

**INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
SUPPORT AND PROTECTION OF VICTIMS
OF TRAFFICKING VIA PRACTICAL
EXECUTION OF TRM**



**STATE AGENCY
“NATIONAL SECURITY”**

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

State Agency for National Security Act, art.4, para. 14 and 16

The State Agency for National Security shall perform functions for protection of national security from encroachments against the independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Bulgaria, the territorial integrity, the national interests, the constitutional order established in this country, and the fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens, related to:

- Organized criminal activity by local and transnational criminal structures;
- Trafficking in human beings



PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Further development of the capacity of Bulgarian authorities and NGOs in referral, support, protection and reintegration of victims of THB and to strengthen the bilateral cooperation between Bulgaria and partner countries in their response in the field





SPECIFIC GOALS

- To improve the cooperation between the state agencies and civil society as regards to referral of VoTs;
- To launch adequate measures for protection and support of VoTs by applying the minimum standards for provision of assistance to victims in Bulgaria and partner countries;
- To exchange best practices and to identify problems concerning protection and assistance to VoTs;
- To present the Bulgarian experience concerning development and execution of TRM for victims of trafficking.



Project activities

Opening event

- 4 training seminars on the national level on practical execution of TRM;
- Study visits:
 1. Study visit for 10 experts in a partner country /to be considered/ with the purpose of sharing experience and best practices in protection, recovering and reintegration of victims of THB and working on concrete cases;
 2. Study visit for 10 experts in Bulgaria with the purpose of sharing experience and best practices in protection, recovering and reintegration of victims of THB and working on concrete cases; visits in cities and regions in Bulgaria, which are places of origin for trafficked persons from Bulgaria.



Project activities

- Execution of tendering procedures;
- Provision of crisis intervention and psychological counselling to VoTs; short-term, mid-term and long-term reintegration activities

Closing event



EXPECTED RESULTS

- Improved knowledge and skills of LEA and NGO representatives;
- Increased effectiveness of referral, protection and support of VoTs;
- Establishment lasting personal contact networks;
- Improved bilateral or multilateral cooperation between Bulgaria and partner countries in the area of victims' referral and reintegration and thus more severe convictions of traffickers;
- 10 pilot cases of practical execution of TRM



PROJECT PARTNERS

Foreign partners:

- National Bureau of Investigation of Hungary
- Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Poland

Bulgarian partners:

- National Commission for Combating THB
- Foundation Association Animus

TARGET GROUPS

- ❑ Experts from SANS and Mol;
- ❑ Magistrates, engaged in combating THB;
- ❑ NCCTHB and its local commissions;
- ❑ Social Support Agency;
- ❑ State Agency for Child Protection;
- ❑ NGO representatives, providing services to the VoTs
- ❑ Other state institutions.

BUDGET AND DURATION

- 418 840 Euro
- 24 months



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