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## *PROMISED LAND OR LABOUR TRAP ???*

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**STRAŻ GRANICZNA-POLISH BORDER GUARD**



# SHORT INTRODUCTION



**Polish Border Guard is a uniformed and armed service set up to:**

- **protect state border,**
- **control border trafficking,**
- **fight against illegal migration,**

**The Border Guard specializes in border protection and control of foreigners entering and staying in Poland.**

- **fight crime such as THB.**





# AREAS OF EXPLOITATION



BEGGING



FORCED LABOR



PROSTITUTION



EXTORTION OF BENEFITS



FAKE MARRIAGES



DOMESTIC SLAVERY

EXPLOITATION



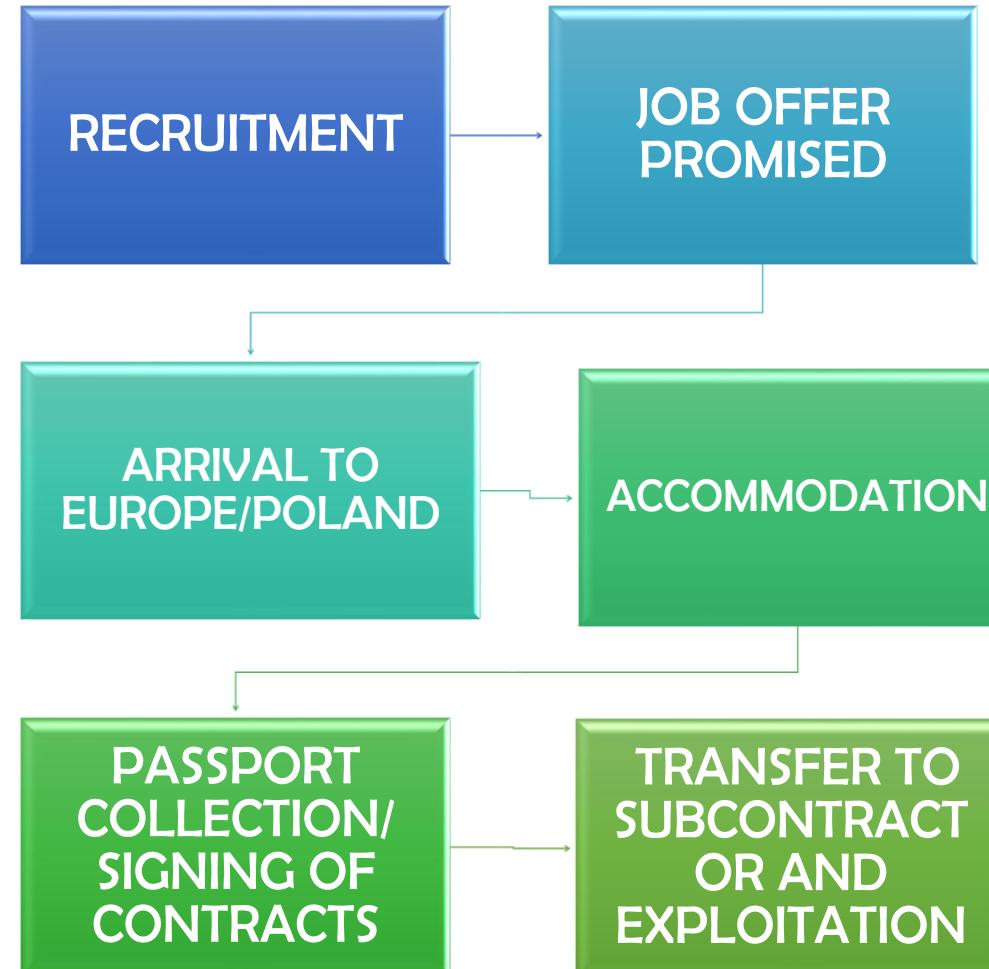
# WHO USUALLY BECOMES A VICTIM IN POLAND ??? (from experience BG)

- poverty (difficult financial situation),
- unemployment,
- low level of education,
- homelessness,
- disability,
- illegal residence, refugee/exodus ...





# MODUS OPERANDI – SCHEME OF ACTIVITIES





## CASE STUDY ON THE EXAPLE OF DIEGO FROM MEXICO ...

### THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY ( the reason for looking for a job in Europe):

Jose is a young man from Mexico, he is 23 years old. He has a wife and 2 children. He doesn't have a job , no money to live on.

There is very high unemployment in Mexico, no chance of finding a job in country of origin.

He urgently needs money to live for himself and his family.





## How looks the recruitment to work in Poland?

A friend gave him the contact to a man from an employment agency arranging work in Europe. He had not seen the recruiter with his eyes, contacts with him only via Whatsapp. Recruiter wrote back quickly and specifically.

The recruiter offered legal stay and legal work in furniture production, 5 working days, 8 hours a day, 20 EURO per hour of work, health insurance, guaranteed accommodation and a Polish language course.

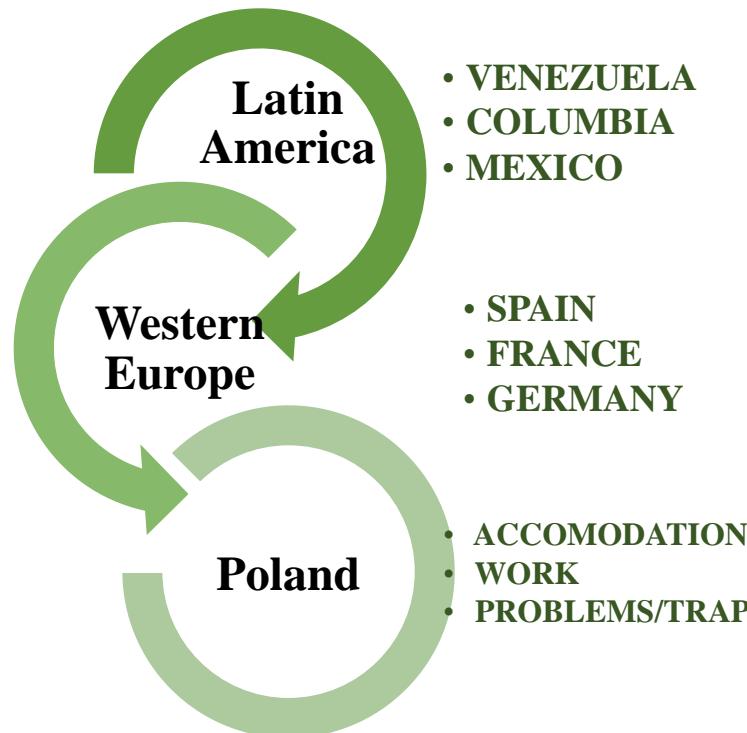
It sounded good, he took a chance on and decided to take this job.

He had to pay the recruiter 3000 Euro to arrange transportation and other paperwork, including documents for the job.

He believed that the **Promised Land** is waiting for him in Poland and decided to go there to work.



## A trip to Poland, almost 10 000 kilometers ...





# What does it turn out on the spot ?

- instead of in furniture production, he was sent to a meat processing factory,
- the employer took his passport away,
- any contracts and he work illegally in Poland,
- he hasn't health insurance, no reporting to the Social Security,
- he had to work 14 hours and more a day in the cold room, where it was very cold, and was often forced to come to work on Saturdays and Sundays as well,
- he was told by his employer that he was in debt, so he received only small part of his salary in the amount of PLN 500 per month (120 EURO).



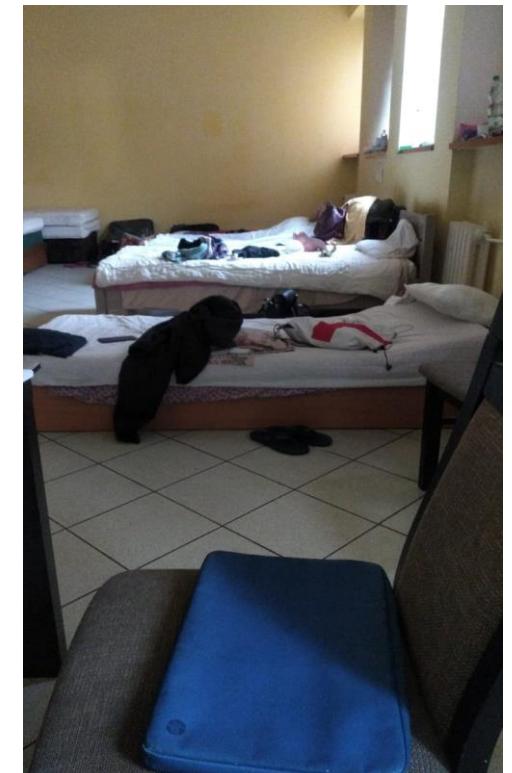


## What were the conditions of accommodation and how foreign worker was treated ?

- was dirty, overcrowded,
- temporary kitchen, provisional bathroom and toilet (often not working),
- people are often threatened and beaten,
- they were threatened with deportation,
- the employer used irrational penalties.

He he doesn't know the language, he doesn't know the laws in Poland, he doesn't have money to go back home.

**IT WAS NOT PROMISED LAND,  
IT WAS A TRAP !!!**





## Providing fictitious documents ...

Criminals often give their victims various documents. **Some of them are false.** Victims are forced to pay additional **high charges.**

The documents contained false seals of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Mexico and false documents with a seal from the Border Guard Headquarters),





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## ACTIVITIES IN CASE OF THB:

The foreigners contact with the La Strada Foundation, the Foundation provides us with this information and prepares the man to contact with us,

We collect materials, we secure documents, footage and photos of the workplace and accommodation,

We secure WhatsApp call history and banks flows history,

Interrogate potential victims,

Contact the Prosecutor's Office and launch the criminal proceeding



# HELP AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS:

**ISSUING CERTIFICATE TO A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING – LEGALIZE STAY IN IN POLAND**

**FOUNDATION (KCIK) PROVIDED ACCOMODATION, FOOD, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, ETC.**

**CONTACT WITH IOM IN AIM TO ORGANIZE SAFE RETURN TO THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**



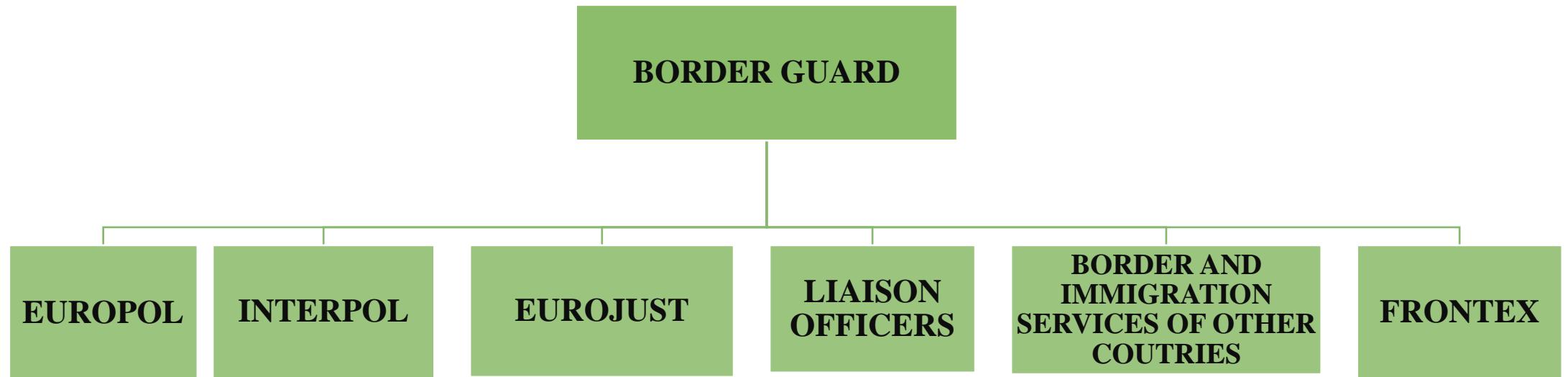
## COOPERATION WITH OTHER POLISH INSTITUTIONS



URZĄD DO SPRAW  
CUDZOZIEMCÓW



## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



### Range of cooperation (main):

- joint operations,
- analytical projects,
- information exchange,
- joint training,
- joint exercises.



# RESULTS OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE YEARS 2022-2024



## 2022 - 110 potential victims of human trafficking:

- **37 Venezuela** - forced labor
- **38 Guatemala** - forced labor
- **15 Mexico** - forced labor
- **15 Colombia** - forced labor
- **1 Honduras** - forced labor
- **1 Ukraine** - forced labor/domestic slavery
- **1 Russia** - begging,
- **1 Cameroon and Congo** - sexual exploitation

## 2023 -58 potential victims of human trafficking:

- **34 Colombia** – **33** forced labor and **1** sexual exploitation
- **7 Argentina** - forced labor
- **5 Peru** - forced labor
- **5 Venezuela** - forced labor
- **1 Mexico** - forced labor
- **4 Turkey** - forced labor
- **5 Russia** – begging
- **7 Turkmenistan, 2 ob. Tajikistan. 1 Uzbekistan** - forced labor
- **1 Gwinea**- sexual exploitation
- **1 Ukraina** – begging

## 2024 -74 potential victims of human trafficking:

- **34 Colombia** – **33** forced labor, **1** sexual exploitation
- **7 Argentina** - forced labor
- **5 Peru** - forced labor
- **5 Venezuela** - forced labor
- **1 Mexico** - forced labor
- **4 Turkey** - forced labor
- **5 Russia** – begging
- **7 Turkmenistan, 2 ob. Tajikistan. 1 Uzbekistan** - forced labor
- **1 Gwinea**- sexual exploitation
- **1 Ukraina** – begging





## EFFESTS OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2025



**Border Guard in 2025 identified 50 potential victims of human trafficking (till October 8 2025), including:**

- **42 Colombia** - forced labor
- **5 Argentina** - forced labor
- **2 Venezuela** forced labor
- **1 Poland** - sexual exploitation

***It is not promised  
land !!!***





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# **Thank you for attention!**

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