

MAIN OUTPUT

Report containing Guidelines for the Collection of Data on Trafficking in Human Beings, Including Comparable Indicators

PROJECT DURATION

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MAIN EVENTS

18-19 September 2008 Expert Conference on THB
Data Collection

23-24 February 2009 Vienna Conference on THB
Data Collection (high-level
format)

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TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS GUIDELINES FOR DATA COLLECTION

DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR THE COLLECTION OF DATA ON TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS, INCLUDING COMPARABLE INDICATORS



A project implemented by the
Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior
in cooperation with the
International Organization for Migration in Vienna



GUIDELINES FOR THB DATA COLLECTION

The Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior, in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration in Vienna, is implementing the project „**DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR THE COLLECTION OF DATA ON TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS, INCLUDING COMPARABLE INDICATORS**” (“Guidelines for THB Data Collection”) with financial support from the **European Commission**, Prevention of and Fight Against Crime Programme.

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Other stakeholders are highly welcome to contribute to this project and to comment the ongoing development of guidelines for data collection on trafficking in human beings (THB), including comparable indicators, in order to create a system that is realizable on national level to compare international trends and to develop targeted counter-trafficking responses.

BACKGROUND

One of the greatest challenges in combating THB is the lack of reliable and comparable data in all countries affected by this crime. The reasons for this are varied. The main obstacle is the difficulties posed by the illicit nature of THB, which thus far has only allowed for “best estimates” and statistical extrapolations. Other reasons include incomplete official statistics, confusion regarding inherent limitations, methodology and analytical tools, lack of comparative indicators, and others.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this project are threefold:

- to create the necessary basis for an improved collection and comparison (as well as sharing) of data in the field of THB
- to enhance the capacity of the relevant national authorities to collect and share data as well as to contribute to EU wide efforts to enhance data collection in the field of THB
- to foster cooperation in the field of trafficking data collection among EU Member States

A standardized set of guidelines for the collection of data on THB, including comparable indicators, will be developed and disseminated to all relevant stakeholders. The results of this project should lead to an unitary system on data collection across the European Union significantly enhancing the efficiency of counter-trafficking responses.

ACTIVITIES

In addition to the two main events of this project, the **Expert Conference** and the **Vienna Conference on THB Data Collection**, a team of police experts, researchers and representatives from selected EU institutions, International Organizations and NGOs will meet on a regular basis to work on the guidelines for THB data collection, the theoretical and analytical framework and principal approaches for its implementation on national level. **Inputs** from experts, EU Member States and EFTA countries, EU institutions, International Organizations, NGOs, social service providers, unions, and other relevant stakeholders will ensure a participatory approach, building on existing experiences and initiatives. The results of this project, including a final set of guidelines, will be published and presented at the Vienna Conference on THB Data Collection in the form of a report.