

**1. January 16, 2019 - Working meeting of experts in the field of combating trafficking in human beings, Brussels, Belgium.**

The aim of this meeting, organized by the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN), was "Developing an EU-level prevention campaign on trafficking in human beings", supported by a project of the European Commission, in the framework of the Internal Security Fund. Six MS are currently participating in the pilot project, namely: the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Portugal and Croatia.

**2. March 21-22, 2019 - The French-Romanian seminar on the fight against human trafficking, Paris, France.**

The seminar's purpose was to strengthen the cooperation between the Romanian and French authorities in the field of fighting against trafficking in persons and focused on two priority topics: combating human trafficking and seizure of the proceeds of crime and the identification, protection and assistance to victims of human trafficking. This meeting was attended by judges, prosecutors, police officers, and experts from institutions responsible for seizing the proceeds of crime, from organizations dealing with the protection and assistance given to both adult and minor victims, as well as by the National Rapporteurs on trafficking in persons from France and Romania.



**3. April 08 – 09, 2019 - The 19th Alliance against Trafficking in Persons Conference, Vienna, Austria.**

The objective of the event, organized by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), was to address a complex and increasingly widespread form of

trafficking in persons, therefore the role of technology in combating human trafficking was proposed for debate. The purpose of the conference was also to increase the coherence of international efforts and to elaborate comprehensive and efficient recommendations, to be used by experts, in order to be able to respond adequately to the trafficking issues.

**4. April 08-11, 2019 - Working meeting within the Erasmus + project "COBALT (Cognitive Optimization by Assistive Learning Tool), Plymouth, United Kingdom.**

This event was attended by specialists and partners of the COBALT project in the United Kingdom, France, Estonia and Romania and aimed to evaluate the online learning assistance application for children and young people with cognitive impairments, who are at risk.

**5. May 07, 2019 - Expert meeting on the exchange of practices related to criminalizing that use of services provided by victims of trafficking, Brussels, Belgium.**

The working meeting, organized by the European Commission - Office of the European Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, aimed to facilitate the exchange of good practices in the field of incrimination of clients of services offered by victims of trafficking in human beings, in order to improve the response of EU Member States in the field of reducing the demand for services. Also, the topic of the working meeting was a priority assumed by Romania during its Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Romania's participation in this initiative implied a transfer of expertise, being recognized at European level that Romania is one of the few MS, where definitive sentences have been issued for people who have used the services of victims of human trafficking.

**6. May 13-14, 2019 - Meeting of the EU Network of National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms on Trafficking in Human Beings, Brussels, Belgium.**

In accordance with the objectives assumed by Romania's Presidency at the Council of the European Union, the meeting, organized by the European Commission and the Presidency of Romania at the Council of the European Union, focused on demand reduction in the field of trafficking in persons, in order to improve the implementation of the provisions regarding the incrimination of the use of the services of an exploited person, stipulated by the Directive 36/2011 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims.

**7. May 20, 2019 – *Side event during the 28th session of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna, Austria.***

The activity was organized by the UN Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in order to increase the visibility and awareness of the Blue Heart campaign. At the same time, the side event offered the possibility for the member states to join the campaign, with France, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Romania announcing their intention in this regard. The Blue Heart campaign, through its preventive approach, seeks to inform and raise awareness of the risks of becoming a victim of human trafficking worldwide.

**8. May 22-24, 2019 - *Transnational seminar organized within the project "Pro.Vi - Protection of victims' rights", Porto, Portugal.***

The overall objective of the project is to promote the implementation of the Directive 2012/29 /EU which establishes the rights and measures for the protection of victims of crime, including victims of trafficking, by engaging in a series of national and transnational actions that involve Italy (the Psychoanalytic Institute for Social Research - project coordinator), Germany, Portugal, Romania and Spain. The seminar focused on the results of the first phase of the project (capacity assessment), as well as on identifying best practices or promising ones, in supporting victims and protecting their rights. Thus, optimal ways of improving services and protecting the rights of victims in partner countries were identified.

**9. May 27-28, 2019 - *International seminar on the project "Justice at Last - European action for Compensation for Victims of Crime"*, Brussels, Belgium.**

The project is coordinated by La Strada International, implemented in cooperation with partners from Bulgaria (Animus Association), the Czech Republic (La Strada), Spain (SicarCAT and Esperanza), Germany (KOK), Austria (LEFO), Ireland (MRCI), Romania (Adpare), Macedonia (Open Gate/ La Strada) and Serbia (ASTRA) and funded by the European Commission through the Justice Program of the European Union (2014-2020). The seminar focused on cross-border cooperation in claiming compensation for victims of crime, including trafficking in persons. It also aimed at improving cooperation between all relevant stakeholders at national and international level to ensure adequate access to compensation and the level of knowledge of the existing legal instruments in the field.



**10. May 29-30, 2019 - *Meeting of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinators in South-Eastern Europe, Becici, Montenegro.***

The purpose of this meeting, organized by the Office of the National Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Montenegro, the International Center for the Development of Migration Policies (ICMPD), the Permanent Mission of France to the International Organizations in Vienna and the

United Nations Office for Criminal Drugs (UNODC), was to facilitate the development and consolidation of the network of national coordinators from South-Eastern Europe involved in the fight against trafficking in human beings, to identify platforms and best practices to improve regional cooperation, as well as a good opportunity to discuss current and future challenges in the fight against this type of criminal activity.

**11. July 09 – 12, 2019 - *CEPOL Activity 52/2019*, "Train the Trainers", Nicosia, Cyprus.**

The activity, organized by the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), targeted the trainers belonging to law enforcement personnel, lecturers and education experts who are registered in the CEPOL "Lecturers, Trainers, Researchers ( LTR)" database, interested in improving their skills in a multicultural and multidisciplinary working environment.