Round Table on 24 November 2017 in Vienna – Expert Bios

Helga Konrad, Head/Coordinator of the 'Regional Implementation Initiative on Preventing & Combating Human Trafficking' since 2010. Executive Director Anti-Trafficking/Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe IDM; former (first) Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of the OSCE - Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (2004-2006); Chair of the EU Stability Pact Task Force on Human Trafficking for South Eastern Europe (2000-2004). In her capacity as Austrian Federal Government Minister for Women, she hosted the first EU Conference on Trafficking in Women for Sexual Exploitation in Vienna (1995). She was Head of the Austrian government delegations to the fourth UN World Conference on Women in Beijing/China and of the first World Congress on Combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Stockholm/Sweden (1996).

Enrico Ragaglia has been working as Anti-Trafficking Project Manager at the ICMPD HQ in Vienna since 2006, where he has been responsible for the implementation of several anti-trafficking projects and initiatives in different regions. Between 2003 and 2006 he has worked as Child-Trafficking Programme Officer at Save the Children Italy. His academic background is on public policies and political science. In 2001, he obtained his Master's Degree in European Social Policy Analysis and Evaluation at the National University of Ireland and the Roskilde University in Denmark. He is fluent in Italian, English and Portuguese and has good knowledge of Spanish.

Mike Dottridge, Consultant on human rights issues, based in the United Kingdom. He worked for two human rights non-governmental organizations from 1977 until 2002 (Amnesty International, where his work focused on Africa, and Anti-Slavery International, where he was director from 1996 to 2002). Since 1995, he has focused on various forms of exploitation, how to protect the adults and children involved and how to prevent exploitation from occurring in the first place. Since 2002, he has worked independently, undertaking evaluations and institutional learning exercises for organizations that include the ILO and UNICEF, NGOs such as the coalition 'Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women' and several governmental and private donors.

Stefano Volpicelli, Trainer and Researcher on Migration and THB, sociologist, expert in social research and capacity-building interventions on reception, protection and care of vulnerable people. He was involved in many programmes addressing various aspects of social vulnerability in different social groups before joining International Organization for Migration in 2003 where, as senior trainer and researcher, he was carrying out numerous anti-trafficking related projects (prevention, identification and assistance of victims) in different countries worldwide. In 2012/2013 he served the Maltese Government designing and implementing the National Plan for the protection of vulnerable migrants and the identification of victims of trafficking. Since 2013, he is consulting various agencies such as the Central European Initiative, the International Union of Superiors General and the Italian Consortium of Solidarity, on protection schemes for vulnerable migrants. Stefano Volpicelli is visiting professor at the University of Tor Vergata and Antonianum Pontifical University in Rome.

Evelyn Probst, Coordinator of LEFÖ– Intervention Centre for Trafficked Women and Girls (IBF) since 2000, based in Vienna, Austria. In her capacity she monitors the support system for trafficked persons as well as their access to their rights. Further focal areas of the work include access to compensation for trafficked persons, interlinkages between THB and undocumented work etc. She is a much sought-after trainer for seminars on the issue of THB carried out by public authorities, police, NGOs and other relevant actors. She has been a member in the EU Expert Group against Trafficking from 2008 to 2011. She is currently the European board member of Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women (GAATW). Due to her long experience in the field she has been a teacher at the Austrian University in Klagenfurt for around ten years and has given classes at other

Austrian Universities as well as at the Universidad Autonoma de Mexico. Furthermore she has published in the field of trafficking in women, focusing on feminist women's rights perspectives, exploitation and compensation for victims of human trafficking. Evelyn Probst holds a Master in Psychology and is a certified trainer who has been working in the field of fighting Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) for over 20 years.

Shams Asadi, Human Rights Commissioner and Head of the Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna. She studied architecture and urban Planning abroad before she arrived in Vienna, where she graduated from the University of Technology. Shams has many years of practical and academic experience in Urban Regeneration and Urban Development with a focus on European and international affairs. The human rights dimension of urban development accompanied her from beginning of her professional life and since 2010 human rights are the main subject of her career.

Vera Gracheva, Independent consultant/expert on combating trafficking in human beings, for the last ten years she served as a Senior Adviser at the OSCE Secretariat. She joined the OSCE in October 2004, right after the creation of the OSCE Office for CTHB. Previously Mrs Gracheva worked as a researcher at the Russian Academy of Sciences and in 1991-2004 she served as a diplomat at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. Her foreign posting included the Russian Embassy to the US (human rights counsellor), the OSCE Mission to Croatia (legal and human rights adviser) and the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the OSCE (Austria) (senior counsellor). She significantly contributed to the drafting and adoption of all OSCE Ministerial Council Decisions related to the fight against human trafficking in 2000-2013, including the OSCE Action Plan (2003) and the Addendum to the OSCE Action Plan of 2013. She is an author and an editor of a number of articles on THB, including a Manual "Media against THB" (Moscow, 2012) for students and post-graduates of the Faculty of Journalism of the Moscow State University. Ms. Gracheva drafted Commentary to the OSCE Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings and its 2005 and 2013 Addendums, translated the Commentary into Russian and edited some other OSCE publications translated into the Russian language. She holds a Ph.D. in international relations.

Marc Van den Reeck, Ambassador, Head of International Cooperation of the Greek Non-Profit Organization “The Smile of the Child”. He served in Brussels in the MFA Headquarters, as Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister of Justice, and as Deputy Chief of Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Abroad he served in the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the Council of Europe and in the Royal Belgian Embassies in Lusaka (Zambia), Maputo (Mozambique), Washington and Athens, as Consul General in Istanbul and as ambassador to the United Arab Emirates and Greece. He holds a degree in Macroeconomics from the University of Gent and a degree in Spanish Language and Literature from the Provinciaal Handels- en Taalinstituut Oost Vlaanderen. He was admitted to the Diplomatic Service of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation in September 1980.