

## SAVE THE DATE

### Exploring Links between Trafficking and Labour

### Discussing Migration and Gender in the Context of a Pandemic

**10/12/2020 - online**

The current COVID-19 crisis is affecting all countries and societies, with most European States taking restrictive measures to prevent the further spreading of COVID-19 and mitigate the health risks for the population. While this affects everybody, the new situation has a particularly negative consequence on marginalized communities. Critical voices draw the interim conclusion that those who have been excluded from protection are now left even more vulnerable in a global pandemic<sup>1</sup>.

The impact of the pandemic must be looked at as a breaking point, that has only reinforced and aggravated existing problems and inequalities. Accessing the labour market before was already difficult for vulnerable groups and for women especially as the gendered labour divide puts women in jobs where their work is perceived to be unskilled and/or where work is hidden from the public, such as in private homes.

Now the economic aftermath of the pandemic on the labour market has made it even more challenging for vulnerable groups to access the labour market and find a job with decent working conditions that is for many essential to support their families or renew residence permits just to mention two examples. Especially women Victims of Trafficking, e.g. for sexual exploitation, face also outside a global pandemic, many challenges when accessing the labour market.

The TOLERANT Project (Transnational network for Employment integration of women Victims of trafficking) partners invite you in thematic context of labour market integration for Victims of Trafficking to the final conference of the project to discuss human trafficking in the broader context of labour and trafficking in policy and practice. The conference “Exploring links between trafficking and labour - Discussing Migration and Gender in the Context of a

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<sup>1</sup> See „The impact of COVID-19 on the protection of rights of trafficked and exploited persons“ (*La Strada International NGO Platform*, 2020) <<http://lastradainternational.org/news-publications/la-strada-international-statement-on-coronavirus>> accessed 15 July 2020.

Pandemic” brings together experts, stakeholders, professionals and interested communities. The exchange of various perspectives on different (good) practices and challenges supporting Women Victims of Trafficking will be fostered, and recommendations and policies will be discussed. During the one- day event we want to take the time to discuss labour market integration, in other words access to the labour market, in two ways: firstly, discuss challenges and good practices concerning the labour market integration of women victims of Trafficking; secondly critically examine how the labour market is shaped and how it needs to be changed in order to eliminate barriers to assure a sustainable and equal inclusion for all, prevent exploitation and counter Human Trafficking as well as what gender specific services are necessary for a holistic integration into the labour market.

### Program

**9:00 a.m. Arrival & Registration**

**9:30 – 10 a.m. Welcome and Preliminary Remarks**

**10:00 – 12:45 p.m. Panel Discussion “Exploring links between Trafficking and Labor”  
including Q&A session**

**12:45 – 2 p.m. Lunch Break**

**2 – 4:30 p.m 4 Thematic Workshops (including one coffee break)**

N.B.: Participation is limited to 15 persons per workshop, to assure an atmosphere that fosters exchange and critical discussions. Registration will be possible from the beginning of November.

**4:30 – 5 p.m. Short Presentations from the Workshops and Wrap up**

Please save the 10th of December 2020 as conference day in your calendar. More information will follow shortly. Registration will open in November.

If you have any questions or remarks concerning the conference please contact LEFÖ-IBF via mail: [ibf@lefoe.at](mailto:ibf@lefoe.at)

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