



## Preventing human trafficking and sham marriages: A multidisciplinary solution (HESTIA)

**HESTIA** is a transnational project that aims to create a shared understanding of a new, evolving new form of trafficking in human beings - through sham marriages, provide a precise definition of sham marriages as a form of human trafficking hitherto non-existent at the EU level, and initiate a comprehensive action for its prevention.

### ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT

1. To provide a coherent basis containing the situation description for policy recommendations and needs' assessment as well as content information for multidisciplinary training materials on sham marriages in the context of human trafficking.
2. To prepare a comprehensive report on human trafficking in the context of sham marriages in the partner countries and to provide policy recommendations at the national and EU level based on report findings. To plan the country-adjusted advocacy and dissemination activities.
3. To prepare the training materials and implement pilot training of multidisciplinary specialist groups working with people vulnerable to human trafficking and involvement in sham marriages, strengthen the interdisciplinary cooperation.
4. To disseminate the results of the project, targeting legislative and policy making level, specialists working with vulnerable groups and wider public. To promote shared understanding of sham marriages in relation to human trafficking.

### PARTNERS

Leading Partner – Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Latvia

#### **Partners:**

**LV** partner NGO Shelter „Safe House”, **SK** partner Ministry of the Interior of Slovak Republic, **EE** partner NGO Living for Tomorrow, **LT** partner NGO Caritas Lithuania, **IE** partner NGO Immigrant Council of Ireland, **FI** partner European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI)

#### **Associate partners:**

Republic of Latvia State Police, Republic of Latvia Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Justice and Equality, Ireland

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