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APPLYING GENDER-SENSITIVE APPROACHES IN COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Launch of the Occasional Paper No. 10 by
the Office of the Special Representative
and Co-ordinator for Combating
Trafficking in Human Beings

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Zoom registration via:

<http://bit.ly/gender-cthb>

Opening remarks by **Liliana Palihovici**, Special
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Head of MEN VIA, Protection and Support for Men
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The event will be held in English with Russian interpretation

Boys, girls, men and women are vulnerable to trafficking in human beings for different reasons and are affected in different ways. Prevention, protection, and prosecution efforts, therefore, must apply a gender-sensitive lens in order to effectively tackle trafficking and respond to the specific needs of all victims.

With the ratification of a number of international instruments as well as the adoption of OSCE commitments that recognized discrimination based on sex among the root causes of trafficking (PC.DEC/557, MC.DEC/10/11) and emphasized the need to address gender-specific aspects anti-trafficking response (MC.DEC/6/17, MC.DEC/7/17), all 57 OSCE participating States have committed to adopt and implement gender-sensitive approaches to combatting trafficking in human beings. However, many gender aspects associated with both the nature of the crime as well as responses to it remain unaddressed in the existing strategies for prevention, protection and prosecution.

Against this background, the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings is launching a paper *Applying gender-sensitive approaches in combating trafficking in human beings*. Based on findings of a multi-method research design which included surveys, expert interviews and expert group meetings with survivors, anti-trafficking experts, service providers and law enforcement, the paper explores the development of and gaps in applying gender-sensitive approaches in the framework of THB prevention, protection, and prosecution. By providing targeted recommendations for the OSCE participating States, it is hoped that the publication will increase the understanding of the challenges and opportunities that lie in applying gender-sensitive approaches to combatting THB in all areas of the anti-trafficking response, from providing assistance and protection to addressing root causes and rendering justice through criminal proceedings.

The OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings is organizing a special focus event open to everyone on the occasion of the launch of the occasional paper **Applying gender-sensitive approaches in combating trafficking in human beings**. The purpose of this event is to examine the complexities that lie in understanding and implementing gender-sensitive approaches in combating THB.

Following the presentation of key findings and policy recommendations outlined in the paper, the event will provide an opportunity for government officials, law enforcement practitioners, anti-trafficking experts and members of civil society across the OSCE region to engage with an expert panel. The discussions will focus on practical measures and policies participating States can implement to ensure that anti-trafficking prevention, protection and prosecution efforts are gender-sensitive and responsive, reflecting the differentiated experiences of all victims.

Download the paper *[Applying gender-sensitive approaches in combating trafficking in human beings](https://www.osce.org/cthb/486700)* here: <https://www.osce.org/cthb/486700>