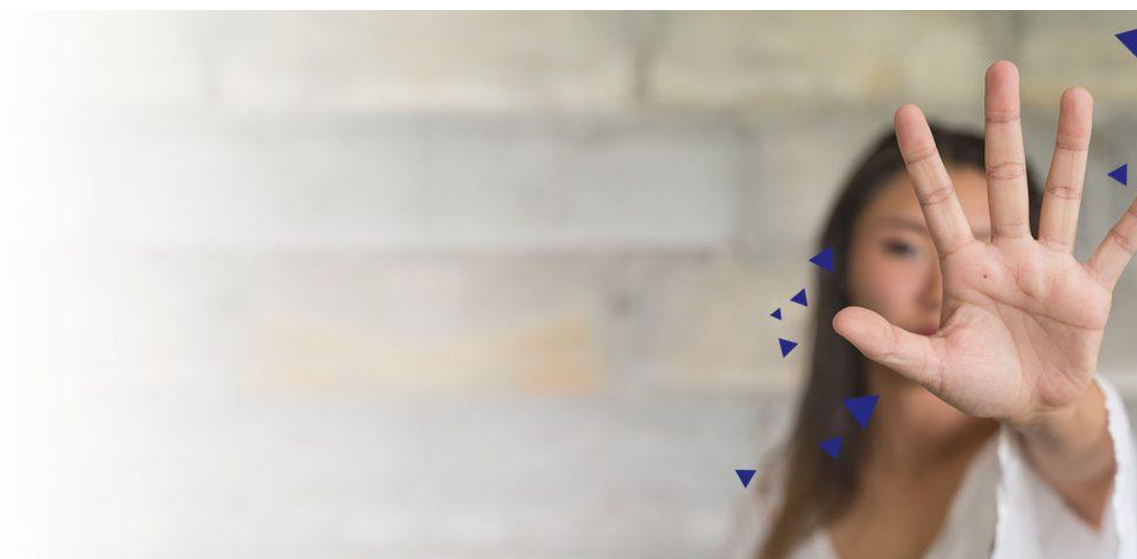




Prevention and Multi-Agency Cooperation Against Trafficking

Newsletter, Issue 1, October 2022



Dear colleague,

Trafficking is not only a serious violation of human rights but also a social and security issue at the same time. Achieving an effective and efficient multi-stakeholder engagement between various public authorities, the private sector and civil society organisations on the one side as well as strengthening the cross-border and transnational collaboration between law enforcement agencies remain important challenges to be addressed by the European Union Member States.

What to expect from us

ERADICATING is a 24-month multi-country initiative designed to increase the capacity of LEAs and service providers with regards to prevention and early identification mechanisms in place, putting the focus on trafficking for purposes of both sexual and labour exploitation. In the long term, the initiative aspires to eradicate the established and dangerous culture of impunity that persists and contributes to the thriving of the trafficking industry.

The main aims of **ERADICATING** are:

- Support capacity-building efforts to combat and prevent the crime of trafficking in human beings;
- Strengthen cross-border joint ventures within the EU;
- Raise awareness on trafficking among the public.



ERADICATING supports capacity-building efforts to combat and prevent the crime of trafficking in human beings through enhancing the skills of LEAs, prosecutorial offices, labour inspectorates, financial investigation units, NGOs and social service providers in the investigation and prosecution of people involved in trafficking. The project will also strengthen cross-border joint ventures within the EU, between LEAs and other competent authorities and facilitate the exchange of information between them and other relevant EU bodies as well as with third countries and international organisations.

Upcoming



**ENHANCING PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN**
EXPERT DISCUSSION ON APPROACHES TO AWARENESS

 **18 NOVEMBER 2022**
9:30 CET

 **119-21 RUE JACQUES DE LALAING**
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

SAVE THE DATE!



Get to know our speakers and register [here](#).

Updates

- The **ERADICATING** project was officially launched with a virtual Kick-off Meeting on 27-28 January 2022. The implementing partners are law enforcement institutions and CSOs from three EU Member States: Bulgaria, Greece and Germany. The consortium comprises KEMEA (Greece), KMOP (Greece), Hellenic Police (Greece), CSD (Bulgaria), GDCOC (Bulgaria), BayHfoD (Germany) and GGMH (Germany). At the meeting, the project coordinator KEMEA outlined the future project activities, and the partners presented initial plans of what specific work will be done within their area of responsibility. The second day of the meeting was dedicated to the legal, ethical and management aspects of **ERADICATING**.
- On 10 May 2022 the **ERADICATING** consortium met with the appointed members of the External Advisory Board to the project in an online meeting. The EAB, consisting of renowned experts and practitioners in the field of counter-trafficking, will review and provide feedback for the analyses and initiatives that are part of **ERADICATING**, make recommendations and attend the events organised by the team.
- **ERADICATING** partners developed several key products which would contribute to the implementation of daily project activities and to reaching out to wider audiences: the Legal and Ethical Handbook, the Sustainability Plan and the Communication and Dissemination Strategy. Another developed product, the Report on Use-case Scenarios, is an anonymised account of real-life situations faced by law enforcement authorities in combating human trafficking in Bulgaria, Greece and Germany which could be utilised in the future by their colleagues from other EU Member States. Lastly, an analysis of the challenges, needs and good practices in the daily work of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, social servants and non-state practitioners was completed based on extensive interviews with

stakeholders in the three countries. The Report on End-user Requirements makes recommendations for a more effective process of combating THB and for the structure of the forthcoming trainings and simulation that are part of **ERADICATING**.

- The **ERADICATING** project coordinator KEMEA participated in the Joint Union Actions Event for DG HOME projects awarded in 2019 and 2020 in Brussels on 27 and 28 September 2022. The event was an opportunity to learn about other similar initiatives implemented across the EU, strengthen synergies, ensure a common understanding on contemporary aspects in countering the economic and social harm of organised criminal activities as well as make new contacts.
- **ERADICATING** partner organisations held three parallel virtual roundtable discussions in Bulgaria, Greece and Germany to discuss an innovative product designed as part of the project. In the form of a fairy tale, the Digital Child Manual aims to strengthen THB prevention efforts among children and youths. Psychologists, victim protection practitioners and criminologists commented on the content, messages and target audiences of the Manual and made their recommendations on how to make it more effective. The product will be published soon.

Stay tuned to what's next by following our social media channels



is implemented by



Hochschule für den
öffentlichen Dienst
in Bayern

Fachbereich
Polizei



**GEMEINSAM
GEGEN
MENSCHENHANDEL**



CENTER FOR
THE STUDY OF
DEMOCRACY



This newsletter was funded by the European Union's Internal Security Fund — Police.

The content of this newsletter represents the views of the author(s) only and is their sole responsibility.
The European Commission does not accept any responsibility for use that may be made of the
information it contains.

Copyright (C) 2022 CSD. All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#)