

Enhanced Law Enforcement Cooperation and Training on
Trafficking in Human Beings - ELECT THB



FACT SHEET



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Aim of the project and general info

The ELECT THB project aims to enhance the **identification and investigation of trafficking in human beings (THB)** for sexual and labour exploitation and **increase collaboration between law enforcement authorities** and other key actors to combat it.

The project has been developed in close cooperation with law enforcement and other authorities in Finland, Estonia and Latvia to **strengthen the knowledge of and approach to human trafficking**. Evidence shows that trafficking criminality spans across the countries. Criminals use complicated structures to hide their activities – e.g. **fronts, cascade sub-contracting, posting of workers** – and to launder and hide the illicit flows and proceeds of crime. Human trafficking and the wider shadow economy and financial crime are also closely linked. Therefore, the project aims to **disrupt the financial business model** of trafficking which will help **counter the impunity** of traffickers, exploiters, profit makers, users and abusers and untangle the trafficking chain.

ELECT THB outcomes will:

- strengthen the capacity to investigate and prosecute human trafficking cases;
- disrupt the financial gains of trafficking and
- help victims access justice.

Key project activities:

- collection of best practices of functioning models and lessons learned of collaboration between the different authorities;
- comprehensive online investigation resource;
- a visualisation tool for untangling the trafficking chain;
- online training resource based on the latest information on modus operandi of traffickers schemes & routes used;
- 4 national trainings;
- 2 international training workshops;
- 2 operational exchange visits to Poland and Ukraine.

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