

ISF/SO3/2024/9

« Crime prevention and combating human trafficking »

Date of Signing the Agreement: 20/12/2024

Project timeline: 01/10/2024 – 31/12/2027

Project budget: € 268,776.51

Description of the project:

Cyprus is a destination country for victims of human trafficking. The main forms of human trafficking encountered in Cyprus are, trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation, labor exploitation, begging as well as trafficking for the purpose of committing other criminal acts. In order to combat human trafficking, terrorism, radicalization and organized crime, member states are taking measures of a legislative and operational nature.

The need for the implementation of this project arose due to the fact that in recent years an increase in crime, including human trafficking and organized crime, has been observed within the territory of Cyprus.

Therefore, within the framework of specific objective 3 (SO3) – Prevention and Combating Crime and in accordance with the action plan of the Chief of Police for Combating Serious and Organized Crime, which is also supported by the European Strategy as well as the National Program of the Internal Security Fund 2021-2027, Cyprus Police, along with the Office for Combating Human Trafficking and the Office for Crime Prevention, will contribute to the achievement of the following objectives:

- Purchase of equipment
- Trainings
- Upgrading the interviewing room for victims of human trafficking
- Construction of a lecture hall for organizing awareness and information campaigns for the public with the aim of preventing and combating human trafficking
- Awareness – raising campaigns by the Office for Combating Human Trafficking and Crime Prevention Office
- Strengthening the operational capabilities of the members who work at the Crime Prevention Office and Community Policing

Expected benefits:

The accomplishment of the above-mentioned objectives will contribute in the following:

- strengthening the operational readiness of the members serving at the Office for Combating Human Trafficking, the Crime Prevention Office and Community Policing
- prevention and combating human trafficking
- improvement on how to conduct awareness-raising campaigns and communication with the public
- informing and raising public awareness regarding human trafficking, organized crime, terrorism and radicalization

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