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ACTION LAUNCH EVENT

7 May 2019 (14 - 17)

ICMPD Premises, Rue Bélliard, 159 (ground floor), 1040 Brussels, Belgium

Agenda

1. Welcome and Presentation of ICMPD and MPF (Mobility Partnership Framework)
2. Short Presentation of the Action
3. Presentation of the Action partners
4. Participative Session “*Awareness Raising in face of re-trafficking: Implications and the way ahead*”
5. Roundtable “*Towards a transnational system for the prevention and protection of women and girls that can fall victims of trafficking: Capacity building and the active involvement of institutions*”
8. Wrap up and conclusions

List of Attendees

Stakeholders invited

Barbara Vangierdegom, Policy Collaborator, Federal Public Service of Justice (Belgium)

Mattia Tosato, Policy Officer, Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants, UNODC Brussels’ Liaison Office

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Anca Cristina Pristavu, Liaison Officer, Frontex

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Lisa Morillon, Expertise France, Project Manager of “Appui à la Lutte contre la Traite des Personnes dans les pays du Golfe de Guinée”

Graziella Rizza, Policy Officer, International Coordination, EC DG Home

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INSigHT Action Partners

Michele Bertani, Assistant of NWA, Nigerian Women Association, for the INSigHT Action

Gaia Borgato, Coordinator of Equality ATI for the INSigHT Action

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Barbara Maculan, President of Equality ATI

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Giovanna Marconi, Unesco Chair SSIIM of the University IUAV of Venice, Action Manager for the INSigHT Action

Victoria Oluwakemi Ajibola, Coordinator of NWA

Linda Pischedda, Assistant of Associazione 2050

Sandra Rainero, President and Coordinator of Associazione 2050

Michela Sempredon, IUAV/SSIIM, Research Coordinator for the INSigHT Action

ICMPD

Salvatore Petronella, ICMPD Project Manager and Diana Stefanescu, ICMPD Project Officer





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Executive Summary

1. Welcome and Presentation of ICMPD/ MPF (Mobility Partnership Framework)

For information and a list of partner countries see <https://www.icmpd.org/our-work/capacity-building/european-and-global-initiatives/mobility-partnership-facility-mpf/> (last updated Feb. 2019)

2. Short Presentation of the Action (see website)

3. Presentation of the Action partners (see website)

4. Participative Session “Awareness Raising in face of re-trafficking: Implications and the way ahead”

Brainstorming on awareness raising

Keywords suggested by Action partners:

PJI: engaging to eradicate human trafficking (HT) by addressing root causes in a strategic, holistic (focus on women at risk, survivors, policy-makers) and innovative way

NWA: cooperating to construct cultural values; working with traditional leaders

Equality ATI: giving voice to women and girls that can fall victim of trafficking, engaging empathically, involving and getting involved, learning from each transnationally;

Associazione 2050: changing behaviours;

IUAV: ensuring policy-relevant, target-focused, intersectional awareness raising

Invited stakeholders inputs/comments:

- There is a tendency to think of HT as migration (rather than crime) but it is not directly linked (detached part of DG Home deals with HT) but part of the process.
- It is important to look at the root causes of HT/ returns but also at alternatives by considering transnational dimension and contribute with policy-relevant findings. Looking at causes means to causes in Nigeria but also EU (policies, funding, etc.).
- It is important to learn more, from Frontex perspective, about pull and push factors and the intersections between migration/trafficking/secondary routes/return as to react to them.
- Look at projects funded by DG Home and EC to avoid duplications and inform the Action (ie. have initiatives on return from Lybia been effective and the Karthoum project on the prosecution of traffickers in Egypt/ Africa.
- Assess existing/on-going awareness campaigns (many have been conducted with no evaluation).
- Consider the effects of the Oba of Benin declaration in 2018 and cultural aspects of HT.
- It is important to have a clear strategy for dissemination and to ensure different targets are reached out (migrants, policy-makers, communities, etc.). It is important to use existing channels for dissemination (such as <https://www.infomigrants.net>)





- Re awareness raising/training with law enforcement officers: the aim should not to “educate” but to organise professional opportunities (as Frontex does) and provide tools for sharing experiences (ie. manual of border guards https://frontex.europa.eu/assets/Publications/Training/Fundamental_Rights_Training_for_Border_Guards1.pdf) to prevent HT and identify victimized people and protect them.
- It is important to speak to the targets of awareness raising in a language that is close to them (as learned in the project “Missing Steps” run by the Mission of Switzerland to the EU).

5. Roundtable “Towards a transnational system for the prevention and protection of people that are victims of trafficking: Capacity building and the active involvement of institutions”

- Recent projects on awareness raising and anti-trafficking: “Blue campaign on HT” (UNODC); Research project by Maastricht University on transit through airports (main findings: corruption of border guards associated with HT, lack of database sharing as crucial issue, need for coordination with national authorities); projects by Danish Refugee Council; projects by EU/UNHCR; project “Appui à la Lutte (...)” (Expertise France), with four components: creation of institutional support with inter-ministerial committee set up in various countries to communicate about different actions; training of judiciary authorities; protection of people that are victims of trafficking and prevention of HT; regional cooperation.
- Note that the project “Appui à la lutte” is currently updating a database of existing projects to assess concrete impact (not only how many people are reached out).
- There is a need for cooperation on awareness raising, at multi-level (individual, family, community).
- Need for improved awareness approach, focusing more carefully on cultural issues and not only on people that are potential victims of trafficking but also the wider community
- Need to engage with religious actors to address community perceptions in Nigeria but also in Italy
- Bear in mind the necessity for policy relevance; ensure full dissemination; check out for projects by EU Embassy in Nigeria; contribute with evidence on dynamics that are less evident and do not stand up, ensure full dissemination.

8. Wrap up and conclusions

- The Action should contribute with impact assessment of projects (carried out as part of the Action and, as far as possible), provide evidence of trajectories of people that are victims of smuggling and/or trafficking, that migrate and return and evolving dynamics and gaps in policy, ensure coordination with stakeholders and full dissemination.

