

**Question for written answer E-006325/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Migration in the context of human and sex trafficking

Article 11 of the Anti-trafficking Directive provides for necessary measures to ensure assistance and support to victims before, during and after the conclusion of criminal proceedings.

Its Article 18 addresses the need to prevent trafficking, provide education and training, and discourage demand by establishing as a criminal offence the use of services which are the objects of exploitation.

We know that human and sex trafficking are indeed made possible through migration¹. Unfortunately, it has been reported that female trafficking victims are being trapped in prostitution networks by male traffickers in their countries of origin, including African countries. It turns out that sea 'rescuers' and some non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have become involved in this trafficking, for example by bringing the victims onto European soil, where they become prey for powerful European sex predators.

In the context of the next update of the Anti-trafficking Directive:

1. What specific measures is the Commission prepared to take in order to address the complicity of those NGOs in the horrific human rights abuses committed against vulnerable women and men from outside the EU?
2. Is it also prepared to take action against trafficking networks in migrants' countries of origin?

¹ <https://www.tichyseinblick.de/kolumnen/alexander-wallasch-heute/drama-auf-dem-mittelmeer-von-der-sogenannten-seenotrettung-direkt-in-die-zwangsprostitution/>