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# ASSISTING TRAFFICKED WOMEN

## WEBINAR

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Best practice principles  
of gender-specific legal  
assistance and integration  
supports to third country  
national female victims  
of trafficking for sexual  
exploitation.

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Some reflections on  
trafficking of women  
and girls for sexual  
exploitation

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[Data collection on trafficking in human beings in the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

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## Who are the victims?

14 145 victims of trafficking were registered in the EU for 2017 and 2018. Despite efforts, this represents a higher number than in previous reporting period. It is likely that the actual number of victims is significantly higher, as many victims remain undetected.



**Women and girls are the main victims of this serious and organised crime.**

**72 %** of all registered victims were women and girls. Women and girls were the vast majority (92 %) of the victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation in the EU.



**Children accounted for 22 % of all victims.**

Nearly three quarters (74%) of all child victims were EU citizens, the majority of whom (64%) were trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The vast majority (78%) of child victims were girls.



**Half of the victims are EU citizens.**

EU citizens accounted for nearly half (**49 %**) of all victims of trafficking. More than one-third (34 %) of the victims were trafficked in their own EU Member State.

## Forms of trafficking

1

Sexual exploitation remains the most common form of trafficking, with 60 % of the registered victims.

Women were the vast majority (92 %) of the victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation in the EU. The majority (64%) of registered child victims were trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

High-risk environments include: prostitution, escort agencies and services, massage services, bars and nightclubs.

2

Trafficking for labour exploitation affected 15% of all victims.

Labour exploitation predominantly affects men: 68% of all victims were male.

High-risk sectors for labour exploitation include agriculture, construction, car washes, and waste services, but also domestic work, care industry and cleaning.

3

Other forms of trafficking include: forced begging and criminality; forced and sham marriages; and even organ removal.

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