

TRACE project handbook launched



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A handbook for policy makers, law enforcement agencies and civil society organisations, is now available in e-format as well as in hard copy. The publication is a culmination of a 24 month TRACE project funded by the European Commission. The project focused on:

- Understanding human trafficking as a criminal enterprise in terms of:
 - the implementation of the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings by EU Member States and Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims;
 - the way in which popular media frame human trafficking;
 - the outcome of a macro analysis situating human trafficking in the wider criminal industry;
 - the outcome of a micro analysis of the perpetrators' treatment of trafficked persons.
 - the current and future trends in modus operandi of traffickers, including travel routes to and within Europe.
- The profiles of traffickers.
- Use of technology related to human trafficking as a criminal enterprise, including:
 - technologies that are used by traffickers to facilitate human trafficking;
 - technologies that are or can be used to prevent and combat human trafficking.
- The social, political and economic environment in which the business of human trafficking thrives.

The handbook was launched during the TRACE final conference, which took place in Brussels on 28th April 2016. It was entitled 'Understanding the business side of human trafficking'. Over 50 stakeholders including law enforcement officials, policy makers, practitioners, academics and civil society representatives from 15 countries attended and discussed the business of human trafficking. Prof. Jan van Dijk delivered an insightful keynote speech on the definition of human trafficking, measuring the crime and new approaches to combating it. To view his and all other presentations please take a look at our slideshare account.

The handbook aims to support policy makers, law enforcement agencies and civil society organisations by assessing and consolidating information about traffickers and trafficked persons, the wider criminal enterprise and its modus operandi, and the role of technology, as well as current and future trends. Understanding the crime within the broader context of the human trafficking enterprise can assist these three target groups in their efforts to effectively disrupt the human trafficking activities now and in the future. The handbook includes insightful and practical recommendations.

To request a hard copy please e-mail the project co-ordinator (anna.donovan@trilateralresearch.com) and provide a postal address to which a copy can be sent.

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