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Together Against Trafficking in Human Beings

Italy - 5.2 National Action Plans

Pursuant to art. 9 of Legislative Decree No 24 of 4 March 2014, (Implementation of Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims), the Italian Government shall adopt a National Action Plan against Trafficking in and Serious Exploitation of Human Beings, with a view to defining multiannual intervention strategies for the prevention and fight against these phenomena, as well as measures aimed at increasing public awareness, social prevention, emergence and social integration of victims.

The adoption of the first Italian Action Plan against human trafficking reflects the needs of reorganisation and rationalization of the Government action, mainly with a view to promoting the creation of synergies among the different central, regional and local Administrations involved in the fight against human trafficking and the related available resources, also considering the public expertise used to combat this

phenomenon and corresponding to the four main pillars on which every coherent strategy on the subject is based at the international level (prevention, prosecution, protection, and partnership). Furthermore, it is essential to ensure the cooperation between the institutions and the third sector. The valorisation of such cooperation should be an indispensable element in the development of the Italian strategy, with a view to keeping and strengthening the integrated public and private networks operating at the local level and directed towards the so-called “multi-agency working”. Moreover, considering the transnational nature of human trafficking, the Italian Government is committed to establishing partnerships and taking collaboration measures with the other countries concerned by the phenomenon, with the aim of both preventing the perpetration of crimes and enhancing judicial cooperation and cooperation on investigating crime, as well as with a view to promoting the exchange of good practice and working tools, especially with regard to countries of origin.

The development of the Italian strategy is also in line with the European and international framework, particularly with the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012-2016.

The National Action Plan will be drafted in accordance with the legal and administrative basis consolidated at the EU and international level, particularly with Directive 2011/36/EU and Legislative Decree No 24 of 4 March 2014 implementing the directive and establishing minimum standards for the definition of crimes and sanctions related to trafficking in human beings. It also aims at strengthening, on the one hand, the prevention and punishment of the crime and, on the other, the protection of victims.

As for the strategy for action of the National Action Plan, as previously mentioned, this will be defined in compliance with the EU Strategy

towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012-2016 (COM(2012) 286 of 19 June 2012), while taking into account the peculiarities of the Italian context and the operational strategies developed at the national level.

A key role in the fight against trafficking in human beings is played by all the involved central Administrations (Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, Ministry of Health), as well as by Regions and Municipalities, which coordinate, promote and plan the activities locally. Also third sector organisations play a crucial role as both organisations implementing some of the actions for the support of victims and points of reference at the local level.

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