



## **INSigHT - Building Capacity to Deal with Human Trafficking and Transit Routes in Nigeria, Italy, Sweden**

### **Activity 3.1: Training for Law Enforcement**

#### **Exchange of good practice in multi-agency work to contrast human trafficking and to safeguard victims of human trafficking and exploitation**

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Cooperatives Equality and Azalea have organized a training for Law Enforcement and operators employed in the N.A.Ve. Project (Anti-trafficking Network for the Veneto Region). This online meeting was held on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2021.

To organize the final session of the training we started with a internal meeting with guests and anti-trafficking operators of the N.a.Ve Project, to better understand how to approach the phenomenon of trafficking and what kind of questions and suggestions we wanted the trainers to answer and investigate.

#### **Guests:**

- Chief Commissioner Dr Lorenzo Ortensi, coordinator of the of Vicenza's rapid response team;
- Vice-commissioner of state police dr Sebastiano Bartolotta, expert from the central direction of immigration and the border police at the Italian embassy in Abuja- Nigeria;
- Dr Lucia D'Alessandro, substitute prosecutor of the District Direction anti-mafia of Venezia's public prosecution office;
- Dr Lina Trovato, substitute prosecutor of the District Direction anti-mafia of Catania's public prosecution office.

The first online meeting was held on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2020.





During this meeting the staff prepared a list of questions for the individual interview (online sessions) of the trainers.

- 1) The first interview has been done with **Vice-commissioner of state police dr Sebastiano Bartolotta, expert from the central direction of immigration and the border police at the Italian embassy in Abuja- Nigeria** on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 (11.00am-13.00)
- 2) The second interview has been done with **Dr Lina Trovato, substitute prosecutor of the District Direction anti-mafia of Catania's public prosecution office** on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2020(14.15-16.00)
- 3) The third interview has been done with **Dr Lucia D'Alessandro, substitute prosecutor of the District Direction anti-mafia of Venezia's public prosecution office** on December 17<sup>th</sup> (18.00-19.30)
- 4) The fourth interview has been done with **Chief Commissioner Dr Lorenzo Ortensi, coordinator of the of Vicenza's rapid response team** on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 (15.30-16.30)

These individual interviews have been uploaded in a reserved area of the INSigHT project website. The participants who registered to the final session received the password of the area and were invited to follow the registrations before the webinar.

On January 21st 5 anti-trafficking operators of the N.a.Ve project met the trainers to organize the final meeting that's been held on January 27th 2021 on Zoom platform.

In the first part of the meeting the trainers explained their job and reviewed the contents of the individual online sessions. The second part of the meeting has been dedicated to the debate with the public.





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The outcomes of the training were very relevant:

- All participants agreed that structured and timed training is needed for an exchange of good practices in order to deepen mutual knowledge and understand how to cooperate to combat trafficking and protect victims of human trafficking.
- It is very important to engage the Prosecutors to organize structured training, as they have the key role to start and run investigations well and to quickly close the processes with the right measures against the traffickers.
- It is very important to get to know each other in the individual territories, Law Enforcement and anti-trafficking operators.
- It is very useful to organize trainings such as this one to meet each other and to have the time for reflecting about important thematic concerning the respective works.

## GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZING AND IMPLEMENTING A TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Preconditions

The implementation of this type of activity presumes the pre-mapping of the area and the knowledge of all the Law Enforcement working in each single territory in Veneto Region. If this is not the case, preliminary activities are to be carried out to map and connect actors.

It is very important to have clear in mind (and clearly communicate to stakeholders to be invited) the objective(s) of the workshop, i.e. to exchange good practice in multi-agency work, in order to deepen mutual knowledge and understand how to cooperate to combat trafficking and protect victims of human trafficking. Using the technique of exchange good practice provides good results.

It is essential to find experts on the issues of trafficking and sexual exploitation who can be the speakers at the final conference.





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Experts could be: prosecutors, commissioners, immigration experts, police chiefs, etc.

## Implementation

It is focal to find experts about the thematic. The coordinator of activity has to call people who could be guest of the final meeting and ask them their participation at the meetings is feasible. The coordinator explains to the experts that it is necessary to do a single meeting with each and then the final conference. The coordinator also explains to the guests the core theme of the conference. When guests have accepted the invitation, it is necessary to invite them formally, by sending the formal invitation to their office.

At this point the anti-trafficking operators meet in a meeting where they discuss about the topics and prepare the questions for the experts. The coordinator of the activity collects the questions and sends these questions to the experts, so they can prepare about the main topics. Later the coordinator of activity sets the dates for the single meetings with each guest.

In these meetings the experts answer the questions and discuss with the anti-trafficking operators about the thematic. These meeting could be in person or online to facilitate the participation. It is focal to find a facilitator who can guide the group discussion in each meeting. The single meetings have to be recorded and put on the website where people have to register for the final conference. In this way the people attending the final conference will be able to listen to the individual meetings with the experts before or after the final meeting.

The coordinator of activity prepares an invitation for the final meeting using google form and sends this invitation to all the partners, colleagues, collaborators, Law Enforcement, Police offices, prosecutors, commissioners, immigration association, immigration experts, etc. Each person who wants to participate to the final conference have to fill in the form. By filling in the form, they will receive the link for access the website viaemail, in order to find and listen the registrations of the meetings with the experts. Along with this, they will receive the Zoom link for the final





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conference as well. In the registration form it is important to ask to the participants whether a certificate of attendance is needed for them.

The final conference's day all the registered people have to enter in the conference and listen the experts. All the people have the possibility to speak and write on the chat. It is focal to have a facilitator who can give word to the experts and then to the participants for questions or comments.

After the final conference it could be possible to prepare a survey and send it to all participants to understand the liking of the meeting. The coordinator of the activity has to send the certificate of attendance to the participants that have requested it.

It is focal that the coordinator of the activity is supported by experts who deal with the technical part.



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