

Project Update

Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Combating Human Trafficking along Migration Routes

November 2016

Project Summary

- **Project No:** 1101679
- **Duration:** January 2016 - April 2018.
- **Total Financial Requirements (in Euro):** 647,684.67.
- **Donors:** Andorra, Austria, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Monaco, Switzerland.
- **Beneficiaries:** Law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, labour inspectors, forensics, financial investigators and social services providers of OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation

Introduction

Welcome to the “Combating Human Trafficking along Migration Routes” project newsletter, which aims at informing donors about the progress of this OSCE initiative throughout its duration.

The project became fully operational in June 2016 with the implementation of the project kick-off meeting in Vicenza, Italy. It was attended by approximately 200 participants from the OSCE region.

This year, the project will implement the first **OSCE Live Simulation Course on Human Trafficking Cases**. It will adopt a new practical learning methodology tailored specifically for the main experts working in the field of combating trafficking in human beings.

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(l-r) OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Ambassador **Madina Jarbussynova**, OSCE Secretary General, **Lamberto Zannier**, President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament, **Laura Boldrini** and Undersecretary of State for Defence of the Government of the Italian Republic, **Domenico Rossi**.

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Main activities implemented (January - November 2016)



RECRUITMENT

- Recruitment of the project taskforce (experts supporting the development of the training scripts);
- Recruitment of a project assistant.



PARTNERSHIPS

- Cost-sharing agreement with the Centre of Excellence for Stability Police Units (CoESPU) finalized;
- Letter of intent between SIO S.p.A. and the OSCE signed (SIO S.p.A. will offer technical equipment free of charge during the simulation-based trainings);
- Partnerships concluded with the Municipalities of Venice and Vicenza;
- Partnerships finalized with EURO-POL, INTERPOL, IOM, UNHCR, UNODC, LEFÖ, and MEN-VIA in the framework of the first simulation.



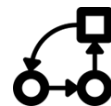
CO-ORDINATION MEETINGS

- 10 coordination meetings organized with the project taskforce.



EVENTS

- Breakfast briefing event organized with journalists on 3 June 2016;
- High-level project launch on 17 June 2016 at CoESPU in Vicenza, Italy;
- Coffee briefing at the OSCE Secretariat on 1 July 2016.



PREPARATION OF THE FIRST TRAINING

- Call for participants shared with OSCE Delegations and Partners for Co-operation on 10 August (SEC.GAL/129/16);
- A total of 223 applications were received from 31 countries;
- Conception of two storylines on sexual and labour exploitation;
- Compilation of fictitious criminal and criminal procedure codes;
- Creation of the support structure (directing and monitoring the simulation);
- Development of the training agenda;
- Drafting of terms of reference for the procurement of video recording services;
- Drafting of terms of reference for the recruitment of a monitoring and evaluation expert;
- Creation of a project webpage: www.osce.org/projects/cthblix.

Highlight: The project launch event

The high-level launch of the OSCE project “Combating Human Trafficking along Migration Routes” took place on 17 June 2016 at the Centre of Excellence for Stability Police Units (CoESPU) in Vicenza, Italy. Approximately 200 participants coming from the judiciary, law enforcement, civil society and academia brought with them a wide range of expertise, reflecting the multi-disciplinary and cross-sectorial nature of the project. OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation, OSCE executive structures, international partners, donors and media were also represented. The event was live streamed on the Italian Carabinieri’s portal (<http://bit.ly/2jzO8Oo>) and several Italian newspapers, governmental and international websites reported on it¹.

The launch featured two panel discussions: “Combating Human Trafficking along Migration Routes – Challenges and Perspectives” and “The OSCE-Wide Simulation-Based Learning Initiative”. The panelists explored the complex inter-connection between trafficking in human beings (THB) and migration, identified the most pressing challenges and highlighted good practices in combating the crime of human trafficking along migration routes. They focused on the one hand on enhancing criminal justice responses to prosecute human traffickers operating along migration

routes and on the other hand on better equipping relevant authorities to identify victims of trafficking to ensure human rights centred and efficient referral mechanisms.

All participants stressed the need for increased awareness of, co-operation on and training in combating human trafficking along migration routes. This OSCE simulation-based initiative was welcomed as an innovative capacity building effort fostering synergies among key national stakeholders at a time of unprecedented need. Several speakers also underlined that this project will enhance international co-operation in criminal justice matters and that it should become a model for future simulation-based learning initiatives in the OSCE area.

¹ See for example:

RaiNews: <http://bit.ly/2erP8a8>

Laura Boldrini: <http://bit.ly/2ef6Z6G>

Italian Ministry of Defense:

<http://bit.ly/2eMOCXa>

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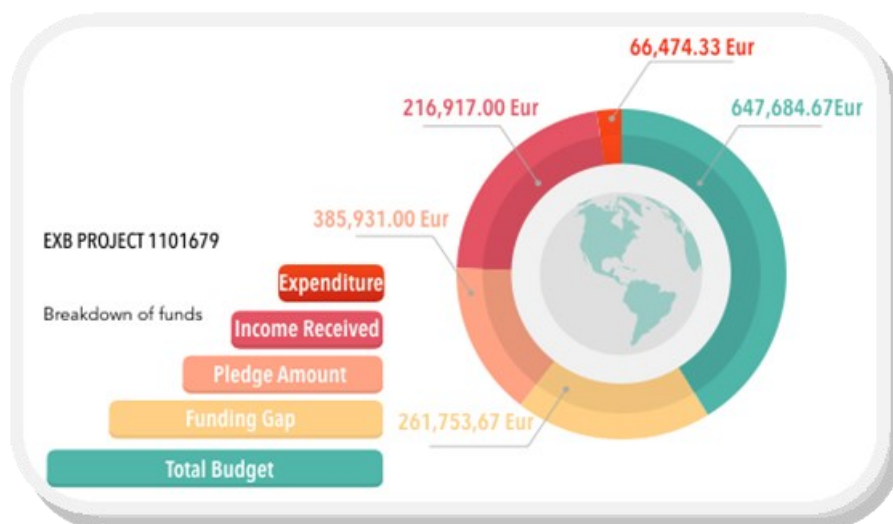


High-level authorities participating in the launch event

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Financial update

- **Project total budget:**
647,684.67 EUR
- **Pledge amount:**
385,931.00 EUR
- **Income received:**
216,917.00 EUR
- **Funding gap:**
261,753.67 EUR
- **Expenditure:**
66,473.33 EUR



Next steps

- Procurement of services to produce three video clips;
- Recruitment of an expert for monitoring, evaluation and training, along with a consultant to produce the handbook ;
- Preparatory week for the first simulation from 7 to 11 November.
- The first simulation will take place from 14 to 18 November 2016. The first two days will focus on theoretical, methodological and technical issues related to anti-trafficking action. The following three days will be devoted to the simulation in which the trainees will have to operate and choose how to respond to the simulated scenarios.
- The next issue of this newsletter will be dedicated to the content of the upcoming simulation.



Chart posted on Twitter to share the call for participants

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