



Countering Migrant Smuggling

- **Judicial and law enforcement investigations**
- **Criminalisation of humanitarian assistance**
- **Root causes and cooperation with third countries**

Trier, 5-6 December 2019

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Kasia Lach, Head of Sector, Irregular Migration and Counter Smuggling, Irregular Migration and Return Policy Unit, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels (invited)

Carlos Lopez Veraza, Prosecutor, THB and Migrant Smuggling Unit, Regional Prosecutor's Office, Huelva

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Key topics

- Update on the UN and EU policy and legal framework to prevent and counter migrant smuggling: latest amendments and new proposals
- Latest judicial, law enforcement and border management actions at EU and Member States' level in countering migrant smuggling networks
- Issues faced with the criminalisation of humanitarian assistance to irregular migrants
- Investigating financial flows of migrant smuggling networks
- Return policy, cooperation with third countries in countering migrant smuggling and its root causes

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English

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Organiser
Ramin Farinpour (ERA)



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Countering Migrant Smuggling

Thursday, 5 December 2019

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Opening of the seminar**
Ramin Farinpour

I. THE EU'S FRAMEWORK OF ACTION IN DEALING WITH AND COUNTERING MIGRANT SMUGGLING WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

09:05 **Placing migrant smuggling into the EU within a global context and standards**

- The UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Smuggling of Migrants Protocol
- The Global Compact for Migration
- Findings from the first UNODC Global Study on Smuggling of Migrants 2018
- The nexus between migrant smuggling and human trafficking

Sebastian Baumeister

09:45 **Update on the EU legal and policy framework to prevent and counter migrant smuggling**

- Progress on the implementation of the EU Action Plan Against Migrant Smuggling (2015-2020) and the European Agenda on Migration and the new Commission's priorities on migration
- The outcome of the REFIT evaluation of the Facilitator's Package in relation to facilitation of unauthorised entry, transit and residence

Kasia Lach

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

II. JUDICIAL CHALLENGES IN DEALING WITH MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND THE FACILITATION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO IRREGULAR MIGRANTS

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

11:00 **Issues faced in relation to the criminalisation of humanitarian assistance to irregular migrants within the context of the EU Facilitators' Package and actions taken in Member States: case studies**

Lina Vosyliūtė

11:45 **Insights into Italy's judicial approach in dealing with irregular migrants, their rescue and smuggling networks**

- Code of conduct for NGOs involved in search and rescue operations and the Decree-Law on Immigration and Security (the cases of Carola Rackete and other NGO rescue ships)
- Rescue activities and humanitarian assistance in international waters vs. actions in Italy and the possible criminalisation of irregular migrants and those offering assistance

Giorgia Spiri

12:30 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

13:45 **Investigating migrant smuggling networks and prosecuting perpetrators from points of arrival of irregular migrants to secondary movements**

- Cooperation with law enforcement authorities and across national borders
- Financial investigations and confiscation of assets

Carlos Lopez Veraza

III. LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TO CONFRONT AND CHALLENGES FACED IN DEALING WITH MIGRANT SMUGGLING

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

14:15 **Update on Frontex' assistance in countering migrant smuggling at land, air and sea borders**

- Risk Analysis 2019 and EUROSUR Fusion Services
- Findings from the Centre of Excellence for Combatting Document Fraud
- Recent operations, hot spots and Joint Action Days

Fabian Sahl

15:00 Discussion

15:15 Coffee break

Objective

This seminar will analyse the latest developments and challenges faced within the EU in dealing with and countering migrant smuggling. This will be done within the context of the ongoing shifting routes of irregular migration and issues being faced in relation to the criminalisation of the facilitation of irregular migration vs. the giving of humanitarian assistance, as well as how enhancing cooperation with third countries can assist in countering migrant smuggling and its root causes.

Who should attend?

Ministry officials, judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, lawyers in private practice and NGOs.

You will learn...

- about UN and EU standards to deal with and counter migrant smuggling
- how migrant smuggling networks operate and judicial and law enforcement actions against them, including their financial flows
- about the latest developments in updating and adapting the EU legal and policy framework to better deal with migrant smuggling
- about issues faced with the possible criminalisation of humanitarian assistance
- about the latest developments at the EU's external borders and Frontex' activities
- how cooperation with third countries can counteract the root causes of migrant smuggling

What participants liked in the last seminar

"The high level of speakers"

"Excellent organisation"

"Fits perfectly into my daily work"

"Great social programme"

"Very good and tangible presentations"

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- 15:45 **Dealing with migrant smuggling in the face of a sharp increase in irregular arrivals**
- Greek government's new emergency measures and dealing with smuggling hubs and organised crime networks
 - Financial investigations and cooperation with neighbouring countries
Andreas Karageorgos
- 16:15 **Latest developments in Europol's Migrant Smuggling Centre's tools to counter migrant smuggling networks**
- Document fraud, the use of social media, financial investigations and high value targets
 - Recent operations and Joint Action Days; cooperation with other EU-wide actors, regional bodies and third countries
Álvaro Rodríguez Gaya
- 17:00 **Investigating financial flows in relation to migrant smuggling: cooperation between money service businesses (Western Union) and law enforcement**
Michael Nagl
- 17:30 Discussion
- 18:00 End of first day
- 19:00 Guided city walking tour and dinner

Friday, 6 December 2019

IV. COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN COUNTERING MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND ITS ROOT CAUSES

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

- 09:00 **Addressing the root causes of migration and managing migration flows: achievements and outlook of the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the EU**
Annikki Vanamo-Alho
- 09:45 **Means and measures at EU level for countering migrant smuggling in cooperation with third countries**
- Mobility and common agendas and operational partnerships, recast Regulation on a network of European Immigration Liaison Officers
 - Information campaigns in third countries on the threat of migrant smuggling
 - European Commission proposals for a Union Resettlement Framework and a recast of the Return Directive
Kasia Lach
- 10:30 Discussion
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:15 **Close cooperation with third countries within the context of Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) and disrupting migrant smuggling networks: case studies**
Carmen Baena Olabe
- 12:00 **Third-country cooperation within an EU border management setting**
- Return operations and technical and operational assistance to third countries
 - Frontex Liaison Officers and cooperation with regional bodies and missions
Fabian Sahl
- 12:45 Discussion
- 13:00 End of seminar and light lunch

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