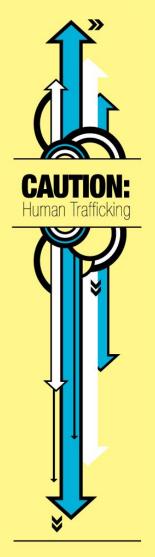




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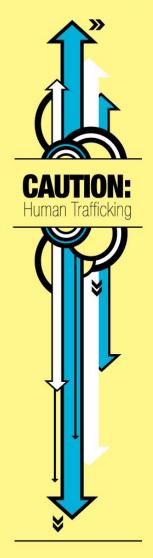


NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

- Under Council of Ministers
- Chaired by a deputy prime minister
- 12 Institutions members
- Secretariat
- Local Commissions
- Information centres and shelters





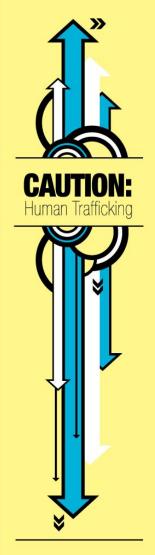


NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

- Organises and coordinates the implementation of the Law
- Determines and manages the national policy and strategy
- Collects statistical data
- Prevention activities
- Registration of NGOs
- Protection and reintegration of victims





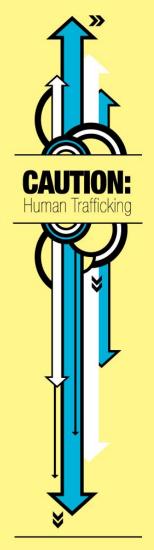


NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

- An annual action plan
- Adopted by the Council of Ministers
- Particular measures to be taken by relevant institutions





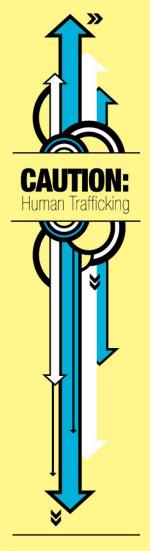


GOOD PRACTICES – LEGISLATION

- Amendments to the Penalty Code in 2009
- Combating Trafficking in Human Beings Act provides for protection and assistance to victims of trafficking regardless of nationality or willingness to cooperate with the investigation.
- Compensation of victims







GOOD PRACTICES – REFERRAL MECHANISMS

- Transnational Referral Mechanism
- Coordination Mechanism for Referral of Minors
- National Referral Mechanism

Provide for fast and effective cooperation between government institutions and international and nongovernmental organisations at national and international level.







GOOD PRACTICES - COOPERATION

INTERNATIONAL

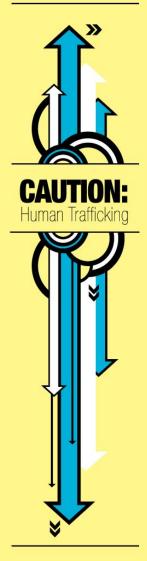
- International projects with GOs and NGOs
- Working on cases, referral of victims
- Prevention activities

NATIONAL

- Permanent working group
- Local Commissions
- NGO Register





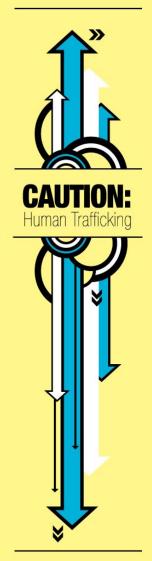




CHALLENGES FOR BULGARIA

- Identification of victims
- Building trust of victims
- Prosecution of traffickers reliance on witness testimony, multiple indictments
- The society underestimates the risks
- Ethnic and cultural particularities among minorities
- Reintegration of victims
- Protection of children
- Border control given a Schengen accession
- · Trafficking of pregnant women for the purpose of selling the child



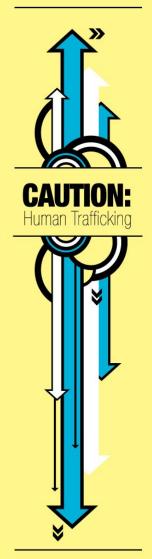


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CHALLENGES AND ISSUES AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- Common European strategy
- Single monitoring and evaluation mechanism
- Financial mechanism for transnational cases and referral of victims
- Compensation of victims
- Formal mechanisms for cooperation
- State engagement at highest political level
- Trafficking for labour exploitation
- Trafficking in children
- A single data base for victims and traffickers





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