

## **REPORT AND CONCLUSIONS**

of the meeting of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinators  
in South Eastern Europe (SEE)  
Wednesday 8 June 2011  
Belgrade, Serbia

### **Attendees:**

#### **National Anti-Trafficking Coordinators:**

Ms Iva Zajmi, National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Albania  
Mr Manuel Albano, National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator and National Rapportuer, Portugal  
Mr Luka Mađerić, National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Croatia  
Mr Zoran Ulama, National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Montenegro  
Mr Romulus Ungureanu, National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Romania  
Mr Mitar Đurasković, National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Serbia  
Mr Sandi Čurin, National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Slovenia  
Ms Violeta Andonovska, National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Macedonia

#### **Other participants:**

Ms Melita Gruevska Graham, ICMPD  
Mr Trpe Stojanovski, MARRI  
Mr Toni Jakimovski, MARRI  
Mr Sande Kitanov, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Macedonia  
Ms Ivana Mcilwaine, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Serbia  
Mr Sasa Gosić, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Serbia  
Ms Sonja Perišić, Office of the National Coordinator, Montenegro  
Ms Tijana Šuković, Office of the National Coordinator, Montenegro  
Mr Dragan Petrović, MARRI  
Ms Denitza Boeva, National Commission for Combating THB, Bulgaria  
Ms Ruth Freedom Pojman, OSCE  
Tudor Ulianovschii, Representative of National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Moldova

The meeting of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinators (NCs) took place on 8th June 2011, in Belgrade, Serbia in the framework of the Brdo Process upon the initiative of Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Slovenia, with the support of ICMPD as a Secretariat. The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia kindly hosted the meeting.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To exchange information on key anti-trafficking (THB) activities in the SEE Region;
- To discuss the THB latest trends in the SEE and EU Region with a special focus on street children;
- To discuss opportunities for future joint actions in the SEE Region and identify shared objectives.

Mr Mitar Đurasković, the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator of the Republic of Serbia moderated the meeting and welcomed the participants. During the opening remarks, Mr Sandi Čurin the National Anti-trafficking Coordinator of the Republic of Slovenia presented the conclusions of the Brdo Ministerial Conference from 20 October 2010 at Brdo – Kranj in

Slovenia and informed the participants about the expectations and next steps in the organisation of the NCs meetings within the Brdo process. Ms Melita Gruevska Graham, representative from ICMPD, highlighted ICMPD's past and current cooperation with the NCs from SEE and thanked Slovenia for entrusting ICMPD to be the Secretariat of this initiative.

During **Session One**, the National Anti-trafficking Coordinators presented the latest THB developments in their respective countries and shared some good practices and relevant data on the latest trends related to their anti-trafficking activities. Furthermore, they all came up with concrete proposals for future activities in regard to the key issues that emerged during the meeting.

In summary, the following key issues were raised for future consideration:

- Trafficking for the purpose of **labour exploitation** is consistently drawing more attention in SEE and special consideration needs to be paid on identification of trafficked victims for labour exploitation;
- **Child trafficking** continues to be a serious concern in the region, with high numbers of children trafficked for exploitative purposes. Therefore, the capacity of governments to undertake effective measures to prevent children from being trafficked and to protect and promote the rights of those who have been trafficked should be further developed;
- Mechanisms of **compensation for** trafficked persons need to be further developed;
- The significance of **cooperation between countries of origin and destination** has been stressed and a need to further streamline the information exchange on actual trafficking cases between countries has been highlighted.

During **Session Two**, Mr Čurin briefly presented the latest policy developments and actual activities at EU level in regard to THB. He especially emphasised **the EU external dimension** and the implications for the SEE region of the Action Oriented Paper on combating THB and the new EU Directive on combating THB. In addition, Mr. Čurin gave a short presentation of the new Slovenian initiative on the requirements for establishing JIT for the fight against Human Trafficking in the region of SEE. which is funded by the European Commission.

At the end of **Session Three**, Mr Čurin informed the participants that the next NCs meeting will take place in Slovenia at the end of this year in the frame of the Brdo Process. Ms Gruevska Graham presented the key conclusions from the seminar, emphasizing the needs identified by the participants. It was agreed that this **network of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinators in SEE should be further formalised**. She also updated the participants on the upcoming activities of ICMPD in the region related to the key issues identified above and proposed that one of the future NCs meetings could be organised in the framework of the last Regional Seminar within the project Enhancing Transnational Cooperation on Trafficking Cases in South-Eastern Europe (TRM-II) that is planned to take place in March 2012 in Bucharest, Romania.

Highlighting the importance of regular regional meetings of the National Coordinators, the participants **agreed to organize such meetings on a regular basis, twice a year** under the umbrella of the Brdo Process with ICMPD as a secretariat. The National Coordinators further declared their commitment to continue working together and providing a platform for coordinated action against THB across South Eastern Europe and beyond.