

## Measures to prevent and combating the trafficking of human beings with the focus in Republic of Kosovo

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### Abstract

The aim of this research is to provide the understanding of the definition of trafficking of human beings and also by incorporating different researches to elaborate the measures that can be effective in combating this criminal offense. Trafficking is considered as a form of modern slavery which implies the transfer, acceptance, recruitment, threats, intimidation or other illegal forms of exploiting for the main purpose of exploiting persons for personal gain. Human trafficking is a growing phenomenon, so it is necessary to analyze and elaborate more specifically the ways and forms of prevention of this phenomenon.

In Republic of Kosovo the strategy against combating trafficking in human beings is a task of the Government and this strategy is based in the human rights convention which is associated with the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly in protecting the rights of victims of trafficking such as women and children. The rights of victims who are usually violated or intend to be violated by traffickers are: the right of liberty and security, the right of non-obedience, the right of humanity and respect, the right to move and to choose the place of residence, not to be tortured and the right to live free, so the aim of the strategy is to protect and promote these rights.

Nowadays trafficking of human beings is considered as a type of modern slavery, so the intentions of every modern and democratic state are to combat and abolish this phenomenon from society using the measures that every state has incorporated them in the internal judicial system. For the first time in Kosovo the human trafficking has been foreseen as a criminal offense under UNMIK Regulation 2001/04, and after this regulation it was followed by other regulations which foreseen the protection of victims of trafficking and at the same time fighting and preventing this phenomenon.

In Kosovo Trafficking with human beings is a reactive phenomenon, which in recent years, especially after the post-war period, has taken large proportions referring to the statistics published by the Crime Department in Kosovo - Basic Court of Pristina.

The criminal code of Republic of Kosovo the trafficking with human being determines as a criminal offense against humanity and values which are protected by international law.

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