

Trafficking in human beings: MEPs to assess results of EU law and ways forward

The results and flaws of the EU rules against human trafficking will be the focus of a debate on Monday, with the aim of identifying possible ways to strengthen the current legal framework.

MEPs of the Civil Liberties and Women's Rights and Gender Equality committees will exchange views with experts such as the former [EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator](#), Myria Vassiliadou, and her successor, Olivier Onidi. Representatives of Europol, EASO, the [UN Office on Drugs and Crime](#) and the Council of Europe [Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings \(GRETA\)](#), among others, will also take part.

The purpose of the discussion is assessing the results of the main legislative tool to combat human trafficking in the EU, the [2011 directive](#) on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims. Both parliamentary committees are currently working on an [implementation report](#) of this text, which should include recommendations for improvement at both national and EU level.

When: Monday, 26 October, from 17.30 to 18.45

Where: European Parliament in Brussels, room József Antall 4Q2, with remote participation

You can [watch the hearing live](#). Due to COVID-19 restrictions, journalists are strongly advised to follow it online.

Check the [full programme](#) of the hearing.

The European Gender Equality Week

The event takes place in the framework of the first [Gender Equality Week](#), organized by the European Parliament at the initiative of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality committee, as a vibrant reminder of the fight against inequality experienced by women. Achievements and future challenges for the advancement of girls' and women's rights and gender equality will be at the center of the [different discussions and hearings](#), covering several policy areas and priorities.

Last week, to mark the [14th EU Anti-Trafficking Day](#), the European Commission published a [study on the economic, social and human costs of Trafficking in Human Beings in the EU](#).

Further information

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
EPRS Study on the Implementation of Directive 2011/36/EU: Migration and gender issues (September 2020)

Study on the economic, social and human costs of Trafficking in Human Beings in the EU (European Commission, October 2020)
Gender Equality Week; Presentation Video

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