

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Symposium on Preventing Human Trafficking

*Integrating the European Knowledge*



**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

The Silken Berlaymont Hotel  
Brussels

"An annual International Symposium for gathering knowledge, discussing the latest challenges and sharing best practices in EU-wide counter-trafficking policy"

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### Overview

The problem of Human Trafficking is an increasingly disturbing phenomenon in Europe with terrible consequences for victims, the majority of which are forced into prostitution, street crime, domestic servitude or other forms of labour exploitation. Furthermore, as well as devastating the lives of individuals, this crime has far-reaching implications for the social, economic and organisational fabric of every affected community in Europe.

Recently, several reports have highlighted the urgent need to raise public awareness of trafficking, improve training in order to better identify victims, and develop better institutional co-operation and multi-agency working – all critical in the fight against trafficking, which alarmingly includes large numbers of children. In order to tackle its multi-level and cross-border roots effectively, a multidisciplinary and comparative approach at EU and national level is required, alongside a renewed political will to combat this problem.

With a new Directive on trafficking in human beings adopted by the European Council in March this year, the *3rd Annual International Symposium on Preventing Human Trafficking* offers a timely opportunity for local, regional and national authorities to gather comparative knowledge, discuss the latest challenges and share examples of cross-border best practices.

The adoption of a new Directive is a pivotal step towards the creation of a structured and comprehensive strategy backed by a robust legal framework. Key to the ambitious new measures is the adoption of a **victim-centred approach**, which includes a gender perspective and aims to shed more light on issues such as a common definition of the crime, cross-border prosecution, treatment of vulnerable victims, victims support, witness protection, monitoring mechanisms and prevention aspects.

Seeking to integrate the European knowledge, this annual Symposium provides a platform to bring together case studies and best practices with important contributions from EU policymakers, major international organizations and NGOs from across Europe.

In order to encourage greater political will, facilitate policy discussion and explore comprehensive and integrated solutions to fighting the 'hidden' crime of human trafficking, *Public Policy Exchange* is proud to host this annual Symposium and welcomes the participation of all key partners, responsible authorities and stakeholders. The Symposium will support the exchange of ideas and encourage delegates to engage in thought-provoking, topical debate.

**“ This is very important step towards a comprehensive and more effective European anti-trafficking policy. I would like to thank the Council and the European parliament for the swift adoption of this directive. The new ambitious rules adopted today will keep the EU at the forefront of the international fight against human trafficking by protecting the victims and punishing the criminals behind this modern slavery.”**

- Cecilia Malmström, EU Commissioner Responsible for Home Affairs, March 2011

### Venue and Accommodation

**The Silken Berlaymont Hotel,  
11-19, Boulevard Charlemagne  
1000 Brussels - Belgium**

Through our partnership with the Silken Berlaymont Hotel we are pleased to be able to offer our delegates specially negotiated accommodation rates. These discounted room rates are subject to availability and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



### Why Attend?

- ✓ **Support the global action against trafficking in human beings and exchange good practices in the European context**
- ✓ **Strengthen bottom-up approaches in the fight against human trafficking**
- ✓ **Contribute to the development of indicators for the identifications of victims of trafficking through the exchange of effective practices between all relevant actors in Europe**
- ✓ **Participate in the creation of integrated victim-centred initiatives at EU, national and local levels**
- ✓ **Raise awareness of various dimensions of human trafficking and propose multilevel action across Europe**

### Who Should Attend?

- Police Service and Police Authorities
- Interpol
- Missing Persons Units
- Diplomatic Missions
- EU Officials
- Border Agency Staff
- Visa and Consular Sections in National Administrations
- Port and Airport Authorities
- Travel and Transportation Industry
- Licensing Enforcement Officers
- Housing Officials
- Children and Youth Services
- Social Services
- Public Health Practitioners
- Asylum and Refugee Groups
- Domestic Violence Co-ordinators
- Crime Reduction Partnerships
- Alcohol and Drug Action Teams
- Victim Support Organisations
- Local, Regional and National Authorities
- Local Authority Officers and Councillors
- Governmental Departments and Agencies
- School Authorities and Local Education Welfare Authorities
- Workers and Employers Confederations
- Beer, Pub and Club Industry
- Licensed Entertainment Industry and Private Sector Organisations
- Media Organisations
- Academics and Research Institutes
- Migration Organisations
- Criminal Justice Specialists
- Judges and Magistrates
- Legal Professionals
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences
- Faith Groups
- Equality & Human Rights Practitioners
- NGOs

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### Programme

- 09:15** Registration and Morning Refreshments
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- 10:00** Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks  
**Prof. Willy Bruggeman PhD**, Professor, Benelux University Centre; Chair, Belgian Federal Police Board (confirmed)
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- 10:10** **Panel Session One:**  
**Fighting Human Trafficking in Europe – Exchanging Best Practices and Raising Awareness of Current and Future Challenges**
- Common Definition of the Crime – Challenges and Possible Solutions
  - Higher Penalties and Protection against Punishment for Illegal Activities
  - Improving Identification of Victims
  - Resident Permits of Trafficked Persons
  - Exchanging Some Best Practices and Lessons Learned at Regional Level
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- 11:10** Morning Coffee Break
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- 11:30** **First Round of Discussions**
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- 12:10** Networking Lunch
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- 13.10** **Panel Session Two:**  
**Identifying New Types of Interventions for Preventing Human Trafficking in Europe**
- Creating a Holistic Approach on Migrants – Some Best Practices
  - Developing an Anti-Trafficking Strategy at National, Regional and Global Levels
  - Expanding Victim Support Services across Europe
  - Evaluating the Effectiveness of Different Approaches in Preventing Human Trafficking
  - Creating Effective Benchmarking and Awareness-Raising Campaigns
  - Sharing Some Comparative Best Practices
  - Developing Standard Operating Procedures
  - Recommendations for Future Policy Action
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- 14.00** **Second Round of Discussions**
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- 14.40** Afternoon Coffee Break
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- 14:55** **Panel Session Three:**  
**Bottom-Up Approaches in Tackling Human Trafficking**
- Effective Direct Assistance Programmes in the EU
  - Victim-Centred Policies for Social Integration
  - "Voluntary" Return, Limited Documentation
  - Creating Awareness-Raising Campaigns – Some Best Practices
  - Safeguarding Female Victims of Trafficking – Exchanging Some Best Practices and Lessons Learned
  - Recommendations
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- 15:35** **Third Round of Discussions**
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- 16:05** Chairman's Summary and Closing Comments
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- 16:10** Networking Reception
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- 16:40** Close

\*\*Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice\*\*

### Event Details

- Date:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
**Time:** 10:00am – 5:30pm  
**Venue:** The Silken Berlaymont Hotel, Brussels



### Speakers include

- ✓ **Mr. Gert Bogers**, Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings, DG Home Affairs, European Commission (confirmed)
- ✓ **Mrs. Petya Nestorova**, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA and Committee of the Parties) (confirmed)
- ✓ **Ms. Fadela Novak-Irons**, Policy Officer, UNHCR Bureau for Europe (confirmed)
- ✓ **Dr. Jelena Cmiljanic**, Regional Migration Health Officer, International Organization for Migration, Mission in Ukraine (confirmed)
- ✓ **Mrs. Linda Eriksson Baca**, Counter Trafficking Regional Thematic Specialist, International Organization for Migration (confirmed)
- ✓ **Mr. Antonie Fountain**, Director, Stop The Traffik Netherlands (confirmed)
- ✓ **Mr Duco van Heel**, External Relations Officer, Frontex (confirmed)

**“ Trafficking affects the most vulnerable. It is a crime against the human rights of all the women, men, and children traded for the purpose of sexual or labour exploitation, removal of organs, begging, and other illegal activities. The numbers are frightening. Several hundred thousand of people are trafficked into the EU or within the EU every year. With this directive, the EU is sending a clear message that it will not tolerate those engaging in any part of the trafficking process and that it will ensure that victims are fully protected and given the opportunity to recover and re-integrate into society.”**

- Myria Vassiliadou, EU Anti Trafficking Coordinator, March 2011

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