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List of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
CJI	Concerted and/or Joint Inspections
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
D[x.x]	Deliverable
EC	European Commission
ECHR	European Court of Human Rights
EU	European Union
FRA	Fundamental Right Agency
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
GRETA	Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
ILO	International Labour Organization
ISF	International Security Fund
JITs	Joint Cross-Border Investigations
LEAs	Law Enforcement Agencies
RTOs	Research and Training Organisations
TCN	Third Country National
THB	Trafficking in Human Beings
UN	United Nations
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

VoT	Victims of Trafficking (VoT)

Foreword

Human trafficking and labour exploitation as one form of it remain a serious and evolving crime, challenging national and international efforts to uphold human dignity and the role of law. To combat this crime, the role of law enforcement agencies, labour inspectors, and first-line practitioners is critical. Law enforcement agencies not only serve to detect and identify such cases but also help to safeguard the rights of victims. Furthermore, labour inspectors are on the front lines of preventing and detecting labour exploitation. As trusted officials, their role bridges the gap between worker's rights and enforcement, making labour inspectors uniquely positioned to spot early warning signs of trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation. In addition, social services, health care, or other institutions and organisations potentially dealing with human trafficking in their professional lives, the role of these first-line practitioners is crucial in the early identification, support, and referral of victims of labour exploitation. This often builds a vital point of trust for individuals who may be trapped in such abusive situations.

The following training chapters have been developed to strengthen the capacity of law enforcement personnel, labour inspectors as well as first-line practitioners to identify, investigate, and combat human trafficking and labour exploitation effectively. If offers a comprehensive overview of the legal and operational landscape, from international frameworks to national practices. Each target group is invited to use the content relevant to them (under the CC BY-NC 4.0 license).

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