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Preface

The changes that took place in Romania after 1989, particularly in the political, social and cultural fields, led to an increase in poverty and unemployment combined with an imbalanced gender distribution on the labour market thus our country slowly became the country of origin, transit and destination for large traffic networks.

The book analysis the susceptibility to human trafficking of young people in Romania who face multiple social, economic and psychological needs. The analysis is carried out both from a legislative and an institutional perspective, including the social reintegration capacity of the victims. The emphasis should be placed not only on the development of legislative instruments and activities associated with the investigation and prosecution of traffickers, but also on the early identification of the victim, assessment and referral to certified assistance organizations for the commencement of the reintegration process, aiming to reduce the re-trafficking risk.

The goal of the specialized assistance process offered to a victim is to provide help in overcoming the trauma and to ensure social reintegration. The assistance of human trafficking victims is performed according to their personal needs, trafficking particularities and manifestation of trauma side-effects in the physical and psychological areas and focusing on each individual victim's case.

Knowing what the risk factors are, the problems faced by victims before trafficking can help to improve the current legislation, institutional organization and organization of efforts in preventing the phenomenon, both nationally and internationally.

List of abbreviations

AJOFM - The County Agency for Employment

ANITP - National Agency against Trafficking in Persons

BCCO - Organized Crime Combating Brigade

CEDAW - The Committee on the Elimination of
Discrimination Against Women

CEPOL - European Union Agency for Law Enforcement
Training

CJRAE - County Center for Resource and Educational
Assistance

C.I/B.I - Identity card

CPECA - Center for Prevention, Evaluation and Counseling

DIICOT - Directorate for the Investigation of Organized
Crime and Terrorism

DGASPC - General Directorate for Social Assistance and
Child Protection

DGCCO - General Directorate for Combating Organized
Crime

DGCCOA - General Directorate for Combating Organized
Crime and Drugs

EU - European Union

EUROPOL - European Union's Law Enforcement Agency

EUROJUST - European Union Agency for Criminal Justice
Cooperation

ICMPD - International Center for the Development of
Migration Policies

IGPR - Police General Inspectorate

IIPF - County Border Police Inspectorate

ILO - International Labor Office

INTERPOL - International Criminal Police Organization

IOM - International Organization for Migration

IPJ - County police inspectorate

MAI - Ministry of Administration and Interior

NGO - Nongovernmental Organization

OSCE - Organization for Security and Co-operation in
Europe

UN - United Nations