



# Seminar on Nordic Best Practices against Trafficking in Human Beings

Helsinki Congress Paasitorni, Finland / Online  
November 18, 2021 at 9.00 – 19.30 EET

## Programme

- 9.00 – 10.00 Registration and breakfast
- PART I **JOINT EFFORTS IN THE WORK AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS**
- Streamed online  
Sirkus Hall
- Chair: **Eva Biaudet**, Member of Parliament, Finland
- 10.00 – 10.20 Opening speeches
- **Anna-Maja Henriksson**, Minister of Justice of Finland
  - **Maria Ohisalo**, Minister of the Interior of Finland
- 10.20 – 10.50 Keynote speeches
- What should Governments do more to prevent trafficking in human beings?**
- **Itohan Okundaye**, Member of the International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council (ISTAC)
- EU Strategy on Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings**
- **Diane Schmitt**, EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator
- 10.50 – 12.40 Best practices against trafficking in human beings in Nordic countries
- Iceland: Creating the new Icelandic National Action Plan against trafficking in human beings – How human trafficking became a political priority and what are the successes?**
- Legal advisor **Hildur Sunna Pálmadóttir**, Ministry of Justice of Iceland and Police Prosecutor **Alda Hrönn Jóhannsdóttir**, Suðurnes police
- Finland: The National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings – How Independent Reporting Mechanism Strengthens the Work against Trafficking in Human Beings?**
- **Kristina Stenman**, Non-Discrimination Ombudsman

**Sweden: National Referral Mechanism – A support and protection process for victims of trafficking in human beings in Sweden**

- Advisor **Catrin Sandman** and Senior advisor **Mats Paulsson**, Swedish Gender Equality Agency

12.40 – 12.45

Closing remarks for Part I

- **Eva Biaudet**, Member of Parliament, Finland

12.45 – 13.45

Lunch

**PART II**

**WORKSHOPS ON NORDIC BEST PRACTICES**

For participants present in Helsinki

13.45 – 15.15

Parallel workshops on Best Practices in Nordic Countries

Sirkus Hall

**Norway: Norwegian Police Competence Group coordinating Police efforts against human trafficking and sharing knowledge**

- Speaker: Police superintendent **Kenneth Henriksen**, The National Police Competence Group Against Trafficking in Human Beings, Norway  
Moderator: Detective Chief Inspector **Pekka Hätönen**, Helsinki Police Department  
Rapporteur: Senior Specialist **Katja Repo**, Ministry of Justice of Finland

Floor 3, room 302

**Sweden: Work against trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation**

- Speaker: Deputy Chief Prosecutor **Anneli Tirud Wallin**, Swedish Prosecution Authority  
Moderator: Senior Specialized Prosecutor **Mikko Sipilä**, National Prosecution Authority, Southern Finland  
Rapporteur: Senior Advisor **Terhi Tafari**, National Assistance System for Victims of Human Trafficking, Finland

Floor 3, room 303

**Denmark: Working with North African minors trafficked into criminal activities**

- Speaker: Social welfare consultant **Mari Børnick-Sørhaug**, Danish Centre against Human Trafficking  
Moderator: Coordinating Senior Adviser **Pia Marttila**, Victim Support Finland  
Rapporteur: Deputy Director **Katri Lyijynen**, Joutseno Reception Centre/National Assistance System for Victims of Human Trafficking, Finland

15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 17.00	Parallel workshops on Best Practices in Nordic Countries
Sirkus Hall	<p><b>Finland: The multidisciplinary approach in tackling labour trafficking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers: Senior programme officer <b>Anniina Jokinen</b>, The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations, Coordinating Senior Adviser <b>Pia Marttila</b>, Victim Support Finland, Senior inspector <b>Katja-Pia Jenu</b>, Regional State Administrative Agency for Southern Finland, Detective Chief Inspector <b>Pekka Hätönen</b>, Helsinki Police Department, Deputy Director of Reception Centre <b>Katri Lyijynen</b>, The Assistance System for Victims of Human Trafficking and Senior Specialized Prosecutor <b>Mikko Sipilä</b>, National Prosecution Authority, Southern Finland</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Anniina Jokinen</b>, The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations  Rapporteur: Senior Specialized Prosecutor <b>Mikko Sipilä</b>, National Prosecution Authority, Southern Finland</p>
Floor 3, room 302	<p><b>Denmark: The Danish Centre against Human Trafficking as the central coordinating unit and national referral mechanism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker: Academic Officer <b>Matilde Skov Danstrøm</b>, Danish Centre against Human Trafficking</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Senior Advisor <b>Terhi Tafari</b>, National Assistance System for Victims of Human Trafficking, Finland  Rapporteur: Senior Specialist <b>Katja Repo</b>, Ministry of Justice of Finland</p>
Floor 3, room 303	<p><b>Norway: Laura’s House: a shelter providing comprehensive support for victims of human trafficking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker: Shelter Manager <b>Eva Kristin Aune</b>, Church City Mission Oslo</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Senior Specialist <b>Minna Viuhko</b>, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland  Rapporteur: Senior Officer <b>Anni Valovirta</b>, Office of the Non-Discrimination Ombudsman, Finland</p>
17.00 – 17.10	Break

### PART III

Streamed online

Sirkus Hall

17.10 – 17.50

### CONCLUSIONS

Chair: **Venla Roth**, Government Anti-Trafficking Coordinator of Finland

Presentations of the workshop results

- Workshop moderators/rapporteurs

17.50 – 18.10

Greetings from the side events

**Side event for police authorities of the Nordic countries on prevention and combatting of trafficking in human beings**

- Detective Chief Inspector **Pekka Hätönen**, Helsinki Police Department

**The Nordic countries as helpers for victims of human trafficking - challenges and successes**

- Deputy Director of Joutseno Reception Centre **Katri Lyijynen**, The Assistance System for Victims of Human Trafficking

18.10 – 18.20

Closing remarks

**Future and next steps of closer Nordic cooperation on prevention and combatting of trafficking in human beings**

- **Venla Roth**, Government Anti-Trafficking Coordinator of Finland

18.20 – 18.30

Break

### Reception

For participants present in Helsinki

18.30 – 19.30

Host: **Pekka Haavisto**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland



# Welcome to the Nordic seminar on Best Practises against Trafficking in Human Beings

## A brief introduction to the seminar

The Nordic countries have cooperated on prevention and combatting of trafficking in human beings for decades. Different countries have adopted various successful models through which different actors from national and local authorities and the civil society have been able to strengthen useful expertise in prevention and combatting of trafficking in human beings in different sectors.

The Nordic Ministers of Justice have decided at their meeting in June 2021 on a report that identifies the needs for closer cooperation against trafficking in human beings. The findings and results from the seminar will also be utilised in the report.

The seminar brings together the Nordic authorities and other actors working against trafficking in human beings to share their expertise and knowledge on practical work against trafficking in human beings. The aim is to exchange best practises and learn from each other. The approach is very practise-oriented. Each Nordic Country will present one to two best practises, which bring out their strengths and lessons learned in prevention of trafficking in human beings. The seminar is not limited to a specific form of human trafficking, a specific group of victims or a specific part of the process, but these topics are discussed simultaneously. The aim is to discuss e.g. both models for supporting victims and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Part I of the seminar will give a big picture on the work against trafficking in human beings in different European contexts. It will introduce the perspectives of the European Union as well as the International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council (ISTAC) and take a closer look at some of the best practices in the Nordics. This part will be streamed online.

Part II consists of workshop sessions where participants present in Helsinki will be able to share their expertise. The focus is on practical work, implemented best practises and sharing of ideas, information and contacts for further development of ways of working. The goal is that the information and expertise shared at the seminar supports the participants in their work on prevention of trafficking in human beings in the Nordics. Needs and ways to enhance Nordic cooperation will also be discussed.

Part III will conclude with the results from the workshops and greetings from the side events. The session will be streamed online.

Authorities and other actors with expertise on prevention and combatting of trafficking in human beings, including researchers and representatives of civil society from the Nordic countries have been invited to the seminar. The number of participants to be invited to Helsinki is around 80, ca. 15 participants from each Nordic country. The webcast of Parts I and III will enable participation of a broader audience.

## Welcome!

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## **Side events for the police authorities and assistance systems for victims of human trafficking**

There are two separate by invitation only organised in connection to the seminar on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November:

### **Side event for police authorities of the Nordic countries on prevention and combatting of trafficking in human beings.**

The side event gives colleagues at the police authorities of the Nordic countries a possibility to discuss and learn from one another's work on preventing and combatting trafficking in human beings. The aim is to create a space for discussing practicalities of police work on investigating cases of human trafficking and exchanging operative expertise. The main organiser of the side event is the Helsinki Police Department.

### **The Nordic countries as helpers for victims of human trafficking – challenges and successes**

What are the best ways to assist the most vulnerable victims of human trafficking? Where have Nordic countries succeeded in helping victims of human trafficking – and where could we do better? Finland's National Assistance System for Victims of Human Trafficking (NAS) invites Nordic experts to discuss THB victim assistance in the Nordic countries. By learning from our successes and failures, we can continue to develop the Nordic standards of assistance to the highest excellence. At the same time, this event celebrates the 15th anniversary of the Finnish Assistance System.

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