

Fighting Human Trafficking

TOGETHER

IN EUROPE

Dear Partners and Friends,

The situation in Europe is outrageous. Human Trafficking and modern slavery expand more and more:

90% of prostituted women in Germany are either trafficked for sexual exploitation or prostitute themselves out of a social or personal difficulty

*Prostitution in Germany is characterized by **young, inexperienced women, mainly from Romania or Bulgaria**, who "work" in prostitution under precarious living conditions with dumping prices and health-endangering services, hand over their money (to operators, pimps, family of origin) and often experience violence*

(Brochure of „Gemeinsam gegen Menschenhandel“, Nicht FREI und nicht WILLIG - Kampagne SchattenDasein)

Considering this situation, it is more important than ever to promote **prevention and professional assistance for victims IN THE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.**

YWAM Bulgaria and Esther Ministries e.V. (GER) are engaged in this field in Bulgaria. Our experience in Bulgaria shows that on one hand there is a great need for education and prevention in all strata of the population. On the other hand it is necessary to establish a good aftercare for victims. Therefore we would like to support the local churches to fulfil this task. For it is important, that the Christians in Bulgaria understand the European situation regarding human trafficking. Then they are ready to take care of victims of human trafficking in their hometowns and villages. This is especially crucial for victims who cannot make the exit in Germany or anywhere else in Europe, because of their different cultural background and lack of language knowledge.

*Our vision is to tackle human trafficking at its roots
in the home countries.*

We would like to invite you to join us and many other Bulgarian church and organization leaders to explore the opportunities and possibilities for combating human trafficking in the countries of origin. During a

3-day conference (07-09.09.2022) in Sofia, Bulgaria

we would like to get to know each other, to establish contacts, to build networks, to involve Bulgarian churches, to learn to understand better the Bulgarian context and **to explore concrete ways of how a strong prevention campaign and a successful aftercare for victims can look like.**

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We will be very happy if you have the opportunity to participate at the conference! We are at your disposal for any further questions.

We thank you in advance for an early feedback via the button below if you are interested in the event!

[Feedback](#)



Best regards,

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