

The fight against trafficking in human beings for labor exploitation

In collaboration with the University of Tilburg (the Netherlands), the Institute for Human Rights Ludwig Boltzmann (Austria), the University of Deusto (Spain) and the University of Craiova (Romania), Victimology Society of Serbia continued its activities in the 2011th year on the realization of research project The fight against trafficking in human beings for labor exploitation. The aim of this project was to gain the knowledge of the extent to which human trafficking for labor exploitation is widespread, whether and how these cases are prosecuted, and what forms of protection are available to victims. Another goal of the project was to gain the knowledge and whether, how, and how effectively the cross-border cooperation of public authorities is achieved, especially the police, courts and prosecutors' offices, in the prosecution of cases of trafficking for labor exploitation. The whole project was aimed at identifying problems and barriers, and best practices to enhance cross-border cooperation, in order to prosecute offenders and protect victims of this type of crime. The implementation of the project directly were involved Prof. Dr. Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović and Dr. Sanja Čopić.

Within the project, Dr. Sanja Čopić participated in a meeting of researchers in Vienna (Austria), in the February of 2011th, and also in the final seminar, which was held on 8th of April 2011th in Tilburg (Netherlands) where she presented the co-author paper with Professor Dr. Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović called (Male) Victims of THB for Labor Exploitation: A Different Approach?.

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