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In October and November 2018 the partners of the project Strengthening multidisciplinary cooperation to ensure an effective referral, assistance, rights protection for victims of human trafficking successfully implemented a series of conferences having as purpose to disseminate the results of the transnational project and also to discuss on further strategies to improve international cooperation to combat human trafficking and to ensure that victims have access to comprehensive legal assistance and other support services. The project was implemented over a period of two years, January 2017 – December 2018, having as coordinator Association Pro Refugiu Romania and as partners Center for the Study of Democracy Bulgaria, Caritas International Belgium, Association Trabe Iniciativas para la Economia Social y Solidaria Spain, Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers Sweden. The partners implemented 3 local conferences in Romania, Bulgaria, Spain and 1 transnational final conference in Belgium.

The local conferences aimed to disseminate the results of the project towards local anti-trafficking stakeholders and to discuss on the importance of multi-disciplinary cooperation in fighting human trafficking and victims' assistance. At the events attended lawyers, prosecutors, judges, anti-trafficking governmental agencies, law enforcement agencies, NGOs, social departments with competencies in assistance for victims etc.

- Local Conference in Sofia 16 October 2018
- Local Conference in Bucharest 1 November 2018
- Local Conference in Madrid 27 November 2018











The final conference was held in Brussels on 29-30 November 2018. The event brought together participants from project countries (Belgium, Bulgaria, Romania, Spain, Sweden) and from other EU / non-EU member states (Germany, Ukraine, Albania). The aim of the conference was not only to present what was achieved in the project, it was much more than this, as it allowed to talk about the implications of human trafficking upon victims, the need to improve legal assistance and the referral procedures, the deontological principles that should to be respected by professionals coming into contact with victims, the importance of multi-disciplinary work at transnational level. At the conference attended lawyers, prosecutors, judges, social workers, psychologists from institutions and non-governmental organizations, representatives of the European Commission.























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