

Human Trafficking Workshop

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Welcome & introductions







Some context

Garda operation sees dozens questioned on suspicion of buying sex

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Gardaí searched 58 premises were conducted in 29 other and questioned almost 80 peo- countries during the same peple suspected of paying for riod, in what the Garda said sex, as part of an EU-wide initi- was a "large-scale internation" ative targeting human traffick- al action against trafficking in

One man was also arrested on suspicion of running a Forced criminality brothel and one woman was This involved investigations identified as a victim of sexual into sexual exploitation, exploitation during the nation- forced criminality, and forced wide operation, the Garda begging. The initiative was led said.

Under legislation passed in co-ordinated by Europol. 2017, it is illegal to purchase sexual services from a traf- over 147,000 people and alficked person. As part of the most 100,000 vehicles. A total operation, the Garda focused of 212 people were arrested on enforcing this aspect of the for offences including trafficklegislation in 16 Garda divi- ing in human beings, money sions on November 11th and laundering, pimping and 12th. The operation was led by fraud, Europol said, About the National Protective Servic- 650 potential human traffickes Bureau (NPSB), supported ing victims, including 57 chilby local protective services bu- dren, were identified. They reaux and detectives.

"Safeguarding" visits were conducted with 45 people of goods such as false driver's working in the sex trade and licenses, weapons and hard another 77 people were ques- drugs. The information tioned "on suspicion of having gleaned from these action purchased sexual activity".

Fifty-eight locations "relat- 327 new cases, along with the ed to the sex trade" were tar- possible identification of furgeted and one man suspected ther suspects and of human of running a brothel was de- trafficking," Europol said in a tained. Gardaí also seized over statement.

£10,000 believed to be the proceeds of crime from the sex trade, Similar operations human beings"

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CY It involved the checking of came from four continents.

"There were also seizures days has led to the opening of • Global issue

- 2 day operation in Ireland: 58 premises: 80 people questioned
- 29 other countries
- Operation coordinated by Europol, led by Romania & Austria
- 147,000 people & 100,000 vehicles checked
- 650 potential victims, 57 children, 4 continents
- 327 new cases opened

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Human trafficking in NI

- Global but happening here too
- Invisible Traffick





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