



Dear Madam, dear Sir,

the Ulm Alliance against Human Trafficking and Forced Prostitution, the City of Ulm, the Danube Office, Solwodi Baden-Württemberg and the Police Headquarters Ulm are planning the international conference „Exit Strategies from Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in the Danube Region“. The event will take place online from October 19th to 22nd 2021. The Conference is supported by the State Ministry of Baden-Württemberg.

The fight against human trafficking in the Danube region is a complex undertaking. The Corona crisis additionally aggravated the situation. Human traffickers take advantage of unemployment and economic hardship. Close networking and a common strategy of all players are necessary in order to be successful in this demanding transnational field. For this reason we are inviting specialists from a range of professions, in particular from the fields of justice, policing, local authorities and NGOs. All invitees have first-hand knowledge of the conference subject. Next to the prosecution of crimes focus will be laid on possible measures of prevention and the protection of victims.

It is the aim of the conference to share knowledge and to intensify the networking of all agencies involved in order to be more successful in combating human trafficking in the future.

**International Conference
"Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation
in the Danube Region"
October 19th - 22nd 2021, online**

We are looking forward to welcome you at the Ulm conference online.

International Conference

„Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in the Danube Region“

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Tuesday, 19 October 2021

18.00 -

19.00 Welcome reception

with Greetings from Lord Mayor of the City of Ulm, Mr. Gunter Czisch; Lord Mayor of the City of Neu-Ulm, Mrs. Katrin Albsteiger; Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, Baden-Württemberg, Mrs. Theresa Schopper

Wednesday, 20 October 2021

9.00 Conference Opening and Welcome

with Managing Directors of the Danube Office Ulm / Neu-Ulm, Mr. Martin Bendel and Mr. Ralph Seiffert

9.20 Keynote speech on the international Perspective

Tatiana Kotlyarenko, Expert for Human Trafficking, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights Organizations and European Cooperation, Poland

„The persistent women and child trafficking from east and southern Europe to western Europe and the exploitation of victims in Germany“

Questions and Answers

10.15 Break

10.20 Panel I: Sanctions and international Prosecution

Moderator: Inge Bell

Criminal investigation in international contexts referring to human trafficking and sexual exploitation as part of organized crime. Examples for ideal international cooperation and assistance in law enforcement. How can law enforcement agencies network in better ways? What are actual obstructions? What has changed and how did circumstances develop in the Corona period?

Speakers:

Adrian Ovidiu Vladoiu, European Expert combating Human Trafficking, Romania

Innocentia Monteiro, former coordinator against human trafficking at Interpol, France

Christof Lehr, Head of the Public Prosecutor's Office Ulm, Germany

Marco Keim, Chief Criminal Investigator, Coordination Office "Red Light", Germany

Mirela Podoiu, Lawyer, Romania

Questions and Answers

12.00 Break

12.15 Breakout Sessions

12.50 Summary & Feedback

13.00 Networking

Thursday, 21 October 2021

9.00 Welcome and Review

9.15 Panel II: Aid for victims and victim protection

Moderator: Inge Bell

What are effective offers of assistance during the different phases of trafficking, as there are recruiting, smuggling, exploitation, criminal proceedings, victim accommodation and reintegration? How can we overcome borders between nations and different organizations? What are the possibilities to connect offers of assistance? What is changing nowadays and is there a need for a reorientation in Corona times?

Speakers:

Carsten Herrmann, Police Director Coordination Office "Red Light" Ulm, Germany

Sabine Constabel, Sisters Association and "La Strada", Germany

Alexandra Gutmann, Midnight Mission, Heilbronn, Germany

Nadia Kozhouharova, Psychologist, Animus Association, Bulgaria

Marian Paduret, President, Value Plus Association, Romania

Questions and Answers

11.25 Break

11.40 Breakout Sessions

12.50 Summary & Feedback

13.00 Networking

Friday, 22 October 2021

9.00 Welcome and Review

**9.15 Panel III: prevention
Moderator: Inge Bell**

What are different approaches in prevention in the countries of origin and the countries of exploitation? What are possible ways of support regarding rights standards, economic cooperation and fighting corruption? What are the effects of Corona on prevention work?

Speakers:

Marietta Hageney, SOLWODI Office against Human Trafficking, Germany

Manfred Paulus, Chief Detective, off-duty, Expert for Human Trafficking, Germany

Christina Vesselinova, Florika Project, Burgas, Bulgaria

Otilia Vura, Coordinator Lampas Foundation, Project "Get Informed", Romania

Veronica Lupu, Lawyer, international Expert and Trainer for Human Trafficking, Moldova

Questions and Answers

11.05 Break

11.20 Breakout Sessions

12.30 Best Practice

12.45 Conclusion and Outlook into the Future

13.00 End of the Conference & Networking