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THE PROJECT

The ERADICATING II project aims to enhance prevention and multi-agency cooperation against labour trafficking. It focuses on building the capacity of law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, labour inspectors, and first-line practitioners to detect, identify, protect, and refer victims. Key goals include improving cross-border investigations, enhancing cooperation among various actors, and addressing the risks to Ukrainian refugees.

The project is funded with support from the European Commission under the Internal Security Fund (ISF) and has a duration of 26 months (01/12/2023-30/1/2026).

OUR LATEST NEWS

Strengthening Capacities through National Trainings

Over the past months, the Eradicating project has carried out an extensive series of multidisciplinary trainings across Greece, Romania, Poland, Bulgaria and Germany reaching a total of 690 professionals dedicated to preventing and combating trafficking in human beings (THB).

These sessions brought together law enforcement agencies, labor inspectors, civil society organizations, and first-line practitioners to strengthen cooperation, improve identification procedures, and enhance victim protection mechanisms.

Trainings in Greece



Three 1-day on-site sessions took place in Athens, Thessaloniki, and Alexandroupoli, with a total of 123 experts in attendance: 42 law enforcement agents, 32 labor inspectors, and 49 first-line practitioners.

The trainings were tailored to local needs and designed to foster interdisciplinary dialogue between different actors. Participants engaged in practical discussions that clarified roles, improved coordination, and built awareness of trafficking trends in their regions.

Key outcomes:

- Improved understanding of trafficking trends in different regions
- Stronger awareness of referral procedures
- Clearer insight into each stakeholder's role in identification and protection

While further capacity-building is still needed, the sessions created a solid foundation for collaboration and opened channels for ongoing cooperation.

Trainings in Romania

Nine training sessions were organized in Bucharest (4), Iași (3), and Brașov (2), bringing together 225 participants, including 151 police officers from Bucharest and 7 counties, 28 labor inspectors from Bucharest and 10 counties, and 46 first-line practitioners from Bucharest and 9 counties.

The program addressed a broad range of topics, from trafficking indicators and institutional frameworks to the specific challenges posed by the Ukrainian refugee crisis and the rise in foreign workers. A mix of debates, case studies, and Q&A sessions fostered a dynamic learning environment.

Key outcomes:

- Strengthened inter-institutional coordination
- Practical insights from collaboration with ANITP and DIICOT
- Improved preparedness to address emerging threats such as the rise in foreign workers

The strong partnership with national institutions ensured that the knowledge shared was both relevant and directly applicable to real-world scenarios.

Trainings in Germany



In Königsbrunn, Freyung, and Würzburg, a total of 110 participants took part in trainings that brought together law enforcement agencies, NGOs, labor inspectors, and justice representatives.

Each session provided unique opportunities to strengthen cooperation and exchange perspectives. In Königsbrunn, participants emphasized the benefits of networking and establishing shorter official routes. In Freyung, they underlined the importance of regular meetings to build lasting trust. In Würzburg, the involvement of justice representatives offered valuable insights into how the justice system addresses trafficking cases and what support is needed from law enforcement and NGOs.

Key outcomes:

- Networking opportunities and establishment of shorter official routes
- Recognition of the need for regular meetings to sustain cooperation
- Deeper understanding of justice sector needs in working with victims and suspects
- Highlighting the crucial role of law enforcement in providing paperwork for stabilization periods

Together, these sessions significantly contributed to building mutual understanding and reinforcing the importance of structured collaboration among all stakeholders

Trainings in Bulgaria



Three multidisciplinary trainings took place in Sofia, Stara Zagora, and Veliko Tarnovo (Arbanasi), gathering 119 participants: 67 law enforcement officers, 30 labour inspectors, and 22 first-line practitioners.

Each session addressed regional trafficking challenges and focused on improving coordination between institutions. The events provided a space for sharing practical experiences and identifying local solutions to recurring issues.

Key outcomes:

- Improved collaboration between law enforcement, labour inspectors, and first-line practitioners
- Enhanced understanding of regional trafficking patterns and victim identification indicators
- Creation of stronger links between central and regional actors for faster response mechanisms

The balanced representation from different sectors ensured that participants left with a shared understanding of how to cooperate more effectively in victim protection and case management.

Trainings in Poland

A total of nine one-day training sessions were carried out in Warszawa, Gdańsk, and Olsztyn, reaching 120 professionals: 60 law enforcement officers, 30 prosecutors, and 30 labour inspectors.

The sessions combined theoretical input with practical exercises, promoting an interactive exchange of experiences and challenges across regions. Discussions focused on strengthening the justice chain response, identifying new forms of exploitation, and improving cooperation between inspection and prosecution authorities.

Key outcomes:

- Strengthened collaboration between law enforcement, prosecutors, and labour inspectors
- Increased awareness of trafficking indicators and reporting mechanisms
- Improved coordination between regional and national institutions for case follow-up

These trainings marked an important step toward building a unified, well-informed network of professionals across Poland.

Master Simulation Exercise Tackles Human Trafficking in Athens



From October 1–3, 2025, Athens, Greece, hosted the Master Simulation Exercise, bringing together participants from across Europe.

Over 80 professionals collaborated in a realistic, scenario-based simulation to explore effective strategies for combating human trafficking, supporting victims, and strengthening cross-border and intersectoral cooperation. The exercise fostered dynamic discussions and practical solutions among experts from diverse fields.

More information can be found here: <https://www.eradicating2project.eu/news/>



What's next?

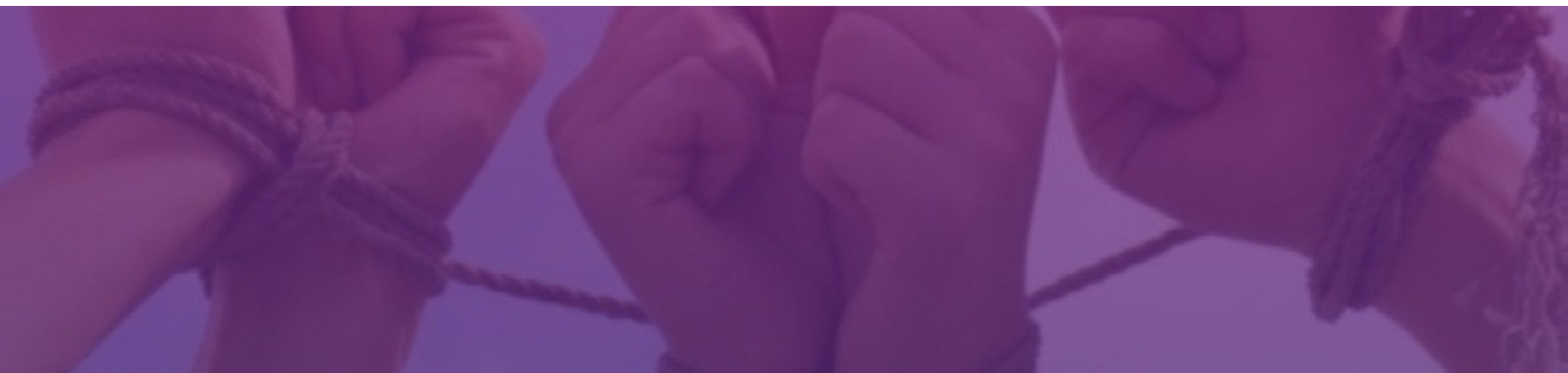
On 5 December 2025, KMOP will host the Final Event in Brussels to showcase the key outcomes of the project and bring together experts and stakeholders to advance discussions on combating human trafficking.

The event will be held in a hybrid format, and all updates will be shared via the project's website and social media channels.

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