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# **WE FIND... WHAT WE LOOK FOR**

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ECLER is a non-profit organization that promotes human rights, democracy and the rule of law. Our **mission** is to contribute to the elimination of human rights violations in Europe through research, advocacy, education, training and community organizing.

**The Romanian Independent Working Group** against Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling (Romanian THB-WG) was established in 2015 at the ECLER's initiative, which provides also the secretariat, and it is an independent forum for discussion, research and advocacy.

ECLER cooperates with national and international institutions/organizations, mainly on:

1. Roma – children/families trafficked
2. persons with disabilities – trafficked for begging/petty crimes
3. institutionalized children/children in poverty – sexual/labour exploitation
4. women's rights - educated girls (lover boy procedure)
5. aliens - asylum seekers and migrants

## Modern Slavery and Trafficking in Human Beings (THB)

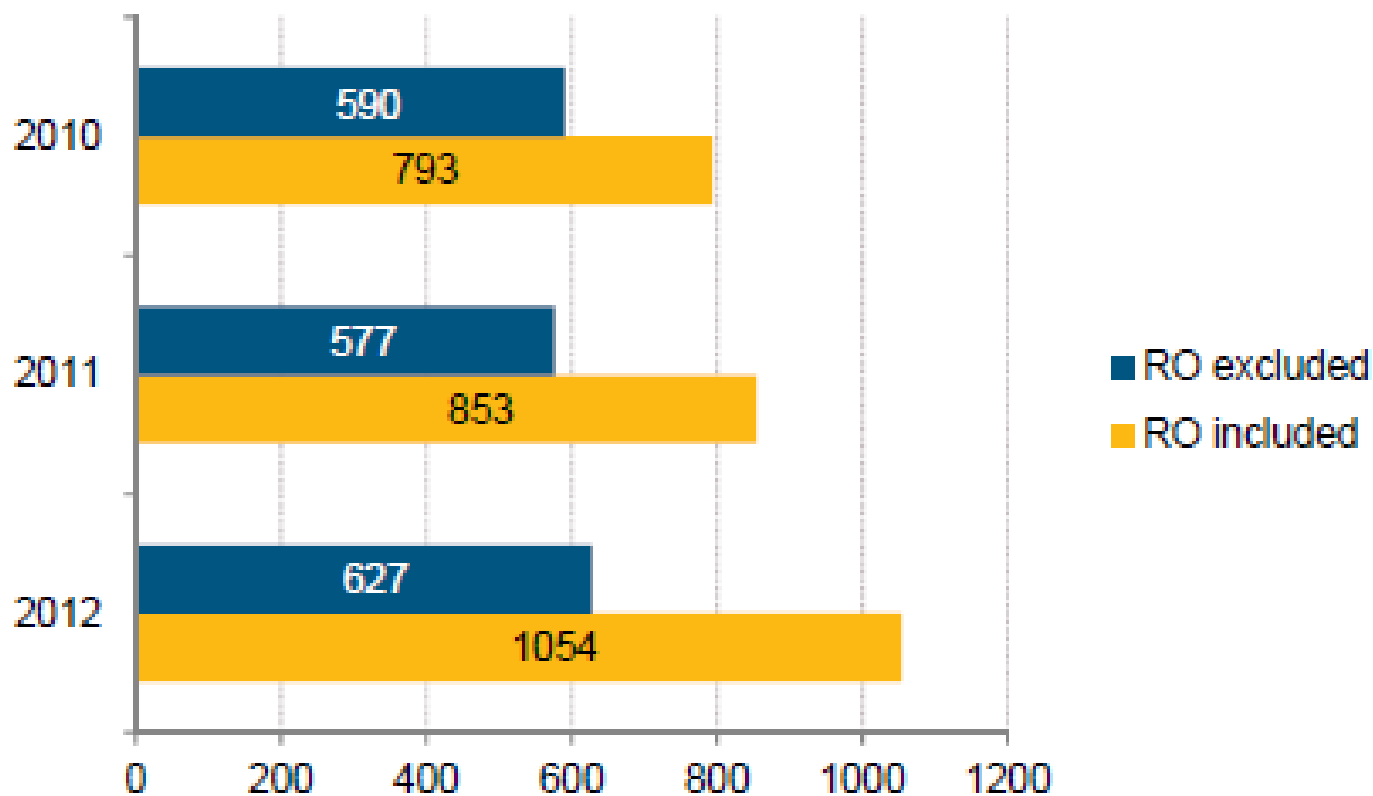
- Romania – an European issue?
- Challenges:
  - 1.no political will/high level corruption/ a lot of money (about 27 million euros/day for Ro THB “enterprises”)
  - 2.new trends (3/5 years of exploitation – networks get rid of victims -> labour exploitation/traffickers/illegal removal of organs)

Table 2: Countries reporting citizenship of EU victims in (2010-2012)

Country of origin / citizenship of victims reported	Countries reporting victims in 2010 - 2012, sorted in decreasing order of the number of registered victims by citizenship																				Total Registered Victims								
	EU, EFTA, EU Candidate and Potential Candidate Countries																												
	RO	BG	NL	HU	PL	FR	SK	DE	LV	CZ	RS	LT	UK	ES	EE	HR	IE	EL	SI	BE		IT	CH	FI	DK	CY	LU	MT	IS
Romania	3 230		218	<5	65	427	434		6	<5		493	464		<5	19	126	<5	62	472	13	5	23	24	7	<5		6 101	
Bulgaria		1 698	421		44	167	<5	370		35	<5		63	29			5	75	<5	49	50	13		<5	15	<5	<5	3 043	
Netherlands			1 079										<5															1 080	
Hungary			394	153	<5	40		156					243				<5	<5	9	<5		41		<5				1 046	
Poland			187		263	12		92		<5		<5	405				5			6		<5	<5	<5	<5			976	
France			<5			476		<5					6												<5	<5		491	
Slovakia			49				78	26		10			296					6	6		<5		<5					477	
Germany		<5	19			<5		389					<5															415	
Latvia			12					25	277	<5			34				<5	<5							<5	<5		355	
Czech Republic			<5			<5		41		34			233				<5	<5	5	<5			<5	<5				351	
Serbia	<5		<5			5		20			230		<5				<5	<5	<5	5					<5	<5		269	
Lithuania			22			<5		16				50	146				<5	<5	<5					<5	<5			244	
United Kingdom													197															205	
Spain			<5			8		<5				<5	117															132	
Estonia			<5					<5					<5	55									8		<5	5		77	
Turkey			11					41				<5	<5										<5	<5				61	
Croatia			<5									<5																32	
Ireland																												32	
Portugal				9				<5																				27	
Greece	<5		5					<5																				14	
Slovenia								<5																				13	
Belgium			<5			<5		<5					<5															8	
Italy			<5		<5	<5		<5					<5															6	
Montenegro								<5				5																6	
Austria			<5			<5						<5															1	4	
Switzerland						<5																			<5			3	
Finland			<5																									2	
Norway								<5																				2	
Denmark																											1	1	
Cyprus																												1	
Total victims	3 233	1 700	2 476	156	375	1 153	79	1 626	277	87	241	51	2 138	610	55	29	66	212	40	142	522	73	20	39	47	22	4	1	15 474

Key:  Citizens of reporting country  10 – 99 victims  100 – 399 victims  400+ victims

Figure 17: Number of convicted traffickers



Source: Eurostat (Based on data from 22 Member States. See Table A22 In Annex)

## Trafficking for illegal removal of organs

- Children in orphanages/institutionalized persons
- Vulnerable groups, mainly poor communities and aliens
- Hospital patients (role of National Agency for Transplant)

Victims of human trafficking for illegal removal of organs:

- 700 human organs for sale free online in Romania
  - including children (links behind words)
  - 16 yo <http://www.anunturi-on-line.ro/anunt.php?id=657390>
  - 14 yo <http://www.anunturi-on-line.ro/anunt.php?id=649933>

## Romanian transplant system

- Lack of transparency
- Unclear legislation
- Rumors and independent journalistic investigations about illegal removal of organs in Romania
  - <https://www.riseproject.ro/traficantul-de-organe>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i63-s3FpFnk>
- Transnational powerful networks



**DATA REPORTED BY ROMANIA TO WHO**

Deceased donors: **42**; Multiorgan donors: **75%**

Cadaveric transplants: **91 kidneys**

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ACTIVITY DATE: YEAR 2009

COUNTRY: Romania ORGANIZATION: National Transplant Agency  
Population (million inhabitants): 21.000.000

DONATION

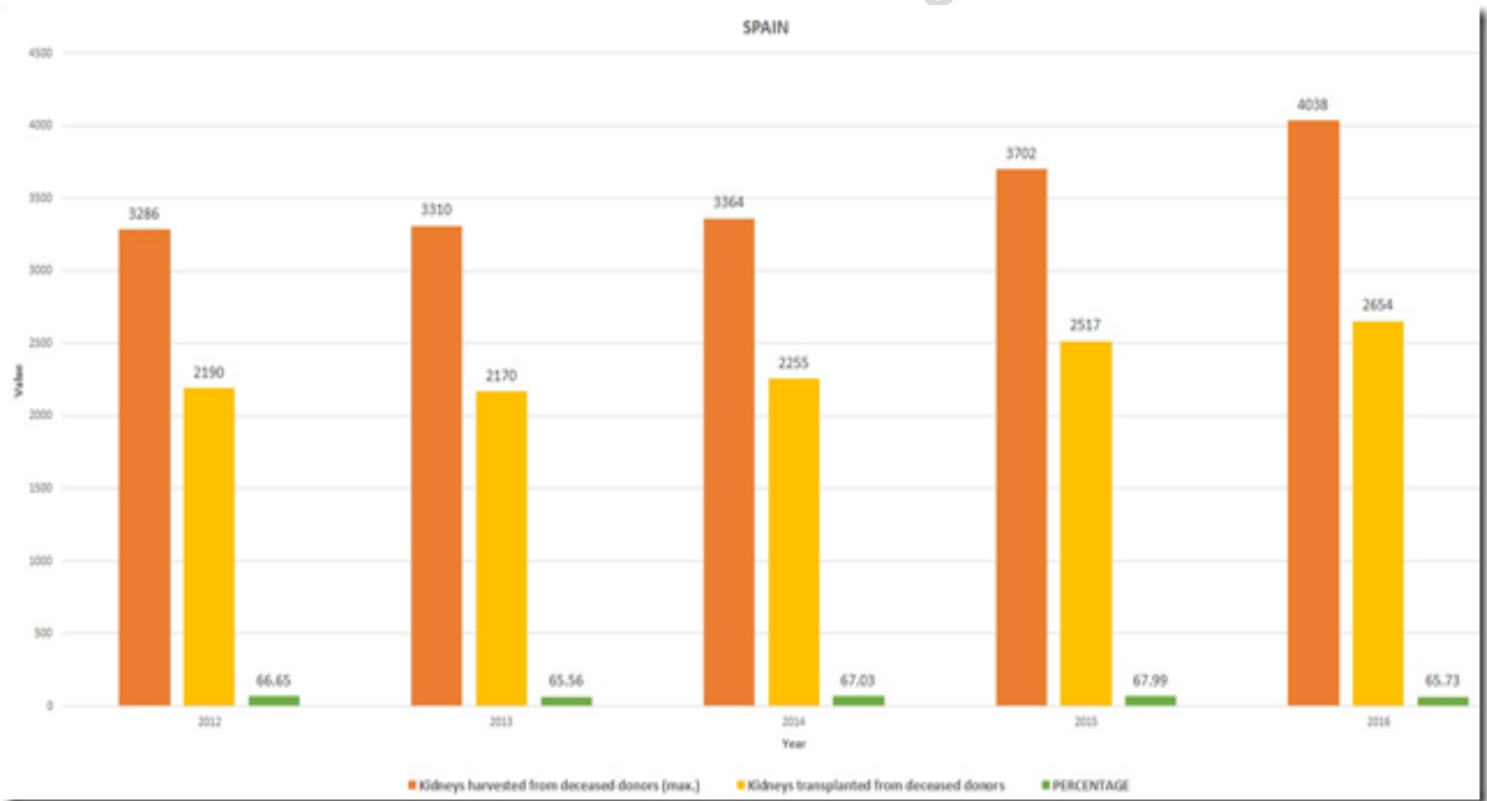
	Absolute Number	Rate (pmp)	Paediatric <15 y
Deceased donors (Included NHBD)	42	2,0	3
Non heart beating donors (NHBD)	0	0	0
% Multiorgan donors	75%		

TRANSPLANTATION

	Absolute Number	Rate (pmp)	Paediatric <15 y
<b>KIDNEY</b>			
TX (included all the combinations)	203	9.67	7
Cadaveric transplants	90	4,29	4
- Single TX	89	4.24	4
- Double TX	1	0,05	0

**DATA REPORTED BY SPAIN TO WHO**

Only 60 to 70% of organs removed from deceased can be transplanted in practice  
 SPAIN - the most transparent transplant system in the world for more than 25 years

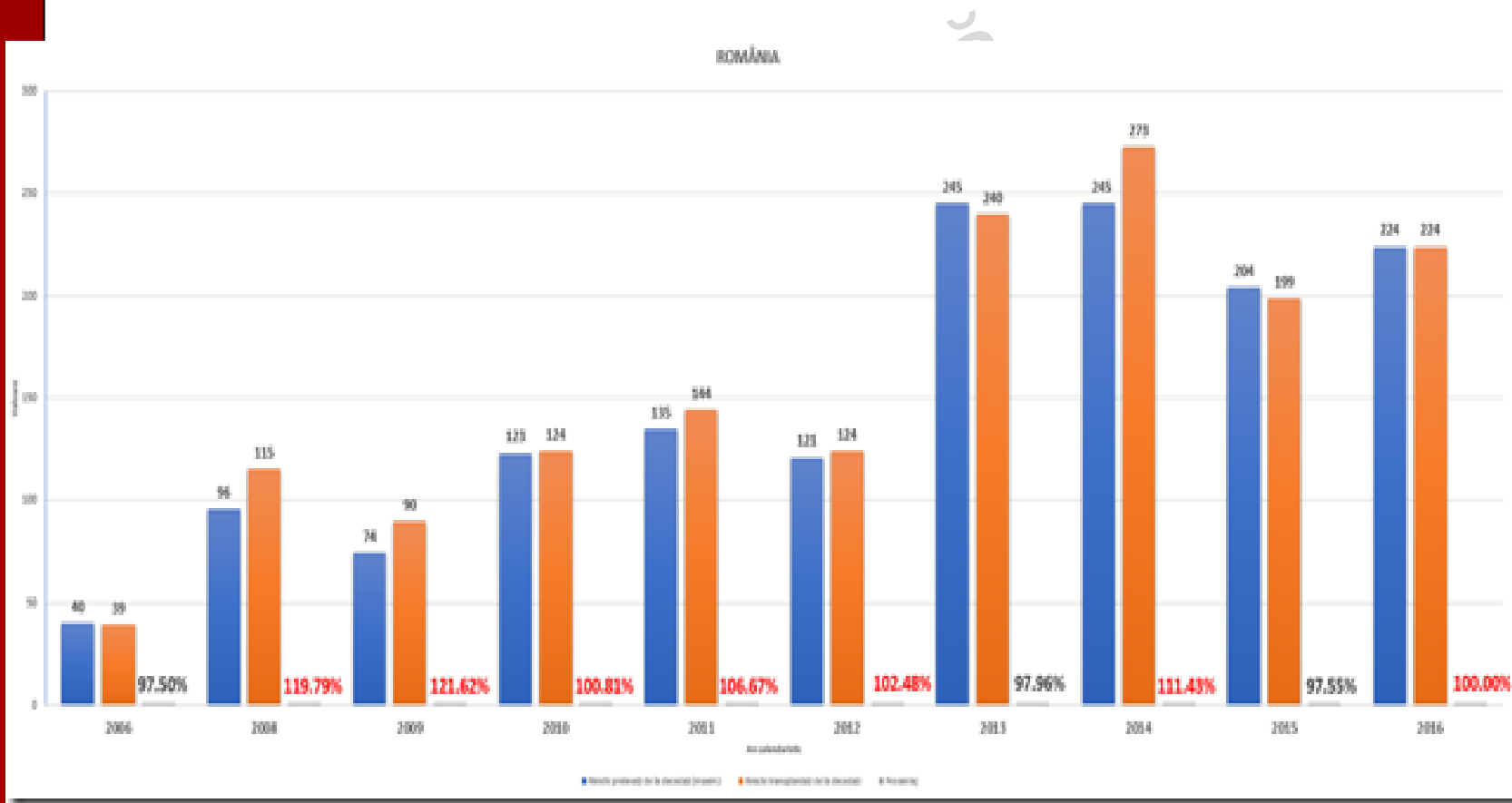


**DATA REPORTED BY Romania TO WHO**

2006-2016

For each year the compatibility rate is higher than 97%

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Cases investigated by journalists without response from the national authorities:

1. [Netcare](#) – South Africa, 2003 (all countries involved prosecuted members of the network, not Romania);
  - [there is mentioned a Romanian victim girl of 15-16 yo, but we know that there were 5 minors.](#)
2. [Med New Life](#) – trafficking in human eggs (former director of the National Agency for Transplant part of the network and sentenced - 3months suspended sentence)
3. [Lucan](#) - Romania (authorities investigate ONLY economic crimes, not trafficking in persons for illegal organs removal);
4. Windy – Romania 2015



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Lets call this odious crime, that affects millions of persons, on its lawful name –

## CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

with a R2P of all countries around the world

## The Independent Tribunal into Forced Organ Harvesting from Prisoners of Conscience in China

China Tribunal: Final Judgement and Report 17th June 2019

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