

Network of Anti-Trafficking Coordinators of South-East Europe

Report

Closed Meeting of the Network of Anti-Trafficking Coordinators of South-East Europe 30 May 2019, Becici

On 30 May 2019, the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinators of South East Europe (NATC SEE) held a closed meeting in Becici, Montenegro, as part of the Meeting of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinators in South-Eastern Europe. The meeting was organised by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in its role as Secretariat of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinators SEE Network.



Mr. Sandi Curin, the National Anti-trafficking coordinator from Slovenia, opened the meeting. He pointed out that next year will be the 10th anniversary of the NATCs network and the time has come to review everything that has been accomplished so far. In order to mark this anniversary he proposed the following:

- Prepare a document, like an informative brochure, with the achievement over the last 10 years
- Promote the vision/the strategic goal for the next period with a document (Non Paper) which can also be sent to the new EU Commissionaire to mark the existence and the importance of the Network.

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Ms. Kamelia Dimitrova, the Secretary General of the National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Bulgaria, welcomed the idea to have a strategic document, as it is very important and can be used to find funding in the future. The added value in the document should reflect that the countries of the network have common characteristics and common challenges, and that more technical meetings in the future can help tackle issues in the countries by learning from good practices.

Ms. Magdalena Nestorova, *the State Secretary and National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator of North Macedonia*, emphasized the importance of finding strategic ways to achieve the Network's goals in the future. She urged that the strategic goals of the network must be defined well and visibility of the Network should be a priority in the upcoming years.

Mr. Marko Tanaskovic from Serbia, delivered a message from **Mr. Mitar Djuraskovic**, *the Serbian National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator*, asking to organize the meetings with the local teams, thus improve the local collaboration by having a bigger delegation present at the meeting and exchanging both technical and expert input.

At the end of the meeting the possibility for upcoming meetings were discussed. **Mr. Alen Tahiri**, the Director of the Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities and the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator from Croatia, informed everyone that he intends to organize a meeting in 2020 within their presidency. In addition, Ms. Dimitrova said that in Sofia in October, there will be a meeting on the topic of Responsibility of business for combatting human trafficking and she can try to organize the second meeting of the year as side meeting during this event.



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