



Vienna Conference on Combatting
Trafficking in Human Beings

**TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN
BEINGS IN TRANSITION:
NEW CHALLENGES –
NEW RESPONSES**

15 October 2026

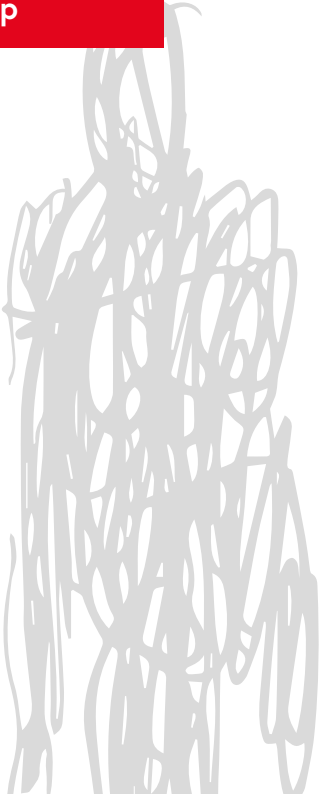
Vienna School of International Studies

REGISTRATION

The conference is a public event and participation is free of charge. Participants are kindly requested to fill in the online registration form by **12 October 2026** available at this [link](#). 220 people can participate in person. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. The event will also be streamed online. The stream can be accessed via a link that will be provided on the [Ministry's website](#).

Simultaneous interpretation (German, English) will be provided for the plenary session of the conference. The discussion of the workshop results and the closing of the conference will also be simultaneously interpreted.

Sign up



PROGRAMME

15 October 2026

08:45–09:30 **Registration**

09:30–10:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Martin Eichtinger, Director of the Vienna School of International Studies

Magnus Brunner, EU Commissioner Internal Affairs and Migration (via video message)

Sabine Monauni, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Environment and Culture of the Principality of Liechtenstein (via video message)

Kari Johnstone, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Human Trafficking (via video message)

Ilias Chatzis, Chief of the Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch at UNODC

Nikolaus Marschik, Secretary General for Foreign Affairs at the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

10:00–10:20 **Keynote Speech**

Heather Komenda, Regional Thematic Specialist for Migrant Protection IOM Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, Vienna

10:20–10:40 **Coffee break**

10:40–11:50 **Panel Discussion on the conference theme “Trafficking in Human Beings in Transition: New Challenges – New Responses”**

Sosa Henkoma, Expert by Experience

Petra Jeney, EU Anti-Trafficking Hub

Aaron Mango, Assistant United States Attorney and Senior Litigation Coordinator in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of New York

Celeste Tortosa, Co-Director of LEFÖ-IBF

Moderator: **Christian Fellner**, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

11:50–12:30 Discussion with the Audience

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break

13:30–16:00 Parallel Workshops (Vienna School of International Studies and Online)

- 1 **The phenomenon of Trafficking in Human Beings – new criminal offenses, digitalisation and financing**
(German and English)
Criminal Intelligence Service Austria
- 2 **Criminal Exploitation of Children: Hidden dimensions of Trafficking** *(English)*
ECPAT Austria and Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights
- 3 **Beyond borders: Practical paths to transnational victim protection** *(English)*
LEFÖ-IBF and IOM Austria
- 4 **Labour Exploitation: A Growing Problem? Recent Cases of Human Trafficking, Emerging Forms of Exploitation, and New Approaches to Addressing Them** *(German)*
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16:00–16:30 Coffee break

16:30–17:00 **Presentations by Workshop
Rapporteurs**

Gerald Tatzgern, Head of Department of
Investigations, Organized and Serious Crime, Criminal
Intelligence Service Austria BK

Helmut Sax, Senior Researcher, Ludwig Boltzmann
Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights

Tamara Schmidt, Co-Director of LEFÖ-IBF

Manfred Buchner, Director MEN VIA

17:00–17:30 **Discussion of Workshop Outcome**

17:30–17:45 **Closing Remarks**

Lynn Chircop Faure, GRETA member from Malta

Georg Stillfried, National Anti-Trafficking

Coordinator; Head of the Austrian Task Force on
Combatting Human Trafficking

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