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2008 - 2009 ACTION PLAN OF THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP FOR COUNTERING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Introduction

Already in 2001, the Republic of Slovenia started to participate actively in countering trafficking in human beings when the Inter Departmental Working Group (IDWG) for tackling this issue was established within the Stability Pact for SE Europe initiative. A National Coordinator was appointed for that purpose. In the light of these developments and a growing scope of obligations the status of the Inter Departmental Working Group was confirmed in 2003 by the Slovene Government's Decision (no. 240-05/2003-1 dated 18.12.2003). At the same time the Group's mandate and the list of its tasks were defined.

This was the basis for drawing up Action Plans that have been completed and upgraded through the years. Of key importance were financially evaluated projects within Action Plans whose contractors were non-governmental organisations selected by virtue of public tenders. These NGOs now play an important role in prevention as well as assistance programmes for the victims of trafficking in human beings. What should be underscored in this regard are reciprocity and good cooperation between the governmental and non-governmental sectors both on the operational level as well as in planning and shaping common measures and activities.

The 2008-2009 IDWG Action Plan has been conceived as the continuation of good practice particularly in those projects that proved efficient and require continuation due to their nature. Proposals and recommendations by certain international organisations were considered in addition, particularly in the field of more concrete prevention activities and efficient court proceedings in terms of the results of final judgements in proportion to cases dealt with by the courts. The efficiency of investigation and prosecution of criminal offences related to trafficking in human beings is namely mirrored in the judgements against perpetrators. These could be detected in Slovenia only in 2006.

Based on the inter-departmental coordination, preventive activities is the very centre of the Action Plan: public awareness raising (general, professional, risk) as well as education and various level training of professional staff, pedagogical and social workers and employees of the diplomatic-consular representation offices abroad.

A suitable manner of recording statistics in connection with trafficking in human beings is still very important when we wish to define this phenomenon more precisely in space and time. A research on establishing internationally comparable indicators of trafficking in human beings implemented this year will serve as a milestone for selecting the topic of a consultation planned to be held in the second half of 2008. This is at the same time also one of the tasks defined in the EU Action Plan that will be further upgraded also during the Slovene Presidency.

I. Legislative framework

1. Proposed law on the ratification of the European Council Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

On the Ministry of the Interior's initiative and the basis of the Slovene Government's Decision no. 51002-9/2006/3 dated 23.2.2006 the European Council Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings was signed on 3.4.2006 by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia on the European Council. A professional proofreading and editing procedure regarding the Convention's Slovene translation was also completed in 2006. Later on the ratification procedure was proposed which has not yet been completed due to the necessary harmonisation of the national laws.

In the beginning of 2008 the Ministry of Justice will therefore begin the procedure for adopting changes in the Penal Code and the law on the liability of legal persons for criminal offences, needed in respect of the provisions set out in the above Convention. This will serve as a basis to prepare the proposed law on the ratification of the European Council Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings which the Government will submit to the National Assembly. The signature and the ratification of the Council Convention are defined also in the EU Plan for best practices, standards and procedures for countering trafficking in human beings (OJ EU, C 311 dated 09/12/2005).

Holder: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Participants: Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Justice

Deadline: First half of 2008

2. Enforcement of a new profession - counsellor from experience

Activities of non-governmental organisation aimed at providing assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings are increasingly present especially in the procedures for treating these victims when they decide whether to cooperate with investigation and prosecution authorities. In this procedure it is important to present the overall situation of the victim as adequately and credibly as possible which requires his or her understanding on the one hand and the professional qualifications of the counterpart on the other. Relevant personal experience in this domain is a significant contribution in such procedures.

IDWG therefore believes that enforcing a new profession of counsellor from experience is reasonable and supports in that context the initiative for preparing professional standards. The initiative for preparing professional standards is a document containing the title of profession, key tasks and assessment of needs regarding the long term development of activities, rules governing these activities in Slovenia and the European Union as well as the international comparativeness. The initiative for preparing professional standards can be launched by any legal or physical person on the form published on the Centre for Professional Training (CPT) web-site and submits it to the committee. If the competent field committee for professional standards (composed of representatives of trade unions, employers and ministries) establishes that an individual professional standard on the labour market is needed with regard to the needs for an individual professional qualification based on the National Professional Qualifications Act (Off.Gaz RS, no. 1/2007), a proposal for the professional standard is prepared. If however the initiative does not meet the requirements for preparing the professional standard the committee notifies the initiator. CPT also provides relevant professional and administrative assistance.

A new profession would also be useful in other areas (drug addicts, convicts, victims of sexual violence, Roma, disabled persons etc.).

Holders: Interested non-governmental organisations

Participants: Centre for Professional training and the field committee for professional standards

Deadline: Second half of 2009

II. Prevention

1. Communicational activities aimed at raising awareness and informing

One of the basic prevention activities regarding the issue of trafficking in human beings is raising general awareness among the public and individual target groups. Based on the premises defined in the EU Plan for best prevention practices, standards and procedures as well as countering trafficking in human beings (OJ EU, C 311, 09/12/2005 Section 3, point 2), European Parliament Recommendations to the Council (dated 16 November 2006) and recognising the lack of such preventive actions in Slovenia, a coordinated and uniform approach to informing general as well as professional public on the respective objectives is required.

Based on the 2007 Action Plan the Inter Departmental Group selected from its members a narrower working group. In cooperation with the Government Office for Communication and based on essential premises and priorities this group prepared positions to support prevention or reduction of trafficking in human beings. Communication objectives were set out as well as priorities for public and key messages.

Visual and written identity will contribute to the visibility of communication activities for the public and will be used on all printed and electronic material serving also as a platform for visual images of events aimed at countering trafficking in human beings.

In planning and performing individual activities the members of the IDWG will cooperate within their respective departments with representatives of European institutions and international organisations in Slovenia (European Council Information Office, European Commission Representation Office, UNICEF etc.) that also strive to raise awareness and inform the public on measures against trafficking in human beings.

The goals of communication activities are as follows:

- Raising sensibility among the public,
- Enhancing consciousness and encouraging public debate on the trafficking in human beings problems in Slovenia.

Communication contents:

- Fundamental human rights of victims of trafficking in human beings have been violated,
- Various emerging forms of trafficking in human beings,
- Risks in the process of worker migrations,
- Assistance to victims,
- IDWG operations.

Public:

- General public.

- Professional public,
- Risk groups or potential victims of trafficking in human beings,
- Victims of trafficking in human beings.

Communication tools:

- Web-site,
- Media relations,
- Events,
- Publications and electronic news,
- Integrated graphic image.

a) General public

1.1. Web-site

A web-site is an elementary tool for providing information on trafficking in human beings. The web-site includes the presentation of the problem and various emerging forms of trafficking in human beings, presentation of IDWG work, key international and national documents, researches and reports as well as links to organisations providing assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings. At the same time the site provides answers to most common or frequent questions and gives information on topical events.

It is necessary to envisage the possibility of establishing an Internet connection to the IDWG web-site from the hired sites www.najdi.si directly connected to topics such as sex, prostitution and trafficking in human beings. In this way the users of these web-sites will have a direct access to and view of the activities in this area which will also contribute to raising their awareness.

Holder:	Government Office for Communications
Participants:	Departmental institutions and non-governmental organisations.
Deadline:	Continuous activity

1.2. Publications in the media, press conferences

Providing information for the general public will be an ongoing activity by means of providing information on the work of IDWG and measures for preventing trafficking in human beings (press conferences on receiving yearly reports, seminars, consultations, successfully closed cases...). For providing information to media and the public on the work of the IDWG the national coordinator and institutions participating in the IDWG will be responsible with the assistance of public relations services from participating institutions.

Holder:	National coordinator and departmental institutions
Participants:	Government Office for Communications
Deadline:	Continuous activity

1.3. Celebration of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery - 2 December

IDWG wishes to celebrate 2 December - International Day for Abolition of Slavery - through various adequate activities. Concrete activities will be planned and coordinated by IDWG with various governmental and non-governmental organisations that strive to raise awareness among the public regarding human rights and violations thereof in the period from

20 November to 10 December when we celebrate World Child's Day, International Day Against Violence Against Women and Human Rights Day.

Holder: Government Office for Communications,
Participants: Departmental institutions and non-governmental organisations.
Deadline: November and December 2008 and 2009

b) Professional public

1.4. One day consultation of international character

With respect to an excellent response and importance of a one day consultation that took place on 18 October 2006, organised by the Ministry of the Interior and IDC SE, IDWG believes that such consultations should take place also in the future. The topic of the planned one day consultation to be held in autumn 2008 will be based on the results of the research on establishing internationally comparable indicators of trafficking in human beings. The consultation could focus on the debate on the size of the phenomenon both in Slovenia and comparable countries. At the same time it could provide clues for defining more efficient and effective measures. The participation of certain invited foreign experts will give this consultation an international character.

Before the consultation a journal will be published containing contributions from the consultation with an explanation of basic notions. A list of all relevant institutions in the field of countering trafficking in human beings and providing assistance to victims in Slovenia will be added. The journal will be designed for the participants and will be sent also to all relevant institutions as well as the media editorial boards.

Holder: Interdepartmental Working Group
Participants: Interested governmental and non-governmental organisations
Deadline: Autumn 2008

1.5. E-messages

Various segments of the professional public and journalists will be informed on topical events through electronic messages (e-message) the contents of which will be provided by all IDWG members. The messages will be distributed by the Government Office for Communications in cooperation with a selected non-governmental organisation.

Holder: Government Office for Communications and a selected non-governmental organisation
Participants: Departmental institutions and non-governmental organisations.
Deadline: Continuous activity

c) Risk groups

1.6. Raising awareness among potential victims of trafficking in human beings

Raising awareness among potential and also recognised victims of trafficking in human beings is of essential importance. Communication activities will be particularly focused on aliens and young people.

For aliens - holders and recipients of work permits for risk professions (dancers, construction workers, hotels and restaurants staff) as well as aliens crossing the border, apply for residence and applicants for visas, information material will be issued, available at diplomatic-consular representation offices abroad, border crossing points and in administrative units (on issuing work and residence permits).

For young people – Slovene citizens, information material will be issued on dangers and traps of trafficking in human beings to raise awareness among the young and the professionals who work with them. It will be particularly designed for:

- Secondary school pupils, above all for those attending professional schools,
- Participants in programmes for young people who fell out of the education and welfare systems,
- Young persons and young unemployed people.

Young people will be reached by the contractor's partners and the staff who work with the young. Material will be published on adequate Internet sites which are the centre of the "virtual association" of young people.

Access to risk groups is possible and is the most efficient through already run-in assistance and supplies mechanisms. This is why the production of adequate materials for informing risk groups will be included in the project titled Supplies for Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings. The contractor will therefore be selected on the basis of a public tender and will be responsible for raising awareness among this target population. Raising awareness among the risk group "Aliens" will be included in the tender for the accommodation in the safe house whereas raising awareness among the "Young" will be included in the tender for the emergency accommodation (see Section IV: Assistance and protection of victims - Supplies for victims of trafficking in human beings).

Materials will be distributed through relevant national authorities and non-governmental organisations network.

Holder: Non-governmental organisations selected for implementing the Supplies for victims of trafficking in human beings project,
Participants: Ministries interested in distributing materials for awareness rising,
Deadline: Continuous activity in 2008 and 2009

1.7. Allowing access to contact phone numbers for assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings

IDWG will launch an initiative for an adequate rule that every night club, as a potential source of activities related to trafficking in human beings, should visibly display the contact phone number of non-governmental organisations offering assistance and care to victims of trafficking in human beings.

Holder: National coordinator in cooperation with responsible institutions
Participants: Interested non-governmental organisations
Deadline: First half of 2009

2. Implementation of training programmes for police officers in the field of trafficking in human beings

The Police will participate in training courses and meetings on the national as well as international level in order to acquire additional knowledge about trafficking in human beings.

Knowledge and experience acquired in this way will be transferred to other police officers and criminal investigators who deal with countering trafficking in human beings. Non-governmental organisations will also be included in the training system as co-operators.

Relevant basis and orientations for this type of training are set out also in the EU Plan for best practices, standards and procedures for countering trafficking in human beings.

Holder: Ministry of Interior - Police
Participants: Organisations and experts for countering trafficking in human beings
Deadline: Continuous process in 2008 and 2009

3. Professional training of state prosecutors and judges

With regard to the fact that state prosecutors and judges need training and specific knowledge in the domain of countering trafficking in human beings it is reasonable to continue with various types of such education and training.

Trafficking in human beings issue will therefore become a part of training at schools for judges and prosecutors within the Justice Training Centre.

One day training courses organised by the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office proved good experience in cooperation with guest lecturers from abroad. Due to a growing need for knowledge and experience sharing this practice should continue.

Holder: Ministry of Justice, Supreme Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Slovenia
Participants: Governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as experts on countering trafficking in human beings
Deadline: Continuous process in 2008 and 2009

4. Training of pedagogical and counselling staff and the inclusion of trafficking in human beings issues in school curriculum

Raising awareness among potential victims of trafficking in human beings is one of the key preventive activities to be carried out in order to avoid heavy consequences suffered by victims. It should be remembered that children and minors belong to this particularly vulnerable group - potential victims of trafficking in human beings. IDWG therefore believes that this extremely important population should be adequately informed and made sensitive to all the phenomena related to trafficking in human beings. A system approach is needed by including the topic of trafficking in human beings in primary and secondary education school programmes.

At regular working consultations the holder of this task will ensure that the topic focused primarily on preventive awareness raising among children and young people will be adequately presented to principals and later on to school teachers through training seminars. Experts and IDWG members dealing with trafficking in people will participate in the implementation of trainings and the preparation of education programmes.

Holder: Ministry of Education and Sports – RS Institute for Education
Participants: Governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as experts on trafficking in human beings
Deadline: September 2009

5. Professional training of consular staff for early detection of trafficking in human beings in the procedure for issuing visas at consular representation offices abroad

Raising awareness and professional training among consular staff concerning potential trafficking in human beings in the visa issuing procedures for foreign citizens proved an effective prevention measure in the past. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will therefore include these topics in its 2008 and 2009 education programme. Public servants who decide applications for residence permits in administrative procedures will also be included in additional training for early detection as well as prevention of trafficking in human beings. Cooperation between the Police and the MoI Administrative Internal Affairs Directorate (AIAD) as well as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Consular Section will also be enhanced.

Holder: Ministry of Foreign affairs
Participants: Ministry of Interior - AIAD and Police, non-governmental organisation
Deadline: Single implementation in 2008 and 2009

6. Raising awareness and training for members of the Slovene Army in peace keeping missions

Members of the Slovene Army who participate in military missions abroad are sometimes offered services whose source may be trafficking in human beings and exploitation of persons above all for sexual purposes. Due to this exposure international recommendations are focused on raising awareness among members of military missions as regards the emerging forms of trafficking in human beings. The objective is to reduce the demand for such services as well as the detection and notification of eventual cases pointing at this phenomenon.

The above training is also a part of NATO policy of countering trafficking in human beings before the departure of the military who participate in missions and operations under NATO leadership.

Holder: Experts on countering trafficking in human beings in cooperation with Ministry of Defence
Participants: Governmental and non-governmental organisations
Deadline: 2008 and 2009

7. Raising awareness, training and informing religious workers as well as church representatives and other religious communities

Raising awareness, training and informing religious workers as well as church representatives and other religious communities, as an important non-governmental sector, is one of the key preventive activities that can have a positive impact on assisting concrete victims. Development and implementation of special training for religious workers has been envisaged. Due to the nature of their work, religious workers and representatives of religious communities including a large activities network, have access to a broad spectrum of people. Such training and raising awareness are even more important because the victims, affected physically mentally and socially, resort to religious workers at church and other religious communities seeking help and support in their plight. Such training is urgent due to the complexity of trafficking in human beings.

Churches and other religious communities should be made familiar with contact phone numbers for assisting victims of trafficking in human beings. They will also be made familiar with a wide range of possibilities that could be offered through their religious activities, internal organisation, international connections, missionary network and charity operations within prevention measures and early detection in line with the action plan.

Holders: Experts on trafficking in human beings in cooperation with RS Government
Office for Religious Communities and other religious communities
Deadline: 2008 and 2009

III. Early detection and investigation of events related to trafficking in human beings

1. Enhancement of supervisory mechanisms with respect to issuing work permits

Supervisory mechanisms should be enhanced in order to reduce the possibility of abusing work permits in case of employing aliens where circumstances might cause trafficking in human beings:

- Identification of substantial criteria for individual categories of employment or posts, *inter alia* a new examination of criteria for issuing work permits for employment in various risk professions (auxiliary workers, dancers, construction and farm workers) and where necessary a separate definition of quotas for specific categories.
- Provision of further active cooperation among law enforcement authorities, employment office and other administrative bodies for better exchange of information and cooperation in cases involving trafficking in human beings.
- Control or supervision (both regular and extraordinary), labour inspections for work permits issued for dancers and provision of quick and efficient punishment of perpetrators (labour inspectorates, district court judges, responsible for deciding offences).

Holder: Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs
Participants: Ministry of Interior - General Police Directorate
Deadline: Continuous process

2. Monitoring of individual prosecution cases involving criminal offences related to trafficking in human beings

With regard to investigation and prosecution of cases involving trafficking in human beings, particularly the cases of "Trafficking in people" and "Establishing slavery relations" in the past three years the Police and the State Prosecutor's Office dealt with up to ten cases per year on average. Due to long duration and remoteness of individual cases a lack of information has been established with regard to monitoring and closing the trial.

Owing to a relative small number of prosecutions involving cases of trafficking in human beings the IDWG promotes monitoring from the beginning to final judgement because this would provide additional transparency and argued outcome of individual cases.

Holder: Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Slovenia
Participants: Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior - General Police Directorate, non-governmental organisation
Deadline: Continuous process

IV. Assistance to victims and their protection

1. Care for victims of trafficking in human beings

One of the priorities determined by the IDWG is the provision of any form of assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings in Slovenia, especially those who would be ready to testify in penal proceedings. It is therefore necessary to provide adequate assistance to the victims as set out in relevant international instruments whose obligations apply also to the Republic of Slovenia.

The above forms of assistance refer to victims also in terms of their physical, mental and social recovery or rehabilitation including assistance in settling their status and penal proceedings. These forms include:

- Adequate accommodation, food and care
- Psychological assistance
- Assistance in providing emergency medical care
- Translation/interpretation services if necessary
- Counselling an information on their lawful rights
- Providing adequate assistance to children-victims of trafficking in human beings together with their social integration and their complete physical as well as mental rehabilitation except in procedures by virtue of the Marriage and Family Relations Act; in dealing with children victims of trafficking in human beings the guiding principle are the child's best interests,
- Raising awareness of target populations, potential victims of trafficking in human beings.
- Assistance in regulating the status in Slovenia
- Assistance in informing the children on their rights, their role and the contents as well as schedule of procedures to solve their problems
- Assistance ensuring that the rights and interests of victims of trafficking in human beings are represented and treated at relevant prosecution instances against perpetrators
- Assistance in providing adequate support to children-victims in the entire administrative procedure
- Professional training for contractors providing care and for other participants (police, centres for social work staff etc.) during assistance and prosecution processes

International experiences show that it is above all non-governmental organisations that deal with such forms of care and assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings because they are well connected and routinely exchange practices so they are also most efficient. Continuous training and education for contractors and participatory organisations directly involved in assistance process and prosecution of perpetrators is of key importance.

Selection of contractors through public tenders should be continued due to excellent practice in the past.

First set of the project contains emergency accommodation or basic forms of care mentioned under sub-paragraphs from 1 to 7. This allows victims to leave the environment in which they find themselves. The period of emergency accommodation is as a rule up to 5 days when the victim expresses the wish to go home or takes time (three months as prescribed by the law) to think whether to cooperate with the prosecution authorities.

If the victim of trafficking in human beings decides to cooperate with law enforcement and prosecution authorities, the programme contents connect to the **Second set** of activities including accommodation status arrangements (Aliens Act - AA) and assistance in providing

representation rights as well as prosecution against perpetrators. In this way it is necessary to provide victims with the necessary protection in the safe house and during testimony before the court. Activities may include basic elements of care if necessary but usually for a smaller number of users. Working with them requires certain knowledge and skills to ensure that care is given to these persons (sub-paragraphs 7 - 10).

Funding of the project Care for Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings will be provided by the Ministry of Labour, family and Social Affairs and the Ministry of the Interior (emergency accommodation and accommodation in the safe house) based on a public tender. Contractors will be required to assure continuity and coherence of all procedures whose ultimate goal is to assist victims of trafficking in human beings.

The project's contracting authority or the contractor will also have the duty to raise awareness among young aliens (see project 1.6 under II Section - Prevention) and this will be included in the public tender "raising awareness among the young - Care for victims-emergency accommodation. By virtue of Public Procurement Act the contractor will be in charge of the production and distribution of materials for raising awareness among risk groups as envisaged in Section II, Prevention - Project 1.6.

From 2008 to 2009 the national Slovene budget will have to provide a total of 144.000 EUR, of which MLFSA 70.000 EUR and Mol 74.000 EUR.

Funding: Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Ministry of Interior
Holders: Organisations that specialise in assisting victims of trafficking in human beings
Participants: Ministry of Labour, family and Social Affairs, Ministry of Interior
Deadline: January 2008

2. Continuation of "Project for introducing mechanisms for detection and protection of victims of trafficking in human beings and/or sexual violence in asylum procedures in Slovenia (PATS)"

- Project will continue in Asylum Homes and Centres for Foreigners within the General Police Directorate in Slovenia.

The project for introducing mechanisms for detection, assistance and protection of victim of trafficking in human beings and/or sexual violence in asylum procedures in Slovenia (PATS) has been directly designed for »potential victims«. In their own language or in the language they understand the project offers intensive awareness raising information about the dangers of trafficking in human beings for individuals. The potential victims are made familiar with the protection and assistance possibilities. Asylum procedures often serve as one of migration channels used by traffickers for transporting "human cargo" to its destination.

- Regionalisation of PATS to certain new selected countries of West Balkans.

PATS project acquired a regional dimension by spreading to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. The Project enjoys the support of IDWG that promotes further regionalisation of the PATS model towards certain selected countries of West Balkans. The Project has continued already for 4 years. It is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Project's value for 2008 and 2009 amounts to 42.000 EUR.

Funding: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Holder: Non-governmental organisations qualified for providing this type of assistance

Participant: Ministry of Interior
Deadline: 2008 and 2009

3. Reintegration

Due to mental and physical consequences of captivity and violence victims of trafficking in people run the risk of becoming victims again without comprehensive assistance and long-term well planned solutions as well as options. The core of assistance is to establish a stimulated social environment in which a victim can integrate because it can provide education, training, social networking and last but not least acquiring a profession or nostrification of diplomas for aliens to find a job. This allows an individual to find lucrative employment, structure the time and contacts outside the family (if he or she has one) connect individual goals with group goals, acquire a status and identity as well as to gain control. (Re)-integration programme is a logical consequence of the programme for care and both are intertwined. This is the first step for a victim towards independent life without violence, exploitation and human rights violations.

The programme would be implemented based on a public tender. The amount and the source of funding should be defined on that basis of a previous coordination.

Holder: Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs
Participants: Organisations qualified to provide assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings
Deadline: 2009

V. Support activities

1. Cooperation within regional and international organisations for countering trafficking in human beings

Preventing and countering trafficking in human beings is not focused only on the space within the borders of a single country. For a greater efficiency activities are joined together on trans-national, regional and international level. The role of professional staff of governmental and non-governmental organisations is to contribute actively to it and to exchange experience in preparing common guidelines as well as measures in this field. These activities will be present through the participation of Slovene representatives in international and regional consultations, workshops and conferences as well as through their active role in the EU institutions.

Another aspect of international cooperation is of operative nature above all as a sign of cooperation among individual services (police, prosecutor's office) in concrete cases involving detection and prosecution of criminal offences. These tasks are defined also within the EU Plan on best practices, standards and procedures to prevent trafficking in human beings. On this basis it is necessary to continue with certain established cooperation models within EUROPOL, INTERPOL, SECI Centre and EUROJUST as well as by promoting bilateral cooperation in the period from 2008 to 2009.

Holders: Responsible ministries and governmental services as well as interested organisations

Participants: Organisations and experts in countering trafficking in human beings

Deadline: Continuous process in 2008 and 2009

2. Publications and press on IDWG work

IDWG for countering trafficking in human beings has a mandate to prepare periodical yearly reports on its activities in Slovenia. Reports are as a rule prepared and authorised by the RS government in the first quarter of the year. With regard to the importance of yearly reports especially in terms of evaluations by other foreign international organisations it is reasonable to edit, translate into English and publish the reports in an adequate number of copies. This would also be a representative publication for interested home as well as foreign organisations. The same would hold true also for other relevant documents, such as action plans or representative brochures.

For 2008 and 2009, 4.000 EUR should be provided for that purpose.

Funding: Ministry of Interior

Holder: Ministry of Interior

Deadline: May 2008 and 2009

Table 1: Overview of costs per individual projects

- IV. 1. Care for victims of trafficking in human beings; 70.000 EUR + 74.000 EUR
- IV. 2. Continuation of project for introducing mechanisms for identification, assistance and protection of victims of trafficking in human victims and sexual violence in asylum procedures in Slovenia – PATS; 42.000 EUR.
- V. 2. Printing publications on IDWG work; 4.000 EUR

Table 2: Overview of project funding per individual ministry for 2008 and 2009

Budget user	Budget item	2008	2009	Total
MLFSA	4070 Non-governmental organisations for child and family	35.000	35.000	70.000 EUR
Mol	6094 Care for migrants	37.000	37.000	74.000 EUR
		2.000	2.000	4.000 EUR
MoFA	8270 Humanitarian relief	21.000	21.000	42.000 EUR
		95.000	95.000	
Grand total				190.000 EUR