

Side Event during the OSCE PA Annual Session 2024

Legislative Action to Prevent the Misuse of Technology for Trafficking in Human Beings

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Background

Criminals misuse technology in all stages of human trafficking to maintain anonymity, exploit victims, and expand their reach, including livestreaming abuse and committing online scams. The last couple of years have witnessed the rapid development of Artificial Intelligence. Since many AI tools can replicate human behavior, it is important to explore its risks for the crime of human trafficking.

At the same time, **significant legislative advancements** across the OSCE region and beyond in recent years aimed at combating technology-facilitated human trafficking. But more needs to be done.

Legislators must adapt to these evolving trends and create strong frameworks to counter technology misuse. This event will bring together stakeholders to discuss legislative strategies and collaborative efforts to fight tech-facilitated human trafficking.

Objectives



Understand how traffickers misuse technology to facilitate their crimes.



Highlight emerging trends in technology-facilitated human trafficking.



Identify gaps in current legislation and enforcement measures.



Share existing legislative approaches and explore innovative solutions and international cooperation efforts.

Speakers

- **Dan Barna**, Head of the Delegation of Romania to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Incoming Member of the European Parliament
- **Kari Johnstone**, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- **Silvia-Monica Dinică**, MP, Senate of Romania, Chairperson of Committee on Science, Innovation and Technology
- **Gudrun Kugler**, Deputy Head of the Delegation of Austria to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Rapporteur of the Second Committee
- **Shawn Kohl**, Director, European Anti-Trafficking Program, International Justice Mission
- **Ravshanbek Alimov**, Head of the Delegation of Uzbekistan to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (TBC)
- Member of the US Delegation (TBC)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Keynote Address
3. Panel Discussion: Technological Trends in Human Trafficking, Challenges, Existing and Possible Legislative Approaches
4. Interactive Session: Questions and Answers
5. Conclusion and Call to Action

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