



Preventing Human Trafficking and Sham Marriages:

A multidisciplinary solution (HESTIA)

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Training methodology and materials

**“Preventing Sham Marriages as a Form of
Human Trafficking: Training of Multipliers”
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The **goal** of the training programme is to prepare various specialists – further education trainers for arising awareness on the subject in specialist teams, as well as to initiate awareness on the subject in the whole society.

Main **tasks** of the training programme are:

- ❖ to structure knowledge of professionals about human trafficking
- ❖ to increase knowledge about exploitative sham marriages as a form of human trafficking
- ❖ to show to the professionals that it is possible to stop the process of sham marriages in each stage, thus in general preventing the abuse of people in this human trafficking form.

The **target group** of the training programme are specialists of various fields - social workers, police officers, media representatives, teachers/educational staff, health professionals, staff of the youth centres and social care centres, border guards, librarians, employees of the State Employment Agencies, recruitment office employees, airport workers, guardians, lawyers, prosecutors, etc.

Methodology of the training programme

A **descriptive-theoretical part** is offered for mastering of the training programme on topics:

- "Trafficking in human beings" concept and purpose
- A phenomenon of a sham marriage
- Recruitment mechanism
- Vulnerability of the victim, forms and factors of vulnerability
- Signs indicating of sham marriages
- Support system for victims of exploitative sham marriages

Methodology of the training programme: practical part

Preventive measures to prevent the phenomenon of exploitative sham marriage

- Different methods are offered during classes, their description is provided
- Several “target groups” are provided for insight
- Topics from the theoretical part are used in the work
- Video links
- Appended to the training programme are descriptions of social cases, which can be used during the entire training course and when mastering specific topics.

Use of the methodology in practice

- Based on the information included in the material, it is recommended to conduct two-day trainings, of which 10-12 academic hours should be devoted to theoretical information, but 4-6 academic hours should be devoted to the development of skills in practical work on prevention activities.
- Members of the group are given an **assignment**: to choose a topic from the theoretical part, which should be explained to the target group using the specific method.
- If a group wishes to diversify methods, then it can be provided the possibility to choose one or 2 additional methods.

Highlights

- In a task, it is most important to motivate future trainers to talk about the topic, which they have mastered, despite that fact that not all the questions can be readily answered.
- A training group by itself is a perfect resource to supplement performance of methods and creative performance.
- It is important that all the further education trainers participate in the completion of the task.

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