



International Migration Law (IML)
NGO Learning Initiative

Session Nine

Addressing Human Trafficking and Smuggling in People from a Right-Based Approach

Human trafficking and smuggling are global and widespread crimes. Human trafficking is one of the most serious human rights violations, which brings high profits to traffickers through the acquisition and exploitation of human beings by improper means such as force, fraud, or deception. Smuggling involves the facilitation of illegal entry of a person into a state of which that person is not national or resident, for financial or other material benefits. Distinct but often interrelated phenomena, they are conspicuously interlinked with migration: many men, women and children, driven by the hope for a better future abroad and often escaping economic inequalities, armed conflict, environmental crises and persecution in their countries of origin, fall into the hands of traffickers and smugglers.

Objective of the session: Participants will learn about the international legal framework relating to trafficking and smuggling and the links to international migration. They will also hear about NGO good practices, challenges and ongoing work in addressing the identified challenges.

- ⇒ Introduction: organisers (8')
- ⇒ First speaker: **Kristina Touzenis, Managing Partner, [BST Impact](#)** (20')
 - The international legal framework relating to trafficking and smuggling;
 - The link between international migration and trafficking and smuggling;
- ⇒ Second speaker: **Borislav Gerasimov, Communications and Advocacy Coordinator at the [Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women \(GAATW\)](#) and Editor of the journal *Anti-Trafficking Review*** (20')
 - The link between international migration and trafficking and smuggling;
 - The work of GAATW and its perspective on what civil society organisations could do more in addressing the challenges faced.
- ⇒ Questions and Answers (Q&A) session (30')
- ⇒ Closing remarks: organisers (8')

Further reading:

- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children & Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, 15 November 2000, General Assembly Resolution 55/25, United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), available at <https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNTOC/Publications/TOC%20Convention/TOCebook-e.pdf>
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