

KEY TRACE OUTPUTS

- ▶ Policy Recommendations: Effective policies for combatting human trafficking in Europe
- ▶ Stakeholder engagement workshops
- ▶ Final conference
- ▶ Trafficking in Human Beings: analysis of criminal networks for more effective counter-trafficking handbook

TRACE PARTNERS

The consortium consists of a range of bodies with vast research experience, including:



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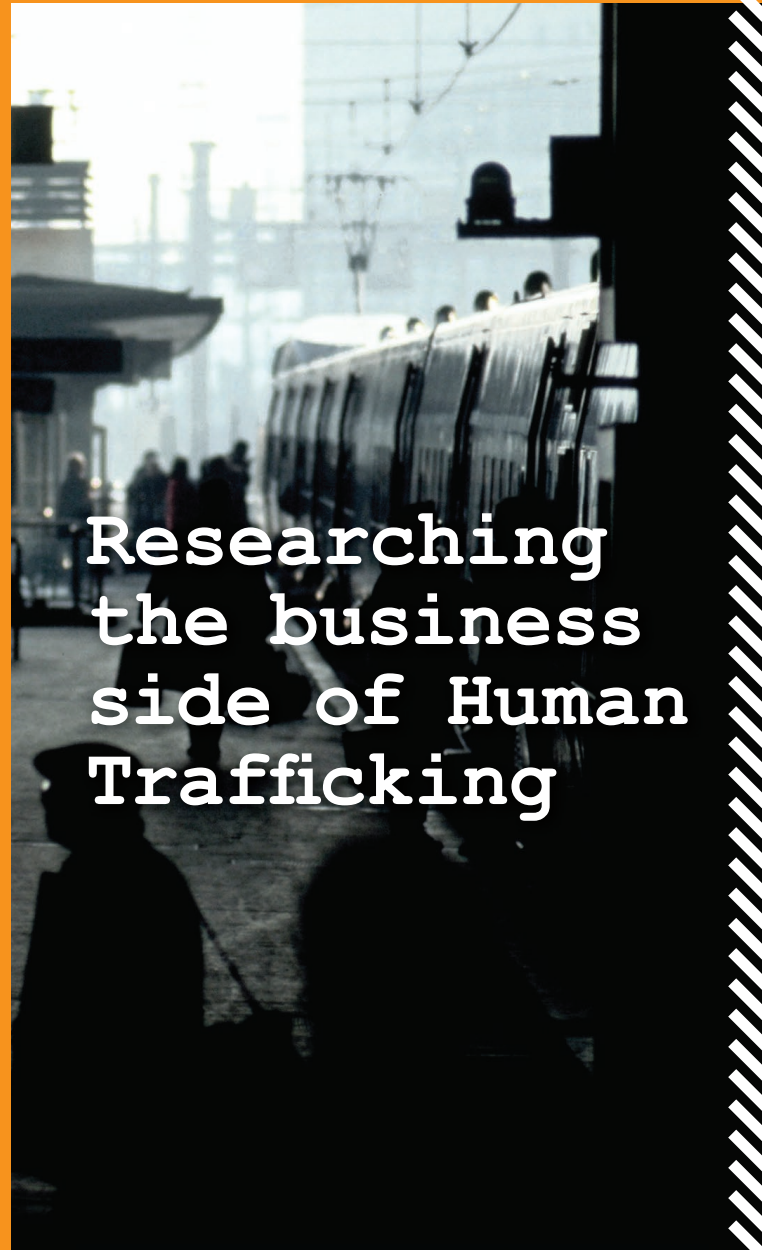
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Trafficking as A Criminal Enterprise



Researching the business side of Human Trafficking

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ABOUT

Trafficking in human beings is a serious human rights violation and combating this crime remains a priority in Europe today.

TRACE was developed out of the urgent need to acquire a modern and profound understanding of human trafficking in order to combat and prevent the acts of modern day slavery.

The project started in May 2014 and will run for two years, until April 2016. TRACE consists of a multi-disciplinary team from across Europe who will develop state-of-the-art knowledge on the business of human trafficking in an effort to support stakeholders in their fight against this crime.

The project has received funding from the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration under grant agreement no 607669.

TRACE OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Develop a theory-driven understanding of trafficking as a criminal enterprise
- ▶ Acquire an understanding of the trafficker and why some victims become traffickers
- ▶ Develop a framework of the factors influencing the trends in trafficking of human beings, e.g. technology, economic and political trends
- ▶ Develop a theory driven understanding of policies in place and provide a framework of what further policy actions are available for stakeholders

THE TRACE FOCAL POINTS

The TRACE project will focus its efforts on the following aspects:

- ▶ How human trafficking has been defined and framed in Europe, including in the media.
- ▶ The relationship between human trafficking and organised crime.
- ▶ The geographical routes used in the human trafficking business and the modus operandi of the different phases of human trafficking in European Member States.
- ▶ The specific characteristics of individuals involved in the human trafficking industry and why some victims become traffickers.
- ▶ The relationships between traffickers and other criminal persons.
- ▶ The role of technology in the human trafficking business; how it helps the business and how it can be used to prevent it.
- ▶ How external forces - social, economic and political - impact the human trafficking industry and what influence does the wider organised criminal industry exert over human trafficking.
- ▶ The effectiveness of European and Member State policies and projects around human trafficking.
- ▶ What are the emerging trends in the human trafficking industry.

In undertaking its work the TRACE project will focus on trafficking for sexual exploitation, trafficking for forced labour or services and trafficking for criminal activities. It will be engaged in desk based and empirical research in the following countries: United Kingdom, Poland, Cyprus, Sweden, Latvia, Bulgaria, The Netherlands and Romania.