The Role and Activities of EASO with Regard to Trafficking in Human Beings

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Role and activities of EASO with regard to THB

Outline of the presentation

THB and International Protection

Mandate and role of EASO
• Regulation (EU) No. 439/2010
• Directive 2011/36/EU
• EU Strategy towards the Eradication of THB 2012-2016

Activities of EASO in 2013

Course of action beyond 2013
THB and International Protection

• Root causes
• Context
• Means

• Grounds for protection
• Nature of protection
• Responsible authorities

 Trafficking in human beings is a complex transnational phenomenon rooted in vulnerability to poverty, lack of democratic cultures, gender inequality and violence against women, conflict and post-conflict situations, lack of social integration, lack of opportunities and employment, lack of access to education, child labour and discrimination.

EU Strategy towards the Eradication of THB 2012-2016
THB and International Protection
Role of EASO

- Raising awareness and equipping asylum officers with the knowledge, skills and (common) tools to:
  - identify victims of THB as early as possible
  - refer victims of THB to the respective assistance and support mechanisms
  - cooperate with other authorities as appropriate

- Article 20(3) QD (recast)
- Article 21(3) & Article 23(2)(c) RCD (recast)
# Mandate of EASO

**Support is our mission**

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| - Common training & training material  
- Common quality  
- Common COI  
- Facilitating practical cooperation  
- Specific Programmes  
- Courts & Tribunals  
- UAM  
- THB | - Tailor-made assistance  
- Capacity building  
- Relocation  
- Specific support  
- Special quality-control processes | - Organising solidarity for MS subject to particular pressures  
- Temporary support and assistance to repair or rebuild asylum and reception systems | - Sharing and merging information and data, analyses and assessments at EU level | - Supporting the external dimension of CEAS  
- Coordinating MS actions on resettlement |

*Regulation (EU) No 439/2010*
Preventing and combatting THB and protecting its victims

Directive 2011/36/EU

- Preventing and combatting THB is a priority for the EU and the MS. (Preamble Rec.1)

- Subject matter (Article 1):
  - Definition of offences and sanctions
  - Prevention
  - Protection of victims

- Protection of victims:
  - As soon as the competent authorities have reasonable-grounds indication for believing that the person might have been subjected to THB offences;
  - Linked to criminal proceedings, but not conditional on participation in them;
Preventing and combatting THB and protecting its victims

Considerations relevant to International Protection

- Appropriate **mechanisms aimed at the early identification** of, assistance to and support for victims, in cooperation with relevant support organisations;
- Promotion of **regular training for officials likely to come into contact** with victims or potential victims of THB;
- Information, including on the **possibility of granting international protection pursuant to QD and APD**;
- Preventing secondary victimisation;
- Victims with special needs, esp. children;
EU Strategy towards the Eradication of THB 2012-2016

Priorities:

- Identifying, protecting and assisting victims of THB
- Stepping up the prevention of THB
- Increased prosecution of traffickers
- Enhanced coordination and cooperation among key actors and policy coherence
- Increased knowledge of and effective response to emerging concerns related to all forms of trafficking in human beings

EASO Support

- Mainstreaming in EASO training modules and materials
- Practical cooperation & exchange of best practice
- Information & data analysis
- Cooperation with third countries
A coordinated approach on THB is being set up with the European Commission and as part of interagency cooperation.

- Joint statement of 18 November 2011
- EASO Contact Person
- Officer on gender and vulnerable persons, including THB

Potential victims of THB are a special group within vulnerable groups in the asylum process.

- Age Assessment publication
- Family Tracing expert meetings

To ensure that asylum officials will have a raised awareness of detecting and referring THB victims, tools and information will be part of capacity building in the EASO tool box, for example in training modules and manuals.

- Update of the EASO Training Curriculum Module ‘Interviewing Vulnerable Persons’
- Update of the EASO Training Curriculum Module ‘Interviewing Children’

EASO will look into the possibility of using its Early warning and preparedness System to analyse trends in THB flows in the EU and keep the anti-trafficking coordinator informed of the implementation of these initiatives.
EASO Training Curriculum
Interviewing Vulnerable Persons 3.0

- **E-learning**: Thematic Information: THB as an indicator of vulnerability; Interview with Grace;

- **Face-to-face**: the case of Joy from Nigeria (handling difficult situations)
EASO Training Curriculum
Interviewing Children 3.0

- **E-learning:** indicator of child-specific vulnerability, etc.
- **Face-to-face:** group discussions on preparation for the interview
EASO Training Curriculum
Gender, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation

To be developed 2013 – 2014
MS experts and Reference Group (COM, FRA, UNHCR, ECRE, IARLJ, Odysseus)

Content:
- Legal framework
- Sensitivity in the asylum processes
- Reception conditions
- Assessment of the application
- Forms of persecution or serious harm
### 3.5.3. Trafficking in human beings

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<th>EASO objective(s)</th>
<th>EASO aims at supporting the EU strategy towards the eradication of trafficking in human beings (2012–16) and its coherent implementation.</th>
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<td>New in 2014</td>
<td>EASO will mainstream trafficking in human beings (THB) aspects related to asylum in all EASO activities and support policy coherence.</td>
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#### Performance

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<td>Participate in JHA coordination activities and other cooperation activities to prevent and fight against THB.</td>
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<td>Organise one EASO practical cooperation expert meeting with Member States' representatives and the European Commission on trafficking in human beings.</td>
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Possible course of action for EASO

Mainstreaming in the EASO Training Curriculum
- Background knowledge on THB and broad needs of victims
- Guidelines for the identification of victims of THB
- Raising awareness of referral mechanisms in place

Enhancing practical cooperation
- EASO Conference on THB, March 2014

Mainstreaming in other activities
- EASO Quality Matrix
- EASO COI
- EASO statistical data & analysis of trends
- EASO Annual Report – Vulnerable Groups - THB
- EASO Emergency and Special Support

External dimension
Thank you!

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