

European Conference: IX<sup>th</sup> Edition

## TOGETHER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

### Challenges of Child Trafficking from Romania

15 December 2023, 10:00-15:00

Romanian-American University, Senate Hall & Online, Bucharest

The European Center for Legal Education and Research (ECLER), together with the members of the STOP-AT consortium, has the pleasure to invite you to attend the IX<sup>th</sup> edition of the “[Together Against Human Trafficking: Challenges of Child Trafficking from Romania](#)” forum, which also marks the final conference of the [STOP-AT project](#). The event celebrates *the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights* and *the International Human Rights Day*, taking place at the Romanian-American University, in Bucharest, on the 15th of December 2023.

On this occasion, there will also be launched the *REACT Initiative (Initiative for Research Excellence against Child Trafficking)*, as part of the regional consortium of research centers for excellence in prevention of human trafficking, developed by the Netherlands National Police, with the support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Romania, and hosted by the Romanian-American University.

Please confirm your participation to this event until December 10, 2023, by filling in the [online form](#). In appreciation of your efforts, the European Center for Legal Education and Research will issue certificates of participation in accordance with the terms on the form. We are very pleased to have you with us!

In 2014, TAHT was launched as an annual European Forum organized to facilitate the discussion among relevant actors for a stronger and more coordinated response to trafficking in persons, mainly women and children, in Europe. Through its activities, ECLER joins and promotes the EUROPOL’s “[Say No!](#)” prevention campaign on online sexual coercion and extortion.

The IX<sup>th</sup> edition of the conference “[Together Against Human Trafficking](#)” addresses the main challenges that we face in preventing and combating trafficking in minors or protecting the survivors in the current regional context and Schengen integration of Romania, emphasizing the need for effective inter-institutional cooperation and better referral mechanisms for children. Eradication of human trafficking is impossible without a strong transnational cooperation in criminal matters, based on an integrated and comprehensive approach.

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## AGENDA

**10:00 – 11:00**

### **INTRODUCTORY SPEECHES (EN & RO)**

**Silvia TĂBUȘCĂ**, Human Security Program Coordinator, ECLER

**Oana ȚIGĂNESCU**, Outcome Coordinator, FDSC

**Mihaela PRUNĂ**, Dean, School of Law, Romanian-American University

**Iulian DINU**, Senior Legal Advisor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Romania

**Ioana MOROVAN**, Journalist, G4Media

**Mirela NEAG/Cătălin TOLONTAN**, Investigative Journalists

**11:00 – 12:00**

### **ACTUAL CHALLENGES ON CHILD TRAFFICKING (EN & RO)**

**Nicolae Gabriel GORUNESCU**, Vice-President of ANPDCA, Secretary of State

**Cerasela BĂNICĂ**, Member of the Directory Board, CNCDD, Secretary of State

**Maria-Cristina STEPANESCU**, Director ANITP

**Adriana SĂFTOIU**, Former Vice-President of the 2020 [Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry into the Situation of Missing Children](#) (*tbc*)

**12:00 – 13:00**

### **Lunch break**

**13:00 – 14:30**

### **WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AGAINST CHILD TRAFFICKING (RO)**

#### **Group work with DGASPC's representatives**

- identification of the effective practical challenges
- what should be changed/improved?
- how these changes may be implemented?
- who should be involved to make these changes effective?

**14:30 – 15:00**

### **PLENARY PRESENTATIONS/ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION (RO)**

Moderator: **Silvia TĂBUȘCĂ**, Human Security Program Coordinator, ECLER

The conference is organized in the STOP-AT project (We Signal Traffic, Stop The Danger - Anti-Trafficking), a project developed by the Value Plus Association in partnership with the European Center for Education and Legal Research, G4Media, Cultural Social Economical Association Christiana, Freedom House Romania and Service of Jesuits for Refugees in Romania Association with the financial support of Active Citizens Fund Romania, a program funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014-2021.

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