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Best achievements:

- ▶ The legal framework
- ▶ Romanian National Anti-trafficking Agency
- ▶ The National Victim Identification and Referral Mechanism
- ▶ The Victim data base
- ▶ The Program of victim assistance
- ▶ Convictions (**524**, in July 2011)
- ▶ Romanian contribution to the EU Report on trafficking and unify statistic

Weak points:

- ▶ The lack of financial resources
- ▶ Insufficient development
- ▶ Inadequate distribution of competences and funding
- ▶ Impediments in public procurement norms
- ▶ Ambiguity in budget designing
- ▶ Closing of some shelters



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PREVENTION

- Fight against THB =
PREVENTION + **COMBATING** + **ASSISTANCE**



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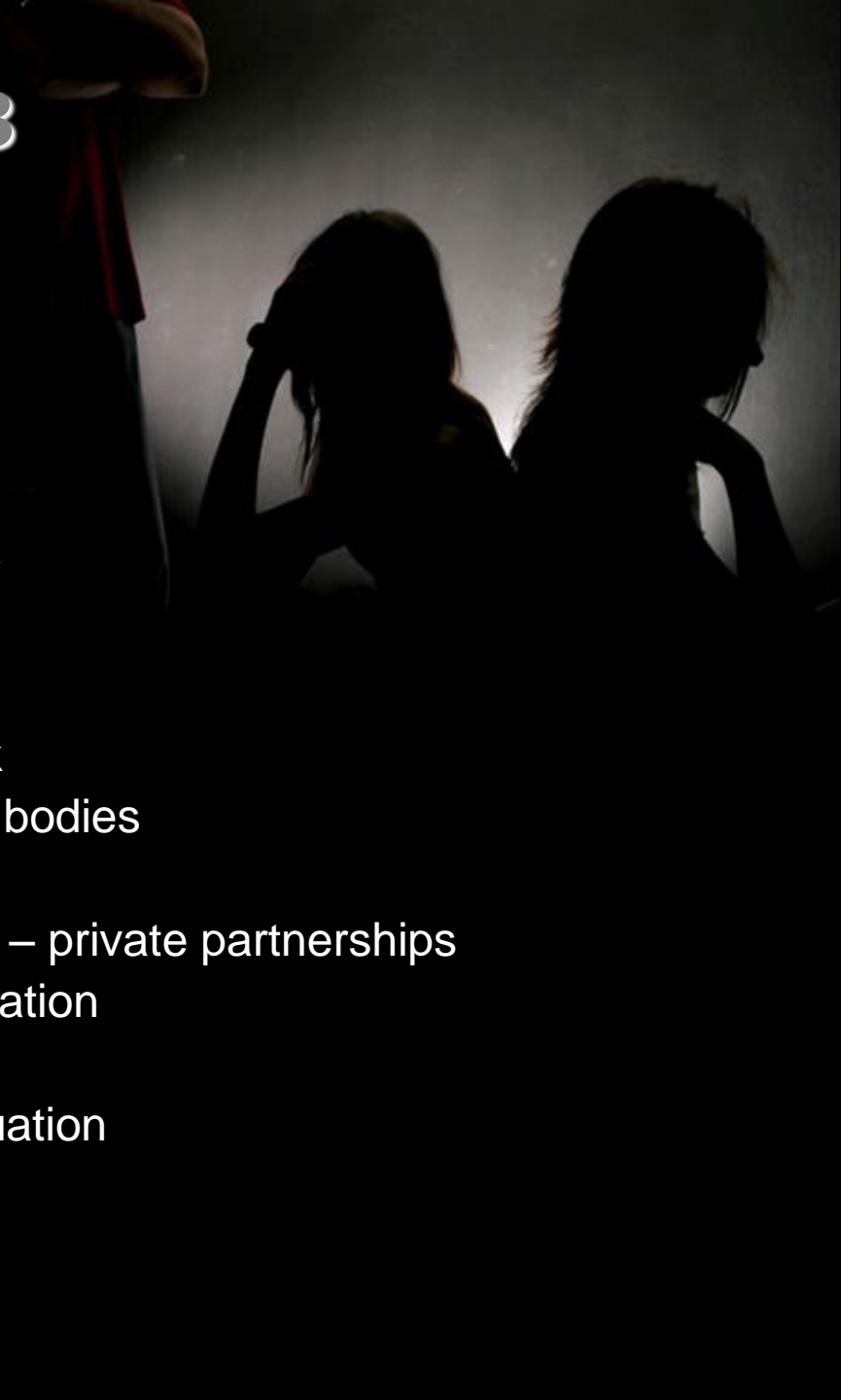
PREVENTION

► **TACKLING THE ROOT CAUSES**

► Romanian National Anti-trafficking Strategy

► Action Plan

- Raising awareness
- Improving the national legal framework
- Setting up national / local coordination bodies
- Consolidating the institutional capacity
- Establishing and developing the public – private partnerships
- Improving the cooperation and coordination
- Reducing the vulnerability
- Improving the social and economic situation
- Training the anti-THB staff
- Scientific research on THB



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► **DIRECTIVE 2011 / 36 / UE, Art. 18**

► **Adopted in the Romanian Law**

- The inter-institutional county teams have responsibilities in educating and training of stakeholders in the fight against human trafficking
- Implementation of the project: "Strengthening the capacity of the judiciary to investigate and prosecute trafficking cases " and "Strengthening the institutional capacity of agencies involved in preventing trafficking in accordance with European standards and best current practices";
- Implementing the project: "REACT - Raising awareness against child trafficking and accountability" - for sexual exploitation via the Internet;
- Conducting researches, studies and guidelines on trafficking in persons.

► **Mobilising communities in risk areas to react against THB**



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- ▶ **EDUCATION – best solution?**
- ▶ Romania – well established tradition and territorial network of schools
- ▶ Prevention strategies – risk reduction and strengthening protection factors
- ▶ Other coordinates:
 - focusing on the person, subject to campaign
 - personifying the message according to the target group characteristics
 - perform preliminary qualitative research to identify the best intervention method,
 - repeating the message using diverse methods, during at least 4 years of formation of teachers/trainers so as to perform both prevention and reinsertion
 - spot persons at risk and intervene timely.



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- ▶ **PREVENTION PROGRAMME for schools:**
 1. Target students, teachers, parents; involve other community factors
 2. Be sufficiently funded
 3. Elaborate an efficient evaluation system
- ▶ Raising awareness of all persons exposed to THB
- ▶ Romanian Parliament's Group on Fighting Against THB: hearings of public administration institutions' representatives and exchange of information
- ▶ **Criticisms:** many resources / little effect
- ▶ **Good campaign:** focus on the root causes of trafficking rather than the symptoms accompanied with further measures in the countries both origin and destination
- ▶ Raising awareness campaigns – **NATURAL LIMITS**
- ▶ Opinion No. 7 / 2010 of the Group of the Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings – a new generation of prevention strategies



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- ▶ **TRADITIONAL APPROACHES: victim-centred and crime control**
 - Compliting, by adding a root cause – centred approach
 - July 2007: 2 victims of sexual exploitation were awarded with 142,500 £ (UK “**Criminal injuries Compensation Scheme**”)
 - Cheaper measures> “**make the crime pay the bill**” !!!
 - **Confiscating assesses resulted from THB: discouraging effect and bring money to the good camp**
 - **National Asset recovery Offices – established in 22 Member States, including Romania**
 - EU Directive – sanctions and measures against employers of illegally staying third – countries nationals: **to introduce criminal penalties** and **co-liability of the mainn-contractor**

Thank You!

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