



PARLIAMENTARIANS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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Background

Following on from the successful pilot project run by ECPAT UK from 2009 to 2010, which established the need for a European network of MPs and NGOs working to combat Trafficking in Human Beings (THB), the present project's mission was to facilitate regular contact between parliamentarians, NGOs and other actors involved in fighting human trafficking, as well as providing more detailed information on THB. The project also aimed to assist participation in national and regional dialogue for MPs throughout Europe, with the overall aim of generating a body of opinion, backed by legislation, to combat THB across Europe (see next section)

By communicating with one voice as a European network, there is a real opportunity for better understanding of the problem; and to raise awareness of the need to adopt similar laws and policies to enable cross-border cooperation in protection, prosecution, prevention and monitoring of national and international obligations and human rights instruments, and to ensure relevant agencies implement these obligations.

The project is also a response to the need for coordination and cooperation on THB between national parliaments, as articulated and documented in the 2010 Inter-Parliamentary Union resolution on Cooperation & Shared Responsibility in the global fight against organized crime, in particular drug trafficking, illegal arms trafficking, trafficking in persons and cross-border terrorism (01/04/2010 Bangkok).

The European framework for this project was based on the EU Directives on both THB and Sexual Abuse of Children, and the EU Action Plan on THB. Additionally, the tenets of the project were outlined in the resolution of the 2010 Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) conference on organised

crime and in the report of the Parliamentary Forum on the occasion of the UN Vienna Forum THB 12/02/2008. The IPU/UNODC Handbook on Trafficking in Persons (2009) provided a basis for the parliamentary focus of the project and helps to identify ECPAT UK, as the lead partner in the project, joined by associate partners including the Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking, the Council of British Chambers of Commerce in Europe and the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. These partners were chosen to provide relevant professional knowledge and European contacts. The Wilberforce Institute at Hull University, UK which is evaluating the project, is also an associate partner.

Project objectives

This project aims to:

- stimulate, promote and develop the methods necessary for strategically preventing and fighting the crime of human trafficking
- promote and develop coordination, cooperation and mutual understanding amongst law enforcement agencies, other national authorities and related EU bodies
- promote and develop best practice for the protection and support of victims and witnesses of the crime of trafficking

The general objective of the project is to develop a European network of parliamentarians working to combat trafficking human beings (THB) in order to promote and develop cross-border cooperation and mutual understanding. Creating the network will, it is intended, complement and stimulate national level anti-trafficking activities such as legal reform and victim support.

The specific means for doing this are to hold at least 11 events in 8 countries and to provide relevant information through country summary reports, thematic reports, direct contacts and access to an online resource centre for 100 parliamentarians. The project aims to increase the awareness of parliamentarians about THB and to help them to learn about good practice on prosecution, prevention and protection measures by meeting with specialist NGOs and business leaders, from other member states.

Inputs – time, money, staff

Project partners

This project brings together MPs, civil society organisations, law enforcement representatives, service providers and business leaders as a partnership on combating crime and supporting victims. A European network of MPs is facilitated and supported by the project and its actions at country levels will be monitored by specialist NGOs. The network is an innovative approach to holding governments to account and increasing the capacity of law-makers. By bringing together parliamentarians with specialists outside of parliaments, the aim is to create focal points in each national parliament which can exist after the project ends or if governments change.

The main partner of the project is ECPAT UK, accompanied by two other key NGO partners responsible for project implementation – the Human Trafficking Foundation (UK) and Asociatia High Level Children's Group (Romania).

The associate partners of the project are the Council of British Chambers of Commerce in Europe - COBCOE, the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (BGIPU), the Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation and the Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings.

Project management structure

The project is implemented and managed day-to-day by seven people. The Project Director is Ms Christine Beddoe, Director of ECPAT UK. Her role is to provide overall management responsibility, including financial oversight.

The Principle Advisor for this project is Mr Anthony Steen, Chairman of the Human Trafficking Foundation. He is also the Chairman of the project's Advisory Group. His responsibilities include attending meetings, seminars and conferences and networking with parliamentarians participating in the project. He is also tasked with providing advice on both the general direction of the project and its activities.

The Project Coordinator, Ms Stana Buchowska is responsible for external liaison representing the project partners, including liaison with MPs, NGOs and others involved in counter-trafficking activities across Europe, for developing an extensive list of relevant contacts in Europe, for managing the budget, organising conferences, meetings, preparing thematic papers, monitoring and report writing, and line managing the Project Assistant.

The Project Assistant, Ms Emma Makey is responsible for logistics, desk research, country reports, website, receipts and administration. Her tasks include maintaining efficient project administration and filing systems, organising logistics for meetings, seminars and conferences, drafting and distributing monthly project e-newsletters, updating the project website and supporting the Project Coordinator in organising events and meetings.

The Human Trafficking Foundation Project Assistant is Mr Tamlin Vickers. His tasks are – amongst others - to manage and arrange meetings of the Advisory Group, to communicate arrangements between relevant stakeholders and to assist the Project Assistant in updating the PAHT website.

Project finances are administrated by an Administrator, under the direction of the Project Director. The administrator is responsible for bookkeeping, financial reports and banking. During the first 7 months of project implementation, this post was held by Ms Erica McGihon. She was replaced by Ms Ranjna Patel in March 2012.

Project information management is the responsibility of the Information Officer, who is a member of the permanent staff at ECPAT UK. The Information Officer is responsible for the design of information materials, reports and support on content for the website. During the first three months of the project this post was held by Ms Alice Macek. She was replaced by Ms Chloe Setter in October 2012.

There is also one additional Project Assistant post detailed in the project, based with project partner organisation Asociatia Children's High Level Group. Ms Mariela Neagu is responsible for liaison with other partners, administration and logistics support relating to Romanian activities, including the Good Practice Exchange event in November 2012 and the Final Conference in June 2013.

Advisory Board

The Advisory Board was formally approved during the meeting with the main project partners on 9 February 2012. It was agreed that the Board would consist of one MP from the UK, 2 MPs - representatives of Romania and Poland, with the possibility of the alternation of countries, (depending on the participation of MPs in different events), project partners – one each of representatives of ECPAT UK, Asociatia HLCG and HTF. Anthony Steen was nominated to be a chairman of the Board. It was agreed that an Advisory Board meeting would be organised before each event. The role of Board members would also be to give input to project activities and to advise on the strategic direction of the project. Until the end of May 2012, the Board has met three times – in February in London, in March in Rome before the seminar, and in April before the sub-regional seminar in Warsaw. Further meetings are planned.

Target groups

The primary target groups are members of National Parliaments in EU Member States from government, opposition and minority parties. Other target groups are NGOs, business leaders, law enforcement, service providers, other specialist groups, including national rapporteurs and ombudsmen. The potential beneficiaries of implemented project activities are victims of human trafficking as well as children and adults who are vulnerable and at risk of trafficking.

Process

Project activities

Start of the project

The project was originally planned to begin in April 2011. The start of the project was postponed to July 2011 due to the delayed recruitment of the project staff. This was approved

by the EC under the condition that the initial recruitment delay would not affect the implementation of the project.

Recruitment of project staff

Project staff was recruited in June 2012. Emma Makey, Project Assistant, started her job on 15 July 2011 and Stana Buchowska, Project Coordinator, began work on 1 August 2011. Additionally, the project evaluator, Professor Gary Craig, was engaged from July 2011 as it was agreed that the form of the evaluation would be a formative one, whereby data is collected and on-going lessons learned can be fed back to project staff as the project develops to help shape its direction in the most timely fashion.

Inception meeting

The inception meeting was held on 12th July 2011 in the House of Lords Interview Room, Houses of Parliament, London. 12 participants, including ECPAT UK representatives, project partners and project staff attended. The new project staff was introduced to everyone at the meeting. An overview of the project was presented by Christine Beddoe, as well as plans for the next six months. A schedule of planned activities was also circulated at the meeting, together with information on the first seminar, scheduled for October 2011 in London.

Set up of the office

Prior to the implementation of the project there was an agreement made between ECPAT UK and HTF that the Foundation would provide office space and equipment for the project staff. Originally, the project staff were based in the offices of the Human Trafficking Foundation at Mermaid House, Blackfriars for the first three months of the project. In October 2011 the office moved to Development House, Shoreditch. The PAHT were based at this office for six months until April 2012. In late April, the office moved to Alpha House, Borough High Street.

The project was designed to be implemented over 2 years and activities planned include 5 sub-regional seminars, 4 good practice exchange visits, 2 conferences, 4 thematic discussion papers on THB, 20 country briefing papers suitable for parliamentarians to use in debates, maintaining a website and preparing a year 1 progress report and final report for dissemination.

Outputs – website, meetings, events, activities

Monthly e-mail update

The PAHT monthly email update is sent to all project partners normally on the first working day of each month. The update contains a brief review of project activities over the last month, information about forthcoming events and a reminder to check the project website (www.paht.eu). The first issue of the monthly update was sent to all project partners in October 2011. Since then there have been eight issues submitted.

Website maintenance and update

The project website (www.paht.eu) was established in September 2011. The website contains information on project aims, background, staff, funding, partners, calendar and description of events and activities. There are also blog updates (shared with the ECPAT UK website) and monthly

updates. An important part of the website is the Online Resource Centre. This contains resources relating to the network (including contacts and a map), general resources on human trafficking and resources from each event (e.g. programmes, presentations etc.)

The Project Assistant is responsible for writing copy, uploading and general maintenance of the website, and is assisted by the Human Trafficking Foundation Project Assistant.

Thematic reports and Country reports

Four briefing papers on Prevention, The National Rapporteur, Italian anti-trafficking legislation and the National Referral Mechanism have been written to support MPs and other participants in better understanding the substance of anti-trafficking work. Additionally, four country reports on the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Italy and Rome have been prepared for participants who attended meetings in these four countries. These reports are available on PAHT website (www.paht.eu) in the online resource centre.

Internal meetings

Throughout the course of the project so far, project staff have endeavoured to ensure that all project partners have a good understanding of issues within the project and have the opportunity to feed into forthcoming events. Within the first month of the project, the Project Coordinator and Project Assistant held one-to-one meetings with associate partners of the project to introduce the planned programme of events and to discuss expectations of partners. This has been complemented by additional meetings with associate partners providing assistance for specific events (e.g. a telephone conference with the National Rapporteur prior to the Dutch event, and meetings with COBCOE prior to the London seminar).

There have also been regular informal meetings between project staff and key partners – chiefly ECPAT UK and the Human Trafficking Foundation – to discuss both the specifics of events and the general direction of the project.

Evaluation

The evaluation of the PAHT project, as noted, aims to assess whether the project is achieving its objectives. The external evaluation of the project is being provided by Professor Gary Craig from the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation, which is one of the project partners. His work is paid for as an extra contribution from ECPAT UK general funds.

There have been regular meetings between the project staff and the evaluator to help carry out evaluation and provide external insight into the project. Professor Craig has already attended three of the project events where he has gathered information and data that will be processed in the evaluation report.

Since August 2011, 6 meetings with the evaluator have been held, including three in London, one in The Hague, Rome and Warsaw. A short interim evaluation report will be available in October 2012 at the midterm conference.

The evaluator has also helped the project team in other ways, for example with suggestions on how to improve event participation, content and the form of planned events and has helped with preparing evaluation tools, including a data collection 'Questionnaire' that will be widely distributed amongst participants. He has also provided the project team with notes from brief research-based interview/conversations with participants during the seminars he attended.

Project events

During the reporting period July 2011 – May 2012, 3 seminars and 1 good practice exchange visit were held:

1. **The inaugural seminar of the Parliamentarians against Human Trafficking** project was held in the House of Commons on 24 November 2011 and themed on "*The concept of prevention in the EU Directive on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings*".

"The concept of prevention in the EU Directive on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings: theory to practice" was delivered in a keynote speech, by Dr Aidan McQuade, Director of Anti-Slavery International. A discussion on the shared international obligations and issues facing governments in tackling the trafficking of adults and children followed up the keynote. The second thematic area explored during the afternoon sessions focused on prevention of human trafficking and sports events, with case studies presented from ECPAT Germany and ECPAT Austria with regard to their experience of the 2006 FIFA World Cup and Euro 2008 football championships. This looked at the potential challenges facing the UK with regards to its hosting of the 2012 Olympic Games.

The programme included also a panel discussion and Q&A on 'How parliamentarians can help establish awareness parliamentary groups in their own parliaments'. This panel was led by MPs from Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania and UK.

The afternoon programme involved a "lessons learned" session where two case studies from Austria on measures of prevention against human trafficking in the context of major sports events were presented by NGO representatives. The final session of the day focused on "*How business and parliamentarians can work more closely together to combat human trafficking*", presented by Howard Rosen, the President of the Council of British Chambers of Commerce in Europe, an associate partner of the PAHT project.

Forty-five participants attended the seminar. Of them, 16 were members of parliaments, including 10 MPs from the UK, 2 MPs from Romania, and one parliamentarian each from Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal. This balance of parliamentarians reflects a general tenet that the largest group of MPs would come from the hosting country. Also 13 NGO representatives attended the seminar, 6 of them from the UK, and one each from Austria, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Romania. Additionally, there were two police officers from Germany and the UK.

2. Good practice exchange meeting in The Hague

The second event of the project was held on 26 January 2011 and hosted by the Dutch Senate. It was prepared and organised in cooperation with the Office of the National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Being, one of the project partners. The main thematic focus was *“The work of The National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Being. The Dutch experience”*, with a view to ensuring countries without NRs might learn from the Dutch experience. There were 37 participants attending the good practice exchange meeting. There included 11 members of parliaments from 7 countries, including 3 MPs from the UK together with MPs from Finland, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Romania and The Netherlands. Also 11 NGO representatives from 7 countries attended the seminar, representing Finland, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Netherlands and the UK. Additionally, the National Rapporteur on Trafficking, representative of the Office of the National Rapporteur and a police officer from Europol took part in the event. Other participants were representatives of international inter-governmental organisations – IOM, the American Embassy in The Hague, and researchers.

The programme of the event consisted of the keynote speech delivered by Corrine Dettmeijer-Vermeulen on *“The Dutch experience of The National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Being and on “How the NR might enhance work of MPs.”* Mr Ard Van Der Steur, MP from The Netherlands delivered the speech on *“How MPs could benefit from the Office of the National Rapporteur: The Dutch Parliamentarians’ Experience.”* Additionally, two panel discussions, followed by Q&A sessions were held: *“How can parliamentarians build up parliamentary groups as part of an EU parliamentary network?”* with MPs as panellists, and a panel led by NGOs on *“Co-operation between NGOs and the National Rapporteur office on anti -trafficking activities”*.

The project received positive feedback from a number of participants after the seminar:

“First of all I would like to congratulate you for the excellent work you have done for the Seminar. It was indeed very useful for me and our work against Human Trafficking in Greece. The discussions, the exchange of views and the recognition of the role of the NGOs in combating human trafficking have helped us in continuing our fight against HT. Our cooperation with the Parliamentarians is of particular importance for a successful outcome, especially on the establishment of an independent National Rapporteur. We need that badly.” (Maria Vassilliou, KEPAD, Greece)

“Very good meeting!”
Comensha, The Netherlands)

(Bas de Visser,

“It was a motivating experience!” (Sandra Classen, The Netherlands)

“Thank you for a well-organised and moderated conference. I think it went well. The Netherlands is some way ahead of the UK at this moment.” (Michael Connarty MP).

3. Seminar on Anti Trafficking Legislation on Protection of Victims was held in Rome, Italy on 22 March 2012. It was hosted by the Italian Senate.

The programme of the seminar included a welcome address from Senator Filippo Berselli, Chairman of the Italian Senate Justice Commission joined by three keynote speeches from key figures involved in the formulation and enforcement of anti-trafficking legislation in Italy. Firstly; *“The Italian experience on Anti-Trafficking Legislation on identification, protection and assistance to victims of Trafficking”* was delivered by Corrado Lembo, Deputy Prosecutor from the Court of Santa Maria Capua Vetere. Then, Prosecutor Giusto Sciacchitano, Deputy Prosecutor from the National Anti-Mafia Office spoke about *“International collaboration in protection and assistance to victims of trafficking”*. Finally, Senator Alberto Maritati delivered his keynote presentation on development perspectives of Anti-trafficking legislation on the protection of victims. The participants and organisers of the seminar were honoured by the attendance of Senator Renato Schifani, Speaker of the Italian Senate, who addressed the seminar to commend the work being done across Europe to tackle human trafficking. The seminar programme included a panel discussion, a ‘countries overview’ session, where parliamentarians from Cyprus, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain and the UK shared their information on what is being done about victim identification, protection assistance and reintegration. The afternoon session provided participants with the opportunity to hear detailed case studies on victim protection by Anna Bonifazi, Chief Office from the Carabinieri, and Maria Pia Vigilante, Chair of ‘La Giraffa’ NGO.

There were 44 participants from 10 countries attending the seminar. Out of them, there were 22 members of parliaments, including 10 MPs from Italy; 3 MPs came from UK, 2 from Slovenia and one parliamentarian each from Cyprus, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Spain. This composition of parliamentarians reflects a general presumption that the largest group of MPs will come from the host country. Also 8 NGO representatives attended the seminar, including 4 Italian, 2 from Romania and one each from Slovenia and UK. Additionally, two prosecutors, one police officer and two EC experts on trafficking from Germany and the UK also took part in the event.

After the seminar in Rome we again received a lot of positive feedback from many MPs and other participants.

Baroness Butler-Sloss: *“...congratulations on organising a successful seminar. It all went very well. Everyone co-operated very well. You should both be very pleased with the result.”*

Marta Gonzalez MP, Spain: *“First of all, thank you very much for the possibility of attending a most interesting meeting of the project, that has been possible because of all your previous work. I was really impressed by the interest of the presentations and only wished we had some more time to go on discussing and getting more information on the subject.”*

4. Seminar of the Parliamentarians against Human Trafficking on the National Referral Mechanism, Warsaw, 18 April 2012

The seminar was hosted by the Polish Sejm (Parliament) and supported by the British Embassy in Poland. The programme of the seminar included a keynote speech *“How the National Referral Mechanism contributes to better protection and assistance to victims of trafficking?”* delivered by Ms Mariana Katzarova, Senior Advisor on Anti-Trafficking Issues ODIHR/OSCE. The ODIHR office

introduced the concept of the National Referral Mechanism to the international anti-trafficking arena in 2004. The morning session programme included a panel discussion and 'countries overview' session, where parliamentarians from Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia and the UK shared information about the national referral mechanism in their countries. MPs from the two new countries – Czech Republic and Slovakia - declared their willingness to create a national group of MPs against human trafficking. This panel discussion was followed up by a Q&A session, where numerous contributions from experts, including academics and NGO representatives were made.

The afternoon session provided participants with the opportunity to learn about good practice in implementing NRM through an examination of the Polish example. This included examples of cooperation between various stakeholders in referral of victims of trafficking, principally law enforcement representatives, government representatives, police, border guards and NGO service provider representatives.

There were 45 participants from 8 countries attending this seminar. These included 14 members of parliament, including MPs from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovakia and UK. Because of the theme of the seminar, the Warsaw seminar had strong representation from the police, border guards, office of the prosecutor, the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, academics, international organisations (OSCE/ODIHR), and NGOs from Lithuania, Poland, Romania and the UK. Additionally, representatives of the British Embassy in Warsaw, parliamentary clerks and assistants to MPs, interpreters, parliamentary staff and project staff took part in the seminar. We were delighted by the appearance of former Polish Prime Minister, Mr Leszek Miller (who led Poland to NATO and EU accession in 2004) who greeted participants of the seminar during the lunch break.

Media coverage of the seminar

Among the highlights of the Warsaw seminar was the considerable media coverage of the event. This included a press conference held in the parliamentary media room where Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, Anthony Steen, Ryszard Kalisz MP and Stana Buchowska gave a short presentation about the PAHT project and the Warsaw meeting. Additionally, they took part in a short Q&A session with journalists and gave a number of interviews to the TV, radio, newspaper and internet media. News about the PAHT initiative was produced and broadcasted by the Polish Press Agency (PAP) as well as by a number of newspapers and leading electronic media. Additionally, the archive retransmission of the seminar is now available on the Polish Parliament web site.

5. Study visit - Helsinki, 21 June 2012

The fifth event of the PAHT project had a different format from the previous four seminars and best practice exchange visits. The main aim of the study visit was to provide a group of MPs from different countries with the possibility of meeting their counterparts and discussing their parliamentary work. Another aim was to meet and learn about the work of the leading anti-trafficking actors, including law enforcement representatives – police and prosecutors, researchers,

NGOs. Additionally, the special focus of the visit – in line with the PAHT project outlines – was to meet the Finnish National Rapporteur and to learn about her role and activities. All meetings during the visit provided a platform for extensive discussion and exchange of good practice and experience.

Participants and programme

The programme started with a dinner hosted by Eva Biaudet, Finnish National Rapporteur, on Wednesday 20 June 2012. The one day intensive programme comprised of 4 visits which enabled PAHT participants to meet 5 Finnish MPs, 2 Finnish parliamentary advisors, 3 policemen, a prosecutor, a researcher, 4 representatives from NGOs, the Finnish National rapporteur and two members of her office.

Eduskunta – Parliament of Finland

The first visit was to the Finnish Parliament, where PAHT participants met with Finnish MPs, including members of the Parliamentary Human Rights Group, the Citizens' and Consumer Rights Committee of the Nordic Council and the Employment and Equality Committee.

The host of the meeting was Mr Ilkka Kantola, (soc-dem), Chair of the Human Rights Group. Other participants were Ms Satu Haapanen, (green), Chair of the Citizens' and Consumer Rights Committee of the Nordic Council; Ms Leena Harkimo, (coalition party), Ms Anna Kontula (left alliance), Member of the Employment and Equality Committee, Ms Elisabeth Naucler, MP, Ms Paula Moisander, Secretary for International Affairs, Secretary of the Human Rights Group, Nordic Council, Ms Maria Fagerholm, Secretary for International Affairs, Council of Europe and Ms Elina Sorvari, Trainee.

Mr Kantola provided visitors with an overview of Finnish Parliamentary work and some aspects of Finnish anti trafficking legislation. Discussion focused on cooperation, Finnish anti-trafficking legislation, obstacles in identification of trafficked persons and cooperation within the National Referral Mechanism, including cooperation with the Finnish National Rapporteur. MPs from other countries also presented their experiences in the areas under consideration.

Helsinki Police Department

PAHT participants met with law enforcement representatives, including a prosecutor and a researcher from the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI). The host of the meeting was Inspector Timo Sundqvist, Information Officer, Helsinki Police. An overview of the Helsinki police work was presented by Chief Inspector Petri Rainiala, Head of anti-trafficking work of the Helsinki Police, followed by a presentation by Natalia Ollus, Senior Programme Officer, on HEUNI research on trafficking for forced labour in Finland, which was published last year, as well as HEUNI's new EC-funded project on exploitation in recruitment practices and employers' responsibilities. The third presentation was delivered by Mr Mikko Sipila, District Prosecutor from Vantaa, highlighting the role of his office in combating the crime of trafficking. Discussion followed on statistics, the number of prosecutions and convictions, legislation, identification, cooperation with the judiciary and approaches to victims/witnesses during the trials.

Office of the Ombudsman on Minorities and the Finnish National Rapporteur

The meeting with Eva Biaudet and two members of her staff focused on an explanation of the background of establishment of the office, and on the role and mandate of the National Rapporteur, its activities and initiatives. The impact of the Report submitted by the Rapporteur was briefly discussed. Most subsequent questions concerned her cooperation with MPs, government and her international initiatives. The possibilities of enhancing cooperation with the PAHT project were also briefly discussed.

Pro Tukipiste Finland

Lunch with NGO representatives at Pro Centre Finland, including representatives from Pro-Centre Finland, the Multicultural Women's Association, and Refugee Advice Centre, provided PAHT participants with the opportunity to learn about the first-hand experience of NGOs working directly with victims of trafficking. Jaana Kaupinnen from Pro Tukipiste, Petra Kjallman from Victim Support Finland and Anastasia Nurmi from Monika Association presented the work of their organisation. The discussion which followed concentrated on cooperation between governmental and non-governmental organisations, MPs and law enforcement. The financing of NGO projects and activities by the state in Finland were also discussed.

After the success of this study visit, its participants suggested considering organising smaller, thus more interactive, meetings instead of bigger seminars, to enable participants to gain more knowledge and benefit from more contacts, together with more efficient networking.

We again received a lot of positive feedback from the participants upon their arrival who stated that they planned to participate actively in future project activities.

The outputs of the project are illustrated in the summary tables below and contain mainly number of activities, number of participants, as well as number of countries represented in the project.

Since August 2011, 45 parliamentarians from 17 countries have participated in project activities, together with 35 NGO representatives from 14 countries and 25 professionals, including police, prosecutors, border guards, researchers and service providers.

	Event	Number of MP's participants	Number of NGO's participants	Number of other participants (incl. experts)	Total number of participants	Number of EU countries participated
1.	London seminar	16	10	29	45	7
2.	The Hague best practice exchange	11	12	14	37	7
3.	Rome seminar	22	8	14	44	10
4.	Warsaw seminar	14	8	23	45	8
5.	Helsinki study visit	10	5	8	23	5

1. SUMMARY FIGURES

Total number of participants in all events	194	
Total number of MPs	45	45 % of final target 100 MPs
Total number of countries	17	113% of final target 15 countries
Total number of NGOs	35	
Total number of professionals	25	

TENTATIVE IMPACTS after the first year of the project's implementation

Being aware of the fact that there is too early to assess an impact of the project on the current stage of its development, these are early impacts that are pointing towards the desired long-term outcomes.

- We have observed examples of better communication between MPs and NGOs – in some countries (Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, and Finland).
- MP's from Lithuania and Latvia held a special round table meeting to share information about PAHT project aims and objectives and also to discuss possibilities of further

cooperation between NGOs and MPs in their countries. Moreover, a Latvian MP has become involved in NGO anti-trafficking awareness rising and prevention campaign targeted young people in Latvia.

- MPs from the Czech Republic and Slovakia expressed their willingness to create sub-groups of parliamentarians against trafficking in their parliaments. This will hopefully lead to the creation of an appropriate structure on a country level.
- MPs from Romania and Slovenia started to promote an idea of having an independent national rapporteur among their parliamentary colleagues after the best practice exchange meeting in The Hague and after the study visit in Helsinki, when they both met the national rapporteurs and learned about their roles and activities.
- Parliamentarians from Italy, Poland, Portugal and Romania offered their political and organisational support for future project events.
- new links have been created laterally between member states. MPs from different member states are inviting each other to their regional initiatives and conferences, including anti-trafficking events.

These early impacts are pointing towards the desired long-term outcomes:

1. The creation on each country of a formal mechanism for promoting anti-trafficking legislation;
2. Creation an appropriate structure on a country level;
3. The development of partnership working with NGOs;
4. Creating a network across EU member states for sharing best practices, and for strengthening and harmonising the anti-trafficking efforts.

A brief financial summary is a part of this report and it is included in a separate attachment.

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