

How to Prevent and Combat Sex Trade in Finland

In the Light of Practical Experiences from Other European Countries

Seminar at the Parliament Annex Auditorium (Pikkuparlamentti), Arkadiankatu 3, Helsinki.
Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 9.30 – 15.00

How efficient is Finland's existing legislation in preventing and combating prostitution-related trafficking in human beings?

Considering the cross-border nature of sex trade, what is the impact of Finnish legislation on sex trade in the neighbouring countries? Can the demand for purchased sex be reduced by means of legislation?

What can be learned from practical experiences of Estonia, Sweden and European Union?

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Programme

Chairperson of the Seminar: MP Astrid Thors, Chair of Women Members of Parliament

09.30 Opening Words: Chair Sirkka-Liisa Anttila, NYTKIS

Introduction to the Themes

Professor Johanna Niemi, University of Helsinki

10.00 Theme 1: Public Space and Sex Trade

Superintendent Pia Holm, National Police Board

Comments

Director Jaana Kauppinen, Pro-tukipiste ry (Pro Centre Finland)

Project Manager Tanja Auvinen, Project Exit

Discussion

European Activism and Sex Trade

Policy Officer and Project Coordinator Pierrette Pape, European Women's Lobby

11.30–12.15 Lunch

12.15 Theme 2: Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation

EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator Myria Vassiliadou, European Commission

Comments

Permanent Secretary Ritva Viljanen, Ministry of the Interior

Ombudsman for Minorities and National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings
Eva Biaudet

13.15 Theme 3: Reducing Demand for Purchased Sex

Detective Superintendent and National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings
Kajsa Wahlberg, National Police Board, Sweden

Comments

District Prosecutor Leena Koivuniemi, Prosecutor's Office of Tampere Region

Adviser Kristiina Luht, Chief specialist of Gender and Equality Department, Ministry
of Social Affairs, Estonia

Current Law Reform Plans in the Ministry of Justice
Counsellor of Legislation Janne Kanerva, Ministry of Justice

Discussion

**14.45–15.00 Closing of Seminar, MP Tarja Filatov, Vice Chair, TANE and
Employment and Equality Committee (Chair)**