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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.
* **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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