



## Trafficking in human beings is a widespread phenomenon difficult to trace

Millions of people are trafficked every year for the purpose of forced labour, sexual exploitation or other forms of exploitation which violate the person's dignity, integrity and human rights. Statistics show that reported third country victims in the EU predominantly originate from the African continent, Southeast Asia, and Eastern Europe". Moreover, other conditions and systemic factors make migrants across Europe at risk of exploitation and trafficking. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, national lockdowns have exacerbated the already precarious situation facing survivors, through the further limitations on their movement and barriers to accessing help, services and fleeing. At the same time, the closure of schools had further exposed children to the risk of being exploited or trafficked.

## THE PROJECT FAST

(FOSTER ACTION AND SUPPORT TO TRAFFICKED PERSONS)

The Project is funded by the European Union's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF). It brings together six organisations working with migrants and potential trafficked persons aims to facilitate early identification and effective integration of women, men, girls and boys experiencing exploitation or trafficking.

Through three major goals FAST will enhance transnational cooperation among European Countries, build capacity among practitioners and strengthen support and assistance for third country nationals. Particular attention will be given to people at risk, including unaccompanied children on the move.



- Development of new methodologies and capacity building of professionals, key stakeholders, practitioners engaged in the migration context to identify people at risk and establish internal referral pathways within their organisations;
- Deliver empowerment workshops to survivors to strengthen coping mechanisms and build resilience;
- Provide needs based assistance, legal information, and psychosocial support to survivors of trafficking;
- Reinforce transnational cooperation among project countries and share good practice, insights about emerging trends particularly related to impact of COVID-19, new methodologies and training modules.



## The action is focussed on four areas across ltaly, Greece, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.





**United Kingdom**British Red Cross - **BRC** 



**Italy**Croce Rossa Italiana- **CRI** 





## **Netherlands** Netherlands Red Cross - **NRK**



International Rescue Commitee - IRC



**Greece**Greek Council for Refugees - **GCR**