



The Norwegian Cooperation Programme with Bulgaria Individual Project

| Enhancing the Bulgarian-Norwegian Response to Trafficking in Human Beings | |
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| Bulgaria | |
| Project Promoter: | Partner (main): |
| Ministry of Interior (BG) | National Police Directorate (No) |
| Type of Applicant: | Type of partner: |
| State authority | State authority |
| | Other partners: N.A. |
| Grant amount awarded: | Total eligible project cost: |
| EUR 290'000 | EUR 342'000 |
| Grant rate: | Case no: |
| 85 % | 2008/112574 |
| Planned project duration: 5/2009 – 4/2011 | Project web-site: http://www.mvr.bg http://www.politi.no |

Short project description:

The main purpose of the project is to increase the efficiency of the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior and other institutions involved in anti-trafficking activities to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings (THB). Through training, transfer of knowledge, Norwegian experience and best practices the project will contribute to develop further the administrative capacity of the Bulgarian law enforcement authorities and all competent institutions involved in the prevention and fight against trafficking in human beings and to enhance the bilateral cooperation between Bulgaria and Norway in the police and justice sector. The target groups involve police and judicial authorities with responsibilities for countering and/or investigating THB as well as specialists from anti-trafficking state and private institutions.

Expected results:

- More than 120 police officers, police investigators and prosecutors trained on investigating THB cases
- More than 80 specialists from anti-trafficking state and private institutions as well as experts from NGOs, local commissions for combating THB trained on VoT-identification
- Handbook on Victim of Trafficking Identification Indicators elaborated
- THB Section of the Directorate for Countering Organized and Serious Crime, National Investigation Service and Supreme Prosecutor's Office provided with the appropriate equipment in order to improve their investigation activities by using video conference connection for conducting interrogations and devices for extracting information from mobile phones.
- Better coordination/cooperation with Norwegian authorities established