

TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Enhancing Moldovan capacities in fighting against trafficking in human beings

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About the Project

This action sought to enhance Moldovan capacities to fight and neutralize criminal networks while ensuring effective law enforcement cooperation in fight against Trafficking in Human Beings (THB). A holistic set of activities were implemented, gathering a wide range of institutions active in the fight against THB, including NGOs and non-traditional stakeholders such as religious organisations.



Partners

This MPF project was implemented by the Ministry of Interior (Lithuania) and the Ministry of Interior (Latvia) in collaboration with the Ministry of Internal Affairs (Republic of Moldova).



Countries

Lithuania, Latvia and Republic of Moldova



Time frame

February – October 2018 (8 months)



Budget

EUR 175,392.42 (95% from ISF Police)

Activities



Assessment and contribution to the anti-trafficking national institutional framework and policy planning

The key element under this component was the consolidation of the capacities in the fight against trafficking in human beings as well as supporting and protecting the victims by enhancing capacity building in the area of victim identification, investigation and prosecution of THB-related crimes, through framework building and cooperation mechanisms, both vertical and horizontal, between competent Moldovan institutions, and the involvement of NGOs and religious institutions.



Project kick-off event in Chisinau (March 2018)



Training on good EU and international practices

Through this component, several trainings were organised in order to share knowledge, experience and good practices among Latvian experts and Moldovan practitioners. 41 officers and specialists from Moldova were trained on improved cooperation and partnerships with NGOs and non-traditional stakeholders in assisting victims of THB. Another activity targeted 24 officers from law enforcement institutions and reinforced their capacity to identify THB crimes, collect evidence from different sources and prosecute traffickers.



Study visits and international cooperation against THB

A delegation of 12 participants from different law enforcement agencies had the opportunity to learn more about inter-institutional cooperation mechanisms, cross-border human trafficking cases, as well as cooperation with civil society organisations during a study tour in Italy, Lithuania and Portugal. This activity helped the Moldovan officers to familiarize with up-to-date practices of other countries, experience *on spot* cooperation with international colleagues in Joint Investigation Teams and resulted in the establishment of an informal network of counter-trafficking practitioners in several EU countries.



Project closure event in Chisinau (October 2018)

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