

Human Trafficking - how can we cooperate to make a change? (U-FOLD seminar in collaboration with the EU-commission)

Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and a grave violation of human rights. Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, in their own countries and abroad. Almost every country in the world is affected by trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims. UNODC, as guardian of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and the Protocols thereto, assists States in their efforts to implement the protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons. There is a strong need for competent legal representation in the judicial matters involving victims of human trafficking. The quality of legal aid is an essential component in achieving access to proper justice by the victims. Countries as Romania and Bulgaria are one of the main origin states for victims of human trafficking and the number of specialized lawyers to protect their rights in the judicial proceedings is an insufficient one. The need to train lawyers and increase the number of victims represented by specialized legal practitioners is an important aspect that stays at the basis of the project's development. On November 7 U-FOLD organize a seminar focusing on this problem collecting participants from both Romania and Bulgaria but also from other European Countries as Germany and Sweden. Our aim is to highlight this problem with a particular focus on the role of addictive drugs in then actual issue.

Place: Alma Minor, Gustavianum, Uppsala University

Time: November 7, 9.30–16.00 (free entry)



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09.00-09.30 *Registration of Participants*

09.30-10.00 **Introduction**
Fred Nyberg, professor & Coordinator of U-FOLD, Uppsala University

Statement of the EU-project

Ruth Nordström, Chief Lawyer Scandinavian Human Right Lawyers

Silvia Berbec, President of The Association Pro Refugiu

- 10.00-10.45 **The work against Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) in Sweden – the Nordic Model to fight the phenomenon / The cooperation in Sweden between Lawyers, Prosecutors and Judges to protect victims rights**
Per-Anders Sunesson, Swedish Ambassador against Human Trafficking
- 10.45-11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00–11.30 **THB-Drugs Abuse/Victim Rehabilitation**
Elsie Lindqvist, Ms – The Swedish Angel in the Red Light District”
- 11.30–12.00 **The Impact of Addictive Drugs on Trafficking**
Fred Nyberg, Professor at Uppsala University
- 12.00-13.00 **Lunch**
- 13.00–14.15 **The Protective Measures for The Victims of THB in Sweden**
Madeleine Sundell, National Chair Anti Human Trafficking

Ruth Nordström, Chief Lawyer Scandinavian Human Right Lawyers
- 14.15-14.30 **Coffee Break**
- 15.00-16.00 **The Criminal Trial Procedures in Sweden (Trafficking Cases)**
Helena Ljunggren, Chief Prosecutor
Thomas Ahlstrand, Chief Prosecutor
- 16.00 **End of Seminar**

