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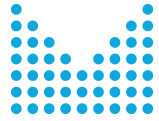
# Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

in the Czech Republic

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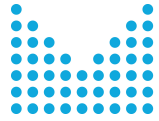
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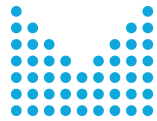
# Trafficking in Human Beings

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# Causes of THB

- instability of international economical relationships
- poverty
- political instability
- lack of awareness among public and victims
- toleration to violating the HR
- gender and racial discrimination
- high demand for sexual services and cheap labour

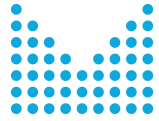


# Definition

## Key elements

- threat / violence / fraud
  - transport / transfer
  - for the purpose of exploitation
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- UN Palermo Protocol
  - EU FD (2002/629/JHA) on combating THB
  - Section 232a of Penal Code no. 140/1961 CoL.





# Definition

## **232a (1, 2) CC – basic definition**

1) Whoever induces, engages, hires, lures, transports, hides, detains or delivers a person under 18 years of age to be used:

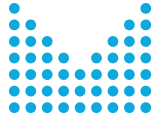
for sexual intercourse or other forms of sexual molestation or exploitation,

for slavery or servitude, or

for forced labour or other forms of exploitation,

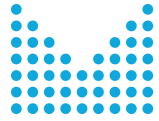
shall be punished to imprisonment for two to ten years.

2) In the same manner will be punished whoever by means of the use of force, threat of force, deception or abuse of his mistake, stress or dependence induces,.... or delivers another to be used for 1a, 1b or 1c.



## More serious forms of THB/aggravating circumstances § 232a (3,4)

- 3) Imprisonment of five to twelve years - a member of an organized group, exposes another by such act to danger of an aggravated bodily harm or death, intent of obtaining a substantial gain, or if he commits such act with the intent of using another for prostitution.
- 4) Imprisonment of eight to fifteen years - an aggravated bodily harm, death or another particularly grave consequence, intent of obtaining a gain of large scope, or act committed in connection with an organized group operating in more countries.“



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# Forms of THB

By purpose:

- sexual exploitation





# Sexual Exploitation

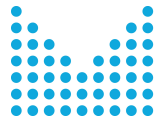
## Source countries:

- former USSR, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Vietnam
- Russian-speaking, Bulgarian and Vietnamese OC groups
- mainly in Prague and among borders with Germany and Austria

## Destination countries:

- EU - old member states
- Czech victims from less developed regions, socially excluded communities



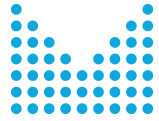


# Forms of THB

By purpose:

- forced labour, slavery and servitude

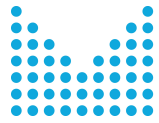




# Labour Exploitation

## Source countries:

- former USSR, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Vietnam, North Korea, Mongolia, etc.
- building industry, agriculture, soft goods industry, services
- all the territory of the Czech Republic
- Russian-speaking and Asian OC groups in cooperation with Czech „agencies“
- Destination country?



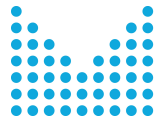
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By purpose:

- other forms (begging, petty crime, ...)







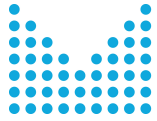
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# Forms of THB

## By patterns:

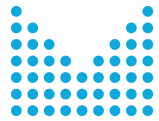
- to CZ (destination country)
- from CZ (source country)
- within CZ
- transit country





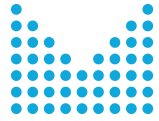
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# Statistics

YEAR	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
DETECTED CRIMES	23	13	27	15	10	13	16	16	11	29
CLARIFIED CRIMES	22	13	25	10	9	12	11	13	11	13
INVESTIGATED & PROSECUTED PERSONS	38	21	26	12	19	30	18	11	20	22
SENTENCED PERSONS	25	16	15	20	5	12	20	2	4	3
UNCONDITIONAL SENTENCE	17	6	7	5	1	3	8	0	3	3
CONDITIONAL SENTENCE	8	10	8	15	4	9	12	2	1	0



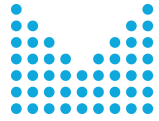
# Policy documents

## National Strategy on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (for the period of 2008 – 2011)

- approved by the Government on 23 January 2008
- 3rd policy paper since 2003
- sum of all available information about the situation
- survey of the measures taken in the past 2 years
- Action Plan of specific measures until 2011

## 2008 Status Report on the situation in the Czech Republic





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# Who is involved?

## The Ministry of the Interior

Security Policy Department, Crime Prevention Department,  
Asylum and Migration Policy Department

## The Police of the Czech Republic

Organised Crime Detection Unit, Alien Police, Criminal Police

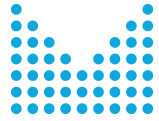
## Other state departments

Justice, Labour and Social Affairs, Health, Education, Foreign  
Affairs

## NGOs, IO

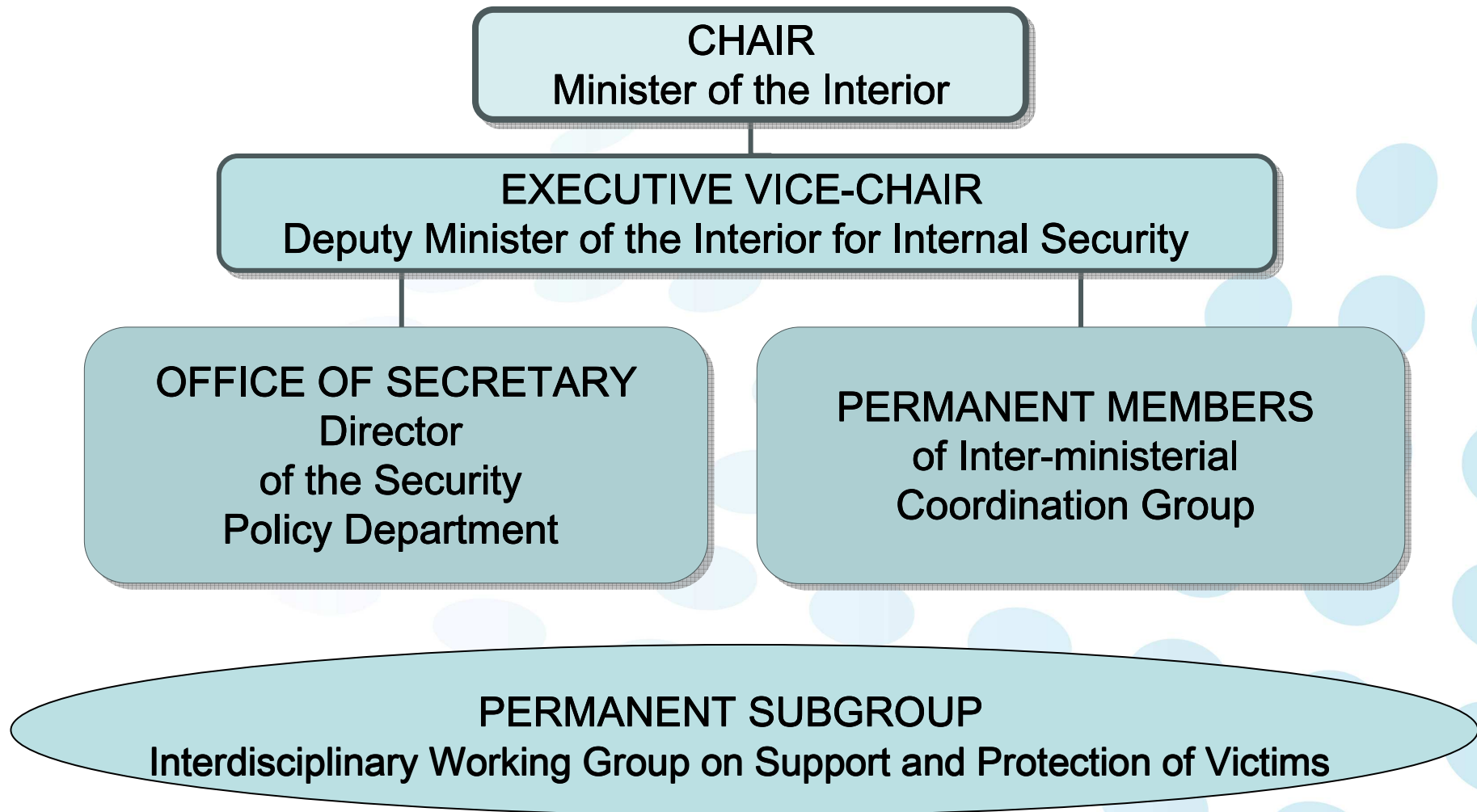
La Strada, Catholic Charity, IOM

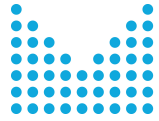




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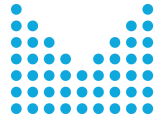
# Inter-ministerial Coordination Group





# Prevention

- THB is a part of education curriculums on elementary schools and high schools
- Financial support for NGOs activities (info lines, seminars, leaflets, etc.)
- Information and awareness raising campaigns among risk population
- Prevention campaigns in source countries (Foreign Development Assistance)
- Awareness raising campaigns among the demand side



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# Prevention

**ZTRÁTY A NÁLEZY**

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**Ztrácejí se nejen věci, ale i lidé...**  
Informace, jak se ve světě neztratit a jak nalézt ze všech trablů cestu ven

Co dělat, když něco ztratíš (pas, peněženku)  
Co dělat, když Tě někdo okrade  
Co dělat, když máš pocit, že Tě zaměstnavatel vykořisťuje  
Jak se bránit proti nucené práci  
Jak se nestat obchodovaným zbožím  
Kam v případě nouze volat

Jedeš pracovat do zahraničí?

## ENGLISH

Are you being forced to work as a prostitute?  
Are you being forced to work in a household or elsewhere?  
Do you receive no money for your work?  
Are you working under humiliating conditions?  
Have they taken away your documents (passport)?  
Do they threaten you with violence? Do they harm you?  
Are they threatening your relatives?  
Are they blackmailing you?  
Are they abusing you?  
Are they guarding you?  
Are you unable to stop of your own free will?  
Did they promise you something different?

If something like this has happened to you, it is highly probable that you have become a victim of trafficking in human beings. Trafficking in human beings is a criminal offence!

**The victims are entitled to assistance and protection! This is the assistance, which we can offer you:**

- Release from the criminal environment
- Permission to stay in the Czech Republic for a minimum period of one month
- Safe accommodation
- Financial support
- Psychological and social support
- Legal advice
- Interpreters
- Basic health care
- A safe return home

Under certain conditions we can ensure special protection for you and long-term residence in the Czech Republic. We can help you to find work and participate in everyday life.

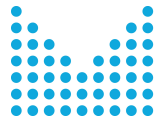
### CONTACT US:

La Strada, Tel.: 222 717 171

The Help Line of the Association of Czech Catholic Charity: Tel.: 737 234 078 (NON-STOP)







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# Prevention

Neboj se to říct za ní!

Tvoje odvaha je její naděje. Pokud si myslíš, že jí drží proti její vůli, nebo jí ubližují, zavolej a my pomůžeme. Telefonát máš jsou anonymní.

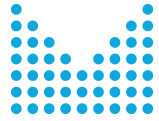
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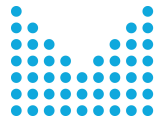


# Victims Support and Protection

## Program for Support and Protection of VoT:

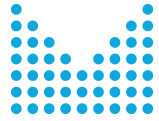
- launched in 2003, formalized during 2005, coordinated by Mol
- 3 basic phases:
  - reflection period (60 days)
  - cooperation with police
  - social and legal benefits
  - voluntary and safe return or permanent stay





# Statistics

Numbers of victims supported in the Programme from 2003 to 2008							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL
CZ		2	3	4	5	4	18
Slovakia		3		1	1	1	6
Moldova	3						3
Ukraine		1	6	3	3	7	20
Bulgaria		2	4		1		7
Vietnam	1		3	3	2		9
Romania				3		6	9
Macedonia					2		2
Russia	1	1			3	1	6
Kyrgyzstan		1			1	1	3
Lithuania		1	1				2
Uzbekistan						1	1
Brazil						3	3
TOTAL	5	11	17	14	18	24	89



# CZ PRESIDENCY PRIORITY

- questionnaire distributed to the EU MS
  - Conference “National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms“ in Prague
  - CC on establishing an informal EU Network of National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms on Trafficking in Human Beings (Council of Ministers – JHA Council)
- on its basis → first meeting in Brussels on 18 of June is summoned by COM

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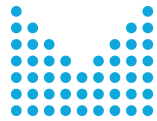


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