

**TASK FORCE ON COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**  
**NATIONAL ACTION PLAN AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**  
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## Introduction

Human trafficking represents a grave violation of human rights and human dignity. Human trafficking is increasingly developing into a global problem that can only be tackled at the global level and in an international context. According to a recent study by the International Labour Organisation (ILO)<sup>1</sup> 2.4 million people fall victim to human trafficking annually<sup>2</sup> with children making up a major share of those trafficked. Human trafficking has become one of the most profitable forms of organised crime. According to the ILO study, criminal networks generate revenues of 32 billion dollars per year with the “human being as a commodity”.

Women and children are particularly affected by human trafficking. According to estimates by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) 1.2 million children fall victim to human trafficking every year.

Because of its geographical location at the centre of Europe, Austria is affected by human trafficking both as a transit country and target destination. Experience has shown that the most frequent phenomena of human trafficking in Austria include sexual exploitation, slave-like situations of domestic servants and child trafficking.

Austria is a state party to all relevant international legal instruments on combating human trafficking and strives to implement the relevant international obligations by taking concrete action. By ratifying the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in autumn 2005 (Federal Law Gazette III No. 220/2005), Austria undertook to take all necessary steps in order to combat this crime. Austria was the first EU Member State to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings in October 2006.

In November 2004, the Task Force on Human Trafficking (TF-HT) was set up by a Ministerial Council Resolution (cf. item no. 22 of the Council Resolution Minutes No. 70 of 9 November 2004). It is headed by the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs (FMEIA) and charged with coordinating and intensifying the measures taken by Austria in combating this crime. The regular meetings of the Task Force on Human Trafficking are chaired by the FMEIA.

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<sup>1</sup> See ILO study on “ILO Action against Trafficking in Human Beings”, published in 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Terminology: The term “*victims of human trafficking*” used in the NAP 2009-2011 shall mean people who are victims in a concrete context, without denying them their self-competence and resources. The term covers all forms of human trafficking and therefore also includes child trafficking. The term “*victims of child trafficking*” is used exclusively to describe and refer to actions that are specifically directed at children, i.e. persons under the age of eighteen.

The Task Force on Human Trafficking is composed of representatives of all competent ministries, including outsourced agencies, the federal provinces and non-governmental organisations. Regular contacts and intensive cooperation within the Task Force promote mutual trust and lay a sound foundation for concrete and effective progress.

Close cooperation with the federal provinces at all levels (prevention, victim protection, criminal prosecution and international cooperation) plays an important role in this context. As a result of this cooperation, last year saw the appointment of “contact persons for matters related to human trafficking” in every federal province, bringing the total number of such contact persons in Austria to thirteen.

The First Austrian National Action Plan Against Human Trafficking was adopted by the Council of Ministers in March 2007 (cf. item no. 24 of the Council Resolution Minutes No. 8 of 28 March 2007).

The activities of the TF-HT and all measures taken by Austria to combat human trafficking are presented in the First Austrian Report on Combating Human Trafficking (covering the period from March 2007 – February 2009). This report was submitted to the Council of Ministers on 10 March 2009 (cf. item no. 13 of the Council Resolution Minutes No. 10 of 10 March 2009).

A first important measure set forth in the National Action Plan was the appointment of Director-General Ambassador Dr. Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger to be the First Austrian National Coordinator on Combating Human Trafficking (cf. item no. 13 of the Council Resolution Minutes No. 10 of 10 March 2009). The appointment of the National Coordinator has contributed to enhancing both the external visibility and general awareness of the highly efficient work performed by the Task Force on Human Trafficking. As set out in the declaration of the Council of Ministers (*Ministerratsvortrag*) on the establishment of the Task Force on Human Trafficking, existing structures were thus used in the best possible manner without creating new administrative entities, which is also in the interest of a lean and cost-efficient administration.

Two working groups were set up within the TF-HT, one dealing with the topic of “Child Trafficking” and the other with “Prostitution”:

- The Working Group on Child Trafficking is headed by the Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth and is composed of experts of the competent ministries, the federal provinces and a number of non-governmental organisations. The present NAP 2009-2011 provides for the continuation of the activities performed by this working group. Some of the actions outlined in the NAP 2009-2011 explicitly relate to combating child trafficking. The first report prepared by the Working Group on Child Trafficking (covering the period from March 2007 to February 2009) was also submitted to the Council of Ministers on 10 March 2009 (cf. item no. 13 of the Council Resolution Minutes No. 10 of 10 March 2009).

- The Working Group on Prostitution, headed by the Women's Directorate at the Federal Chancellery (*BKA-Frauensektion*), was set up in June 2007. Experts from all competent ministries, the federal provinces, the specific non-governmental organisations active in this field, the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber and the Austrian Chamber of Labour contributed to this working group. The Working Group on Prostitution completed its activities in June 2008 by preparing a final progress report on "Prostitution in Austria – Legal Situation, Effects, Recommendations" ("*Prostitution in Österreich – Rechtslage, Auswirkungen, Empfehlungen*"). This report was also submitted to the Council of Ministers on 10 March 2009 (cf. item no. 13 of the Council Resolution Minutes No. 10 of 10 March 2009). The present NAP 2009-2011 now provides for a continuation of this working group under a Working Group on Prostitution – the Provinces' Scope of Responsibility (*Arbeitsgruppe-Länderkompetenzen "Prostitution"*) to be set up in order to enable a follow-up on the possibilities outlined in the progress report that fall within the federal provinces' scope of responsibility and competence.

The Second Austrian National Action Plan on Human Trafficking covering the period from 2009-2011 again reflects the comprehensive approach taken by Austria in combating human trafficking. It is characterised *inter alia* by nation-wide coordination, prevention, victim protection, criminal prosecution, and international cooperation.

The NAP-HT 2009-2011 consists of nine chapters in total. The individual actions are objectives that are to be achieved in line with the Austrian legislation in force. Chapter I is entitled "Coordination" and deals with activities aimed at further developing the TF-HT and strengthening cooperation with the federal provinces. The actions included in Chapter II on "Prevention" are geared towards raising Austrian public awareness of the issue of human trafficking. The relevant activities include both training measures and awareness-raising events that attract public attention. Chapter III contains actions that contribute to identifying potential victims of human trafficking, because identification is considered one of the major challenges in combating human trafficking. Chapter IV deals with "Protection and Support to Victims of Human Trafficking". This chapter focuses specifically on care and support to children, i.e., persons under the age of eighteen<sup>3</sup>. The amendment to the Settlement and Residence Act (*Niederlassungs-und Aufenthaltsgesetz*), which was adopted only recently, aims to contribute to improving the victims' situation. The actions outlined in Chapter V "Criminal Prosecution" and Chapter VI "Compensation" aim *inter alia* to promote enhanced cooperation between government agencies and non-governmental organisations. The topic of victim protection continues to play a central role in the NAP 2009-2011 as well. Chapter VII discusses the pivotal importance that representatives of the TF-HT attribute to activities aimed at improving data collection, as sound data material is considered an essential prerequisite in combating human trafficking. Chapter VIII "International Cooperation" deals with areas in which activities and projects aimed at combating human trafficking are launched abroad. The priorities set in this context of commitment at the international level include networking among players, building the relevant capabilities among

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<sup>3</sup> The topics discussed under this chapter also include the Concluding Observations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (September/October 2008)

governmental and non-governmental institutions, and focusing on specific groups of society, such as women and children. Chapter IX "Evaluation/Monitoring" reviews the measures and actions Austria has taken so far in combating human trafficking.

In line with the United Nations' recommendations, governments play a central role in preparing National Action Plans, as they are primarily responsible for the implementation of such plans. Thus the competent federal ministries holding the main responsibility and/or within whose scope of competence or responsibility the implementation of the relevant actions fall, are explicitly specified in the NAP-HT 2009-2011.

In this context, the role played by the Austrian Development Agency/Austrian Development Cooperation and Cooperation with Eastern Europe (ADA/ADC) differs from that assumed by the Austrian federal ministries since it is an outsourced agency which is mandated by the State of Austria to implement international projects aimed at combating human trafficking. Under item "VIII International Cooperation" it is thus named as the body holding primary responsibility in this regard.

The representatives of civil society and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) also play an essential role in preparing and implementing the NAP-HT 2009-2011. In Austria, NGOs are indispensable partners in the context of protection of victims of human trafficking and with respect to preventive measures. Without their commitment and active involvement the Austrian federal government would not be able to fulfil these important tasks in line with international requirements.

In Austria numerous NGOs are pro-actively involved in combating human trafficking. The NGO LEFÖ-IBF (Intervention Centre for Migrant Women Affected by Human Trafficking) enjoys a special position in this regard. In contrast to other NGOs it acts on the basis of a government mandate granted under Art. 25 of the Austrian Security Police Act, which means that a legal structure in the form of a "partnership" exists between two government agencies (the Federal Ministry of the Interior and the Women's Directorate at the Federal Chancellery) and LEFÖ-IBF. For this reason the National Action Plan includes some actions for which LEFÖ-IBF is named as the competent organisation holding responsibility for their implementation. Other players, including the NGO ECPAT Austria (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) and the research institution Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, participate regularly in the meetings held by the Task Force on Human Trafficking and are thus important partners in the preparation and implementation of the NAP-HT 2009-2011. In contrast to LEFÖ-IBF, however, they do not explicitly act on the basis of a government mandate and thus cannot be named as being primarily responsible for the implementation of actions.

In view of the current difficult economic environment and the fact that the amount of budget funding for the implementation of the NAP-HT 2009-2011 cannot yet be foreseen, it must be pointed out that measures having financial implications are in principle subject to the availability of funds.

## I. Coordination

### **Objective 1 Further development of the Task Force on Human Trafficking (TF-HT)/ Strengthening cooperation between the TF-HT and the federal provinces**

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Time-table</b>	<b>Responsibility/Implementation</b>	<b>Indicators</b>
<b>I.1</b>	Further developing and enhancing the TF-HT's structure	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs</b> in cooperation with the competent ministries/ agencies/ institutions/ partner organisations	Enhanced structure
<b>I.2</b>	Establishment of a working group charged with preparing rules of procedure for the TF-HT (i.e., membership, tasks)	Year 1-2	<b>Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs</b> in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of the Interior	Commencement of the working group's activities; report
<b>I.3</b>	Continuation of the Working Group on Child Trafficking involving experts from the Federal Ministries of Economy, Family and Youth; of the Interior; of Justice; for European and International Affairs, as well as the federal provinces and selected non-governmental organisations (NGOs).	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth</b> in cooperation with the competent ministries/ agencies/ institutions/ partner organisations	Preparation of reports, conducting meetings
<b>I.4</b>	Establishment of a Working Group on Prostitution – the Provinces' Scope of Responsibility to coordinate measures and activities that fall within the federal provinces' competence and scope of responsibility	Year 1-3	<b>Women's Directorate at the Federal Chancellery</b> in cooperation with the federal provinces/the competent ministries/ agencies/ institutions/ partner organisations	Conducting meetings, participation of the federal provinces, summary report

<b>I.5</b>	Annual meeting between the TF-HT and representatives of the federal provinces	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs</b> in cooperation with the competent ministries/federal provinces/the competent agencies/institutions/partner organisations	Conducting the annual meeting with respective thematic priorities
<b>Objective 2 Continued cooperation with foreign representations of countries of origin in Austria</b>				
<b>I.6</b>	Annual meeting with representatives of foreign representations of countries of origin in Austria	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs</b> in cooperation with the competent ministries/the competent agencies/institutions/partner organisations	Conducting the annual meeting
<b>II. Prevention (in Austria)</b>				
<b>Objective 1 Strengthening public awareness of both the national and international dimension of human trafficking</b>				
	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Time-table</b>	<b>Responsibility/Implementation</b>	<b>Indicators</b>
<b>II.1</b>	Conducting an annual event on the topic of human trafficking that attracts public attention on the occasion of the EU Anti-Trafficking Day on 18 October	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs</b> in cooperation with the Federal Ministries of the Interior; of Justice; of Economy, Family and Youth, as well as the Women's Directorate at the Federal Chancellery and the federal provinces	Conducting the event; report

<b>II.2</b>	Taking stock of the implementation of awareness-raising activities at schools aimed at school children and teachers (events, teaching material) and preparing recommendations	Year 1-2	<b>Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture</b> in cooperation with LEFÖ-IBF, the competent agencies/ institutions/ partner organisations	Report and recommendations
<b>II.3</b>	Elaboration of a concept based on the stock-taking of the implementation of awareness-raising activities at schools specifically aimed at school children and teachers (events, teaching material)	Year 2-3	<b>Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture</b> in cooperation with LEFÖ-IBF, the competent agencies/ institutions/ partner organisations	Concept
<b>II.4</b>	Compilation of research studies (including diploma theses and doctoral dissertations) dealing with the topic of human trafficking in Austria	Year 2-3	<b>Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs</b> in cooperation with the competent ministries/ partner organisations	Report
<b>II.5</b>	Conducting target-group specific information campaigns on the topic of human trafficking	Year 2-3	<b>The respective competent ministries</b> in cooperation with the competent agencies/ institutions/ partner organisations	Campaigns; report
<b>II.6</b>	Preparation and dissemination of information brochures addressing various aspects of human trafficking	Year 1-3	<b>The respective competent ministries</b> in cooperation with the competent agencies/institutions/partner organisations	Information brochures and dissemination of such brochures



<b>II.7</b>	Conducting awareness-raising events dealing with all phenomena of human trafficking and specifically targeted at representatives of the media	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs/ respective competent ministries</b> in cooperation with the competent agencies/ institutions/ partner organisations	Events, report
<b>II.8</b>	Improving the information offered on the Internet with respect to the topic of human trafficking	Year 1-3	<b>The respective competent ministries</b>	Information on the Internet
<b>II.9</b>	Conducting target-group-oriented activities dealing with the demand-related aspects of human trafficking (for instance in cooperation with private-sector industry, trade unions, the media, etc.)	Year 1-3	<b>The respective competent ministries</b> in cooperation with the competent agencies/institutions/partner organisations	Activities, report

### **III. Identification of Potential Victims of Human Trafficking**

#### **Objective 1 Enhanced identification of potential victims of human trafficking**

	<b><i>Actions</i></b>	<b><i>Time-table</i></b>	<b><i>Responsibility/ Implementation</i></b>	<b><i>Indicators</i></b>
<b>III.1</b>	Conducting training activities for all professional groups affected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law-enforcement/criminal prosecution authorities including the aliens and asylum authorities: Federal Ministry of the Interior</li> <li>• Public prosecutor's offices and judicial authorities: Federal Ministry of Justice</li> <li>• Public and private youth welfare authorities/agencies: Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth</li> <li>• Personnel involved in military missions abroad: Federal Ministry of Defence</li> </ul>	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministries of the Interior; of Economy, Family and Youth; of Defence; for European and International Affairs, as well as the Women's Directorate at the Federal Chancellery and LEFÖ-IBF</b> in cooperation with the federal provinces/competent agencies/institutions/partner organisations	Number of training events conducted, report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff employed at embassies, particularly consular staff: Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs</li> <li>• NGOs: Women's Directorate at the Federal Chancellery and Federal Ministry of the Interior</li> </ul>			
<b>III.2</b>	Involvement of the relevant players – specifically the fiscal authorities – in connection with human trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry of Finance</b> in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, the Federal Ministry of the Interior, LEFÖ-IBF	Number of training events conducted, report
<b>III.3</b>	Review of the possibility of establishing a nationwide telephone hotline and, as required, elaboration of a concept for the implementation of such a “helpline” taking account of the relevant work being conducted at the EU level	Year 2-3	<b>Federal Ministry of the Interior, Women's Directorate at the Federal Chancellery</b> in cooperation with the competent agencies/ institutions/partner organisations/ LEFÖ-IBF	Report
<b>III.4</b>	Support in implementing the recommendations made by the Working Group on Prostitution with a view to a clear differentiation between persons who voluntarily offer sexual services for monetary reward and those who do so because they are subject to sexual coercion and violence, which constitutes a <i>sine qua non</i> in terms of the efficient identification of victims of human trafficking	Year 1-3	<b>Women's Directorate at the Federal Chancellery</b> in cooperation with the competent ministries/the federal provinces/ competent agencies/ institutions/ partner organisations	Report

III.5	Evaluation and, as required, enhancement and further development of the current practice-related catalogues of criteria for the identification of victims of human trafficking.	Year 2	<b>Federal Ministry of the Interior</b> in cooperation with the Federal Ministries of Finance; of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection; LEFÖ-IBF and the competent agencies/partner organisations	Report and, possibly, proposals
<b>Objective 2 Improved cooperation in the process of identifying potential victims of human trafficking</b>				
III.6	Implementation of a decree by the Federal Ministry of the Interior providing that LEFÖ-IBF shall take care of victims of trafficking in women on a nationwide basis	Year 1	<b>Federal Ministry of the Interior</b> in cooperation with the Women's Directorate at the Federal Chancellery, LEFÖ-IBF, the Federal Ministry of Justice/the competent agencies/institutions/ partner organisations	Decree
III.7	Review of the opportunities for identifying/providing care and support to (potential) victims of human trafficking during detention pending deportation	Year 3	<b>Federal Ministry of the Interior</b> in cooperation with the Women's Directorate at the Federal Chancellery, LEFÖ-IBF	Report; possible proposals for improvement; consideration in the evaluation of the project dealing with "preparations for return"
III.8	Review of a concept for improved cooperation between the competent bodies (police authorities, youth welfare authority, basic welfare support) with a view to identifying victims of child trafficking	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry of Labour, Family and Youth</b> in cooperation with the competent agencies/ institutions/ partner organisations	Report

## IV. Protection of and Support to Victims of Human Trafficking

### **Objective 1** Comprehensive counselling, care and support as well as enhanced social integration of victims of human trafficking in Austria

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Time-table</b>	<b>Responsibility/Implementation</b>	<b>Indicators</b>
<b>IV.1</b>	Granting victims of human trafficking access to medical care before they are granted a “special protection” residence title and formulation of relevant recommendations as required	Year 2-3	<b>Women’s Directorate at the Federal Chancellery</b> in cooperation with LEFÖ-IBF	Report
<b>IV.2</b>	Evaluation of and, as required, improved access to the housing market	Year 2	<b>Women’s Directorate at the Federal Chancellery</b> in cooperation with the federal provinces, LEFÖ-IBF	Report
<b>IV.3</b>	Analysis of possibilities for improving access to the labour market, including measures to upgrade the individuals’ skills, as well as the implementation, as needed, of legislative measures	Year 2	<b>Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection</b> in cooperation with the federal provinces, the Women’s Directorate at the Federal Chancellery, LEFÖ-IBF	Report
<b>IV.4</b>	Assessment of the needs-oriented adjustment of LEFÖ-IBF capacities	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry of the Interior</b> in cooperation with the Women’s Directorate at the Federal Chancellery	Report
<b>IV.5</b>	Review of cooperation with potential contact centres for men as potential victims of human trafficking	Year 1	<b>Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection</b> in cooperation with LEFÖ-IBF	Report; recommendations

<b>IV.6</b>	Evaluation of the legal framework and its practical implementation related to granting the “special protection” residence permit and the “settlement permit - unrestricted” to victims of human trafficking	Year 3	<b>Federal Ministry of the Interior</b> in cooperation with the federal provinces, LEFÖ-IBF	Report
<b>Objective 2 Improving the security of victims of human trafficking</b>				
<b>IV.7</b>	Analysing the protection needs of victims of human trafficking and, as required, preparation of proposals for improvement	Year 1	<b>Federal Ministry of the Interior</b> in cooperation with LEFÖ-IBF, the competent agencies/institutions/ partner organisations	Report
<b>Objective 3 Improving the situation of victims of child trafficking as well as systematic care and support of trafficked children</b>				
<b>IV.8</b>	Review and further development of the recommendations of the Working Group on Child Trafficking regarding a National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for trafficked children taking into account the principles of risk analysis and the determination of the best interests of the child	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth</b> in cooperation with competent agencies/institutions/partner organisations	Report
<b>V. Criminal Prosecution and the Legal Framework related to Human Trafficking</b>				
<b>Objective 1 Improved protection for victims of child trafficking in connection with intercountry adoptions</b>				
	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Time-table</b>	<b>Responsibility/ Implementation</b>	<b>Indicators</b>
<b>V.1</b>	Concrete specification in the Federal Youth Welfare Act ( <i>Bundes-Jugendwohlfahrtsgesetz, Bundes-JWG</i> ) of the tasks to be assumed by the youth welfare authority in the field of intercountry adoptions.	Year 1	<b>Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth</b> in cooperation with the federal provinces, and the Federal Ministry of Justice	Concept

<b>V.2</b>	Revision, reform and elaboration of a new regulation regarding the legal effect of intercountry adoptions.	Year 2	<b>Federal Ministry of Justice</b>	Regulation
<b>V.3</b>	Preparation of a report regarding the analysis of the need for a separate law on intercountry adoptions	Year 2-3	<b>Federal Ministry of Justice</b> in cooperation with the Federal Ministries for European and International Affairs; Economy, Family and Youth, as well as the federal provinces	Report
<b><u>Objective 2</u> Improving the measures related to criminal prosecution</b>				
<b>V.4</b>	Review of the regulations under (criminal) law and the relevant judicature on human trafficking with a view to the definition of human trafficking (in particular, the use of the elements of the statutory act of the offence of exploitation) and preparation of recommendations	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry of Justice</b> in cooperation with the Federal Ministries of the Interior; of Finance; of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, as well as LEFÖ-IBF	Report and recommendations
<b><u>Objective 3</u> Expansion of cooperation between NGOs and criminal prosecution authorities</b>				
<b>V.5</b>	Preparation of a concept outlining possibilities to improve cooperation between NGOs and criminal prosecution authorities (probably including training and exchange activities, etc.)	Year 2-3	<b>Federal Ministry of Justice</b> in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of the Interior, LEFÖ-IBF	Concept

## VI. Compensation

### **Objective 1 Improving the possibilities for compensating victims of human trafficking**

	<b><i>Actions</i></b>	<b><i>Time-table</i></b>	<b><i>Responsibility/Implementation</i></b>	<b><i>Indicators</i></b>
<b>VI.1</b>	Review of the practical applicability of the current regulations	Year 1-2	<b>Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection</b> in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Justice, LEFÖ-IBF, the competent agencies/institutions/partner organisations	Report/recommendations

## VII. Collection of Data

### **Objective 1 Improvement of the data available on human trafficking**

	<b><i>Actions</i></b>	<b><i>Time-table</i></b>	<b><i>Responsibility/Implementation</i></b>	<b><i>Indicators</i></b>
<b>VII.1</b>	Improving the collection of data included in the criminal statistics prepared by police authorities with respect to human trafficking based on the guidelines published in connection with the statistics project conducted by the Federal Ministry of the Interior/IOM on the standardisation of the collection of data on human trafficking within the EU taking account of the provisions on data protection and in accordance with the relevant work undertaken at the EU level	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry of the Interior</b> in cooperation with the competent agencies/institutions/partner organisations	Statistical data published

<b>VII.2</b>	Improvement of the collection and recording of cases settled by court and convictions for trafficking in human beings (enabling the compilation of all offences leading to conviction)	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry of Justice</b>	Findings prepared by the working group on improving the data basis of criminal justice statistics
<b>Objective 2 Enhanced research on the topic of human trafficking</b>				
<b>VII.3</b>	Support of research projects on current issues and the latest developments in the field of human trafficking	Year 1-3	<b>The respective competent ministries</b>	Research projects
<b>VII.4</b>	Increasing the number of articles published in special interest magazines	Year 1-3	<b>The respective competent ministries</b>	Articles published
<b>VIII. International Cooperation</b>				
<b>Objective 1 Intensifying cooperation within international bodies</b>				
	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Time-table</b>	<b>Responsibility/Implementation</b>	<b>Indicators</b>
<b>VIII.1</b>	Active and ongoing participation/presence of the members of the TF-HT in international bodies	Year 1-3	<b>The respective competent ministries</b> in cooperation with the competent agencies/institutions/partner organisations	Austrian contribution/report
<b>VIII.2</b>	Sending experts to/participation of experts in international projects aimed at combating all forms of human trafficking	Year 1-3	<b>The respective competent ministries</b> in cooperation with the competent agencies/institutions/partner organisations	Austrian contribution/report



**Objective 2 Combating poverty and enhancing human security in the ADA/ADC - Cooperation with Eastern Europe partner countries in the fields of prevention, victims' protection and criminal prosecution to reduce human trafficking**


<b>VIII.3</b>	Voluntary return/repatriation guaranteeing the best-possible reintegration and level of security (e.g., through risk analysis/risk assessment/monitoring/support in the target state) by means of a coordinated support programme as part of projects under the EU Return Fund	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry of the Interior</b> in cooperation with ADA, LEFÖ-IBF, the competent ministries/the competent agencies/institutions/partner organisations	Calls for projects; projects submitted/selected; type and amount of the support benefits; number of returnees
<b>VIII.4</b>	Promotion/development of projects regarding the implementation of preventive measures (e.g., awareness-raising and information events/campaigns as well as promotion of the economic activities of vulnerable groups)	Year 1-3	<b>ADA/ADC – Cooperation with Eastern Europe</b> in cooperation with partner organisations	Projects realised/project report and/or documentation
<b>VIII.5</b>	Promotion/development of projects regarding the implementation of measures aimed at victim protection, particularly promotion of victim-protection institutions offering psychological, medical and legal counselling and support as well as vocational training activities	Year 1-3	<b>ADA/ADC – Cooperation with Eastern Europe</b> in cooperation with partner organisations	Projects realised/project report and/or documentation
<b>VIII.6</b>	Promotion/development of projects to strengthen national mechanisms and institutions as well as training activities for criminal prosecution authorities on victim and witness protection	Year 1-3	<b>ADA/ADC – Cooperation with Eastern Europe</b> in cooperation with partner organisations	Projects realised/project report and/or documentation
<b>VIII.7</b>	Promotion/development of projects focusing on training activities for and coordination of actions aimed at officials in the fields of law enforcement and criminal prosecution	Year 1-3	<b>ADA/ADC – Cooperation with Eastern Europe</b> in cooperation with partner organisations	Projects realised/project report and/or documentation
<b>VIII.8</b>	Promotion of activities aimed at enhanced police cooperation at the EU and international levels	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry of the Interior</b>	Activities supported

## IX. Evaluation/Monitoring

### **Objective 1** Review of the measures taken so far by Austria in combating human trafficking

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Time-table</b>	<b>Responsibility/Implementation</b>	<b>Indicators</b>
<b>IX.1</b>	Evaluation of the implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group on Prostitution under the TF-HT	Year 3	<b>Women's Directorate at the Federal Chancellery</b> in cooperation with the members of the Working Group on Prostitution	Report
<b>IX.2</b>	Evaluation of the implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group on Child Trafficking	Year 2-3	<b>Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth</b> in cooperation with the members of the Working Group on Child Trafficking	Report
<b>IX.3</b>	Review of the current legal situation with a view to human trafficking for the purpose of removal of organs/trafficking in organs	Year 3	<b>Federal Ministry of Justice</b> in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Health and the Federal Ministry of the Interior	Report
<b>IX.4</b>	Preparation of a complete report on the implementation of the NAP 2009-2011 as well as an annual internal review on the implementation of the relevant actions	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs</b> in cooperation with the competent ministries/the competent agencies/partner organisations	Report

<b>IX.5</b>	Support to the GRETA (Le Groupe d'experts sur la lutte contre la traite des êtres humains) monitoring mechanism under the Council of Europe	Year 1-3	<b>Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs</b> in cooperation with the competent ministries	Reports/ recommendations by GRETA
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