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Object : Information on police activities related to antitrafficking of human beings.

Here below you will find some results that the Albanian State Police has achieved in the fight against trafficking of human being and in particular in the fight against exploitation of women with the purpose of prostitution and begging in 2017.

This rapport was drafted by the Albanian State Police and transmitted to the Liaison Offices in Italy.

During 2017, the fight against illicit trafficking, in particular against human trafficking, has been an important priority not only for the Illicit Trafficking structures but also for all State Police structures. This activity has been developed in accordance with the tasks and objectives as set out in:

- State Police Strategy 2014-2020 and its Action Plan 2015-2017;
- Annual State Police Program for 2017;
- Strategy for Combating Trafficking in Persons and Action Plan 2014 - 2017.
- Documents within the integration process of our country to the EU.

Likewise, it has been closely co-operated with the General Anti-Trafficking Directorate in the development of awareness-raising campaigns on prevention and fight against trafficking of persons, focusing on unaccompanied children, victims of trafficking and street children.

During 2017, the Office of the National Coordinator for the Fight against Trafficking in Persons has held a series of meetings, trainings and workshops in cooperation with state structures and international organizations, partners in the fight against trafficking of persons, part of which have been structures for Investigation of Illegal Trafficking.

During February-March 2017, two trainings were held with teachers of pre-university education institutions "On the use of the curriculum module for the prevention of trafficking in human beings", attended by 80 teachers (40 participants per training), representatives of the Anti-trafficking Regional Committees, IACSF, Chief of Sector of Investigator for Illegal Trafficking.

During March - April 2017 were conducted four awareness raising activities on trafficking issues with 9-year and middle school students in the Tirana Region.

The number of proactive investigations into the fight against trafficking in human beings has increased, focusing on unskilled children, victims of trafficking and street children.

During 2017, the Prosecution Office referred 115 criminal proceedings prosecuted by special investigative methods, from which 94 criminal proceedings were committed for criminal offenses "Trafficking in Persons", "Trafficking in Minors", "Exploitation prostitution", "Smuggling of persons", while for 2016, 88 cases were referred on the above offenses.

It has been increased the exchange of information with international partners through the INTERPOL, EUROPOL, SELEC, etc. offices, with a view to conducting joint investigations and operations to fight the criminal activity in the field of illegal trafficking, mainly to persons suspected of trafficking adults and juvenile for exploitation purposes for prostitution, begging or forced labor.

A very good cooperation with international partners has been in terms of information sharing as well as in the development of joint operations and parallel investigations. So during 2017:

- 19 joint operations were carried out for the wanted persons for extradition.
- Two joint investigations were conducted:
 - Criminal Procedure No. 293/2016, with Spanish counterparts, for the offense "Trafficking in Persons", in charge of a group of 18 Albanian citizens;
 - Criminal Procedure No. 53/2016, with Spanish, French, British, American, Macedonian, Bulgarian counterparts for the criminal offense of "Illegal border crossing" and "Structured Criminal Group" (smuggling of persons);
- There have been 7 operational meetings aimed at exchanging information and joint investigations;
- There have been exchanged 150 Information/paperwork with Interpol.
- There has been exchanged Information with Europol about 145 paperwork.
- There have been exchanged about 97 Information/paperwork with SELEC, Interforza, Liaison Officers.

Increase and strengthening of capacities through training and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies in the fight against trafficking of human beings.

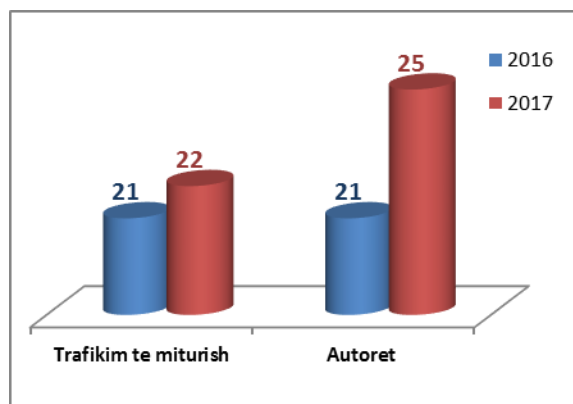
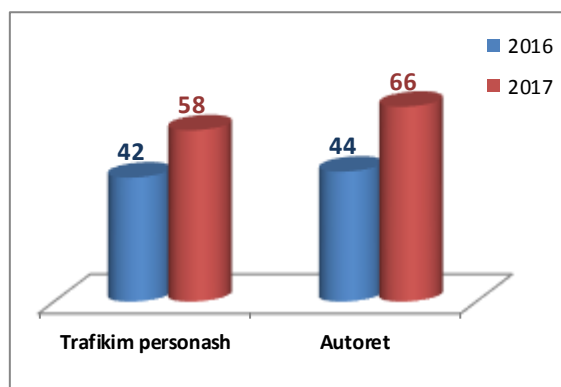
For 2017, the Illicit Trafficking Investigation Structures participated in 31 sessions/trainings, workshops, both in the country and abroad, with 107 beneficiaries.

1. Evidence and Indicators of Crime in the Field of Illegal Trafficking:

Analyzing all labor indicators for 2017 with those of 2016 it is concluded that:

- "Trafficking in Persons" - we have 16 criminal offenses more than 2016 or +38%;
- "Trafficking in minors" - we have 1 criminal offense more than 2016 or + 5%;

- "Prostitution exploitation" - we have 15 criminal offenses more than 2016 or +19%;
- "Keeping premises for prostitution" - we have 2 criminal offenses more than 2016 or +9%;
- "Use of services by trafficked persons" - we have 4 criminal offences more or + 200%



During 2017, a total of 202 criminal acts for trafficking in human beings were identified, out of which 154 were detected or 76.3%, with 260 offenders.

In more detail, the dynamics of Illegal Trafficking criminality and their authors for 2017 are presented in the following table:

NO	CRIMINAL OFFENCES	Evidenced	Detected	Perpetrators					
				In total	Security measure				
					Arrested	Detained	While free	Escaped	Others
1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Trafficking of people	58	43	66	4	2	53	7	0
2	Trafficking of minors	22	19	25	0	1	18	6	0
3	Use of services by trafficked people	5	5	6	0	0	6	0	0
4	Actions facilitating trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Exploitation of prostitution	93	66	124	43	12	60	9	0
6	Keeping premises for prostitution	24	21	39	12	5	22	0	0

2. The Situation of Illegal Trafficking and the Developments of 2017

During 2017 there has been an increase in the identification of criminal offenses for trafficking in human beings, which includes trafficking of adults and juveniles, exploitation for prostitution and a reduction of the criminal offenses of smuggling of persons with 3 offences.

Dominating this year, analyzing the situation, has been the trafficking of adults and exploitation of women for prostitution, particularly in the cities of Tirana, Fier, Vlora, Elbasan, Berat, Durrës.

During 2017, based on statistical data and on the analysis of the criminal situation, Albania remains a country of origin for the trafficking of Albanian nationals towards EU countries, not limited just to prostitution and begging.

3. Criminal groups defeated

During the analyzing period, 7 criminal groups were hit with 92 people involved, for the criminal offenses "Exploitation of Prostitution", "Exercise of Prostitution", "Keeping premises for prostitution", Articles 114,113,115 and 25 of the Criminal Code; with 69 perpetrators, of whom 37 were arrested, 8 detained, 19 prosecuted while free and 5 were declared wanted;