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## **Tolerant 2<sup>nd</sup> Exchange Workshop**

### Challenges and opportunities in employment integration & support for TCN Victims of Trafficking

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The challenges, risks and opportunities in employment integration and support to third country national (TCN) women victims of trafficking (VoT), especially in light of the COVID-19 crisis, were discussed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Exchange Workshop of the Tolerant project, that was held online in the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2020.

The overall objective of the workshop was to exchange experiences and best practices with key stakeholders from countries of origin / countries of destination, to identify ways of further assisting and supporting victims of trafficking and to explore new ways of enhancing coordination and cooperation among key actors, in order to better respond to all forms of trafficking against human beings.

During the workshop, there was a comprehensive presentation of the Tolerant Guide - which aims to support Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), services providers and Public Authorities to develop integrated services for TCN women VoT for sexual exploitation to enhance their integration in the labour market - and the informal Network - where various organisations and stakeholders dealing with VoT share experiences and build connections with each other.

More specifically, during the two-day workshop the partners had the chance to:

- Discuss the difficulties, risks, challenges and opportunities in employment integration and support to TCN women VoT, especially in light of COVID-19.
- Identify the mitigation measures to address the consequences of COVID-19 regarding human trafficking.
- Highlight some of the gaps in the current provision of assistance and employment integration.
- Develop links with organizations/actors in countries of origin of VoT outside the EU, such as Albania, Kosovo and Nigeria, in order to promote integrated support for women wishing to return to their home countries, as well as prevention measures.
- Share good practices in relation to prevention of trafficking, reintegration of VoT in their countries of origin and effective rehabilitation and support services addressing their needs.
- Get informed of the local context of the different countries represented in the workshop (Albania, Kosovo, Nigeria, Greece, Italy, Austria, Romania and Bulgaria).



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