



**SANTA MARTA GROUP**  
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP: TAKING THE LEAD ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## ‘Human Trafficking and Exploitation in Ireland’

Supported by the Garda Síochána, Mary Immaculate College,  
and the Department of Justice & Equality



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# North Atlantic Maritime Project

The Santa Marta Group is a union of Catholic Bishops, Police Chiefs and selected representatives of civil society who together identify joint methods to respond to crimes of Human Trafficking and to support victims

Always bearing in mind the duty of the State to trace perpetrators of these offences

# Purpose of Group

Bring together strategies to utilise resources regionally, nationally and internationally

Improve care and support for victims

Promote better relationships between Law Enforcers and NGOs

Focus on the needs of victims and the pursuit of offenders

# International Conferences/Meetings

- ▶ Rome – Declaration of Commitment
- ▶ London
- ▶ Spain
- ▶ Ireland
- ▶ Rome – October, 2016
- ▶ Rome – February, 2018

# Established Partnerships and enhanced cooperation

Stakeholder Group Ireland established consisting of:

Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)

Garda Síochána

Church

State Agencies

Civil Society

Fishermen's Organisation

International Transport Federation

Co- chaired by:

Bishop Denis Brennan, Bishop of Ferns

Assistant Commissioner John O'Driscoll, Garda Síochána

95 victims of human trafficking in Ireland in 2016 – substantial increase in 2017 in identification in fishing industry

2 Action Days in 2017 – 40 vessels

Stakeholder group meeting - June 2017

Workplace Relations Commission – significant inspections, training, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Atypical Working Scheme

Key stakeholders' include, Fishermen's Organisation and International Transport Federation

Mr Michael Duthie, Deputy Director, Santa Marta Group attended Stakeholders meeting



# Actions since October 2016

- ▶ Continued training for Garda Síochána and PSNI Officers at Garda College – 2 courses in 2017 (1,304 people trained)
- ▶ C-Port Training – 19 trained (Specific Training for persons working at Dublin Port), December 2017
- ▶ Identification of Victims in the Fishing Industry (19 Victims of human trafficking in the Fishing Industry in 2017) – all receiving Support of State
  - ▶ International Transport Federation
  - ▶ Solicitors Dublin



# *Research Project*

# Overview of the HTEPII

- ▶ The Human Trafficking and Exploitation Project in Ireland (HTEPII) will bring together the experience and expertise of researchers and personnel at Mary Immaculate College, *An Garda Síochána*, and the Irish Department of Justice & Equality
- ▶ They will jointly resource a project that will identify/collate /create and analyse databases on human trafficking into and within Ireland, as well as assembling existing high-quality Irish and European data relating to this topic.
- ▶ The project will provide resources for an information campaign that will highlight human trafficking through schools, community and business organisations

# Deliverables:

- ▶ The project will deliver
  - ▶ comprehensive quantitative and qualitative overview and rigorous assessment of human trafficking in Ireland
  - ▶ reliable database for an information workbook and training 'app' for the use of stakeholders in Ireland and more widely in Europe
  - ▶ information materials appropriate for dissemination through business and community engagement and primary and secondary schools, as well as for tertiary level students in Ireland

# Project Executive Board

- ▶ The HTEPII will be a two-year project directed by a Project Executive Board (PEB) composed of senior representatives of the sponsoring organisations as well as a number of independent members.
- ▶ The HTEPII PEB will have 10 members, with 2 from the *Garda Síochána*, 2 from the Department of Justice, 2 from MIC and 4 independent members.

# Responsibilities of the PEB

- ▶ oversight and guidance for the HTEPII project
- ▶ support for the host institution (MIC) and the project staff
- ▶ underwrite decisions that are made at key project milestones
- ▶ review exceptions and see to it that resulting actions are taken
- ▶ agree authorizations and change requests necessary for the project
- ▶ authority to make decisions on high-level operational matters
- ▶ review regular project updates from the project staff
- ▶ project schedule delivery, ensuring that the project meets its goals and that the project stays within budget

# Day to day management

- ▶ The day-to-day operation of the project will be the responsibility of a Postdoctoral Research Fellow who will be employed by Mary Immaculate College and located in its Research Office
- ▶ The Fellow will be supervised and managed at the operational level by Professor Michael Breen (as academic mentor) and Professor Michael Healy (as line manager)
- ▶ The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will not be a member of the HTEPII PEB, but will report to, and take direction from, the PEB as required



# The Research Fellow

The Fellow will:

- ▶ interrogate existing datasets that incorporate human trafficking references
- ▶ organise HTEPII fieldwork
- ▶ liaise with official agencies and NGOs
- ▶ manage research documentation and organise data dissemination
- ▶ arrange advanced information workshops
- ▶ deliver the final report

The Fellow will lead design of dissemination materials for the business and community sectors, primary and secondary schools, and tertiary students