e.g. the demand side, the profits of the crime organizers.

The Irish Project Partner – Immigrant Council of Ireland commits itself to implement its Action Plan:

No.	Action
1.	Keep the issue on the agenda during the implementation of the recently adopted Second National Action Plan on Combatting and Preventing Trafficking in Human beings, using its participation in the national consultation roundtable organised by the Department of Justice and Equality, Anti Human Trafficking Unit.



2.	Continue to provide legal aid to victims of human trafficking involving exploitative sham marriages on a priority basis.
3.	Use all its relevant international networks such as PICUM, EU Anti-Trafficking Platform, European Network of Migrant Women, various lawyers associations to highlight the issue and to contribute to building momentum for concrete provisions of this form of trafficking at EU level.
4.	Update all its training programmes delivered to the national police force and the citizens information centres and others around the country, to include a specific module on this issue and raise the overall awareness among relevant practitioners
5.	Use its extensive contacts with the Irish academia to maintain the interest on the issue high on the trafficking agenda.
6.	Use the international and national monitoring mechanisms for the implementation of the trafficking measures and the civil registration law provisions, to single out the issue of exploitative sham marriages and to demand successful long term resolution in terms of identification, response and prevention.
7.	Continue to be an active media commentator on this issue, keeping the well being of exploited people paramount to any considerations on this subject.

The Slovak Project Partner – Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic commits itself to implement its Action Plan:

No.	Action
1.	Informing the members of the Expert group on combating trafficking in human beings about the outcomes from the mutual continuous cooperation between HESTIA project partners.
2.	Continuous dissemination of the project outcomes.
3.	Realization of the prevention activities focused on the early prevention with youngsters.
4.	Supporting the expert capacities and researches and analytical reports dedicated to the THB issues.
5.	Continuous support of the THB victims support program together with national hotline.
6.	Providing the financial stimulus to the organizations dedicated to THB theme.
7.	Prevention activities towards public – e.g.seminars, campaigns

The Finnish Project Partner – European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, Affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI) commits itself to implement its Action Plan:

No.	Action
1.	Continue to present the findings of this research project in different international and national academic arenas, such as the European Society of Criminology Conference and the Scandinavian Research Council for Criminology's research seminar.
2.	Distribute information on the project to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and present the findings of the research in a side event on the topic of exploitative sham marriages in the annual United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.
3.	Develop a project proposal together with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on marriage-related trafficking and exploitative sham marriages at the global level.
4.	Continue to increase awareness in Finland on the topic of exploitative sham marriages by using HEUNI's extensive networks with the Finnish anti-trafficking actors, such as national anti-trafficking coordinator, relevant ministries, Finnish Migration Service, state-run assistance system for victims of trafficking, and relevant NGOs.



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5.	Continue to increase awareness in Europe on the topic of exploitative sham marriages by using HEUNI's extensive European networks.
6.	Develop training on exploitative sham marriages for embassy staff, as well as for Finnish Immigration Service personnel and carry out the training.
7.	Dissemination of relevant updates and progress related to the research project among HEUNI's extensive contacts through HEUNI's website, Twitter and Facebook accounts.

The Leading Partner undertakes responsibility to collect information provided by the Project Partners, publication on the Project's web page, dissemination as well as presenting achieved results at various international cooperation platforms – the Informal EU Network of National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms (NREMs), the Council of the Baltic Sea States Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings (CBSS TF-THB), the Council of Europe, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), and conferences organized to raise awareness, share knowledge, expertise and best practice to address exploitative sham marriages and trafficking in human beings.



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