



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

SEEING THE UNSEEN

ADVANCING COLLABORATION
AGAINST LABOUR EXPLOITATION
AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN EUROPE

5 December 2025

14:00 to 18:00 (CET)

Hybrid Mode | Residence Palace

(Brussels Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium)



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KMOP – Social Action and Innovation Centre invites you to the international conference “#SeeingTheUnseen: Advancing collaboration against labour exploitation and human trafficking in Europe” on Friday 5 December 2025, from 14:00 to 18:00 (CET) at Residence Palace, Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium, with hybrid participation available.

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The conference will feature contributions from various stakeholders in policies, prevention, protection and overall victims' support. The event will be held **in English** and is open to professionals working in anti-trafficking, labour rights, social protection, and migration, as well as policymakers, researchers, anyone interested in advancing collaborative approaches to end labour trafficking.

Through engaging presentations, insightful discussions, and interactive roundtables, participants will explore:

1
The current realities and emerging trends
in labour trafficking across Europe.

2
Effective prevention mechanisms
and victim protection measures.

3
The role of intersectoral and cross-border
cooperation in combating labour exploitation.

4
Policy
recommendations

After the completion of the event, certificates of attendance will be issued.

For more information or assistance please contact us at:
communication@kmop.org.

The conference is organized in the framework of the **Eradicating II** project.



14:00 - 14:10 Introductions and Welcome

Daniela Obster – Project coordinator University of Applied Sciences for Public Service in Bavaria, Department of Policing

14:10 - 15:15 Beyond the Surface: Europe's Policy Blind Spots in Labour Exploitation and What GRETA Sees

Antoaneta Vassileva – 1st vice president Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)

Current realities in Trafficking in Human Beings

Patrick Bourgeois – Retired First Chief Commissioner of Police – Former Unit leader of the Division "Human Trafficking and Smuggling" of the Federal Judicial Police of Brussels

Strengthening Victim Support Systems in Labour Trafficking cases

Efthymis Antonopoulos – Head of Policy and Advocacy, Victim Support Europe

Sophia Wirsching – KOK – Executive Director, German NGO Network against Trafficking in Human Beings

THB-risk sectors and best practices in Belgium in the field of human trafficking - Labour exploitation

Stef Janssens – Senior expert trafficking and smuggling in human beings, Myria Belgium

15:15 - 15:45 Discussion: Empower Professionals Against Human Trafficking: The eradicating II project

Daniela Obster – Project Coordinator University of Applied Sciences for Public Service in Bavaria, Department of Policing

VANGUARD Project: AI-powered solutions stepping up the response to THB

Dr. Despoina Chatzakou – Postdoctoral researcher, CERTH-ITI

Tackling Human Trafficking in the Hospitality sector

Lora Daskalou – Project Manager, KMOP

15:45 - 16:00 Break

16:00 - 17:00 Group Discussion: Turning field experience into policy recommendation

17:00 - 18:00 Strengthening connections for a safer tomorrow (Informal Networking)

