European Commission

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE EU

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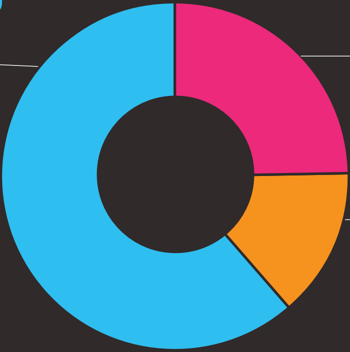
Hundreds of thousands
of victims trafficked across the EU each year

TRAFFICKING IN THE EU

Identified and presumed victims

9 528*



Sexual exploitation
62 %

Forced labour
25 %

Other
(criminal activities,
removal of organs,
selling of children
and forced begging)

14 %

Source: Eurostat, 2008-10
* Eurostat 2010

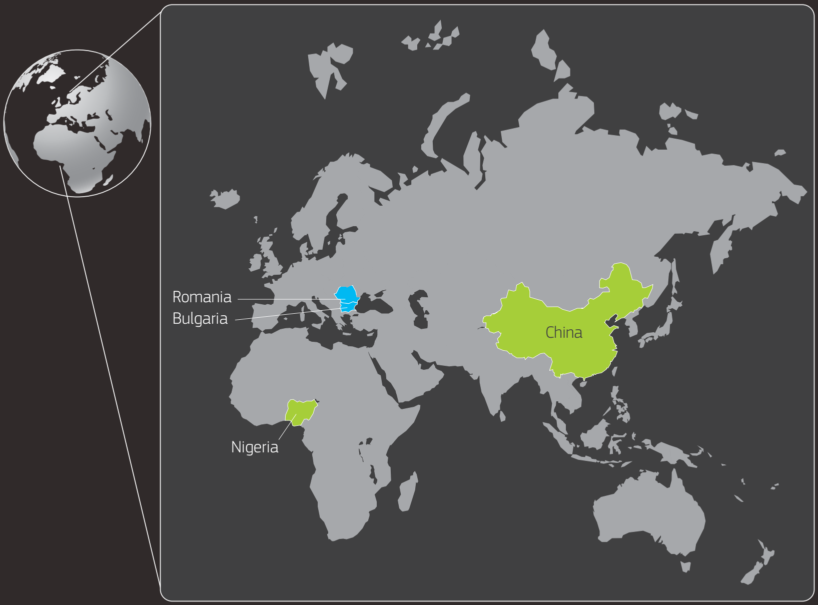
68 % Women

17 % Men

12 % Girls

3 % Boys

Source: Eurostat, 2008-10



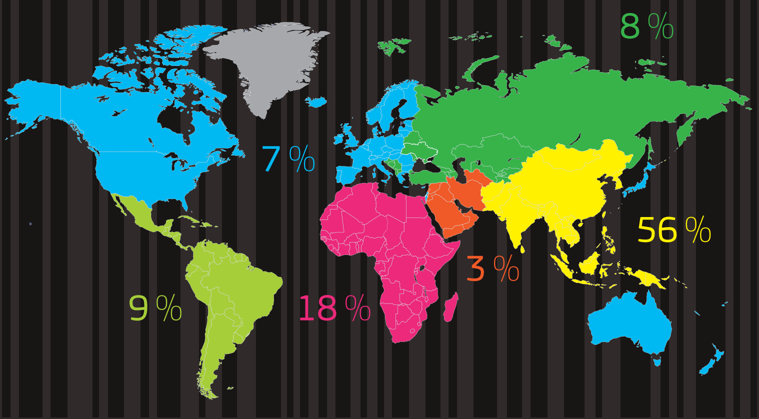
🟦 Main EU States of origin

🟩 Main non-EU countries of origin

Source: Eurostat, 2010

TRAFFICKING IN THE WORLD

Estimates by region



🟨 Asia & the Pacific: 11 700 000
🟥 Africa: 3 700 000
🟩 Latin America & the Caribbean: 1 800 000
🟩 Central & South-Eastern Europe (non-EU) & CIS: 1 600 000
🟦 Developed Economies & the EU: 1 500 000
🟧 Middle East: 600 000

Source: ILO, June 2012

Note: ILO estimated 880 000 forced labour victims in EU27

THE TRAFFICKERS

2nd biggest

source of illicit profits for criminals after drugs trade

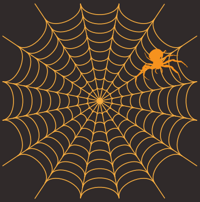
Source: UN

$32 billion

Traffickers' annual profits

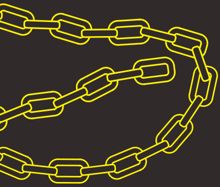
Source: ILO

Emerging trends



Recruitment of victims by acquaintances, relatives or criminal groups, often with promises of well-paid jobs

Internet increasingly used for the recruitment of victims and for advertising their services



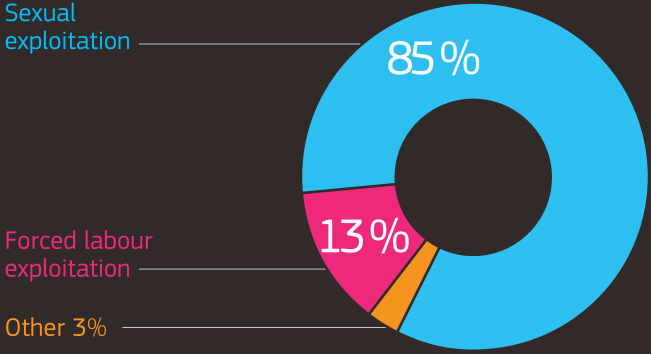
Victims controlled through (the threat of) force, deception and debt bondage

Victims exploited in agriculture, construction, textile industry, health care, domestic service and sex industry

Source: Europol

Trafficking suspects in the EU

♂ 75 % ♀ 25 %



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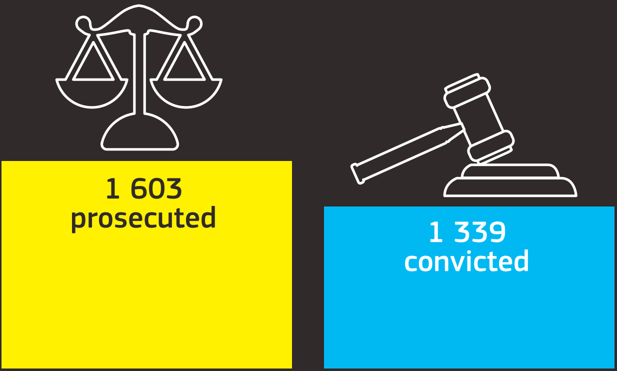

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EU ACTION

Legislation

Harmonisation of EU States' criminal laws, e.g. common definition of the criminal offence of trafficking in human beings

Possibility to not prosecute and apply penalties to victims for unlawful activities they were forced to commit by the traffickers

Possibility to prosecute EU nationals for human trafficking offences committed in another EU State or outside the EU

Robust provisions on victim's protection, including special measures for children

Victims' support, such as shelters, medical and psychological assistance, translation services

EU strategy 2012-16

Over 40 concrete actions to prevent human trafficking, protect victims and prosecute traffickers, e.g.:

- creation of an EU mechanism to better identify, refer, protect and assist victims
- establishment of a European Business Coalition to improve cooperation between companies and stakeholders
- establishment of an EU platform of civil society organisations and service providers working on victim protection and

assistance

Financial support

Operation GOLF between the UK and Romania led to the arrest of 87 criminals exploiting Roma children and to the recovery of 272 trafficking victims.

FLEX project between Finland, Estonia and Poland addressed the challenges relating to human trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation, focusing on legal provisions and victim identification, and developed a research methodology for future data collections on this topic.

Joint Investigation Team (JIT) between the EU and the Western Balkans improved cooperation and coordination among authorities and promoted best practice on victims' protection.

Training seminars for law enforcement officials responsible for trafficking in children/minors, focusing on the particular approaches needed to deal with child victims.

European Anti-Trafficking Coordinator

Improves cooperation and coherence between EU institutions, EU agencies, EU States, non-EU countries and international organisations

EU anti-trafficking website

http://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/

Information source for practitioners and the public

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OCTOBER

EU Anti-Trafficking Day

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