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The involvement of Organized Criminal Groups in the Trafficking of Women for Sexual Exploitation: the case study of Palermo

Objectives:

- * To contribute to a real comprehension of the impact of organized crime in trafficking in women
- * To prepare a transnational project directed at eradicating the trafficking in human beings (THB) for the purpose of sexual exploitation in Sicily, in a European dimension

Activities:

- * Carrying out a research on trafficking of Nigerian women in Sicily and on the role of organized crime
- * An information campaign on THB issues to enable the local community to tackle and prevent THB
- * Awareness-raising campaigns throughout Sicily
- * Educational activities in schools
- * Inter-institutional activities for the establishment of a transnational network amongst territorial stakeholders against THB

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Results:

- * Research on trafficking of Nigerian women in Sicily and the role of organized crime.
- * Five thematic workshops for the capacity building of stakeholders: “[Trafficking in Human Beings & New forms of Slavery](#)” conference for students, [Study seminar for social workers on THB](#), [Roundtable for civil society anti trafficking operators on the EU Directive 36/2011](#) (so called “anti-trafficking directive), Training day “Schools against trafficking – 2014 edition” for teachers of Palermo’s schools
- * [Employability training](#) for 10 former victims of trafficking [making participants be more aware of their potentialities, encouraging the development of professional goals, through: job interview simulations, [entrepreneurial and IT skills](#) training, and creation of business plans]
- * Awareness raising campaign for Palermo’s citizenship: film festival “[And now let’s talk about trafficking](#)”, events within the [European week against THB – October 2014](#), the conference “[Communicating on Trafficking](#)”, [3 Video-spots](#) against trafficking
- * Creation of a transnational network among territorial stakeholders and public and private entities in countries of transit and of origin of victims of THB and a transnational plan against THB

Partners:

- * Coordinator: CISS – International Cooperation South South (Italy)

Associate partners:

- * “Il Pellegrino della Terra” association (Italy)
- * Rankin Associate (United Kingdom)
- * NIGARS association and other public and private entities engaged in fighting THB in Palermo

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