



# PROJET CAPISCE

Child victims of trafficking: Access to Protection and Information based on their Specific needs during Criminal investigation and proceedings

**Location :** Belgium, France, Italy and the Netherlands

**Duration :** October 2019 - September 2021 (2 years)

**Budget :** 604 592 € (UE : 483 673 €)

## CONTEXT

The four targeted countries (Belgium, France, Italy, The Netherlands) have victims exploited in trafficking. Getting an accurate estimate of the extent of the phenomenon is not easy due to the hidden nature of the crime. Victims can be foreigners and their voice cannot be heard or understood because of the language. Moreover, victims do not file a complaint for several reasons: none physical protection, fear of reprisals, fear of sharing personal information, fear of being in contact with the offenders. Victims of trafficking in human beings have, because of their situation, specific rights whose purpose is to guarantee effective protection. Without their victim's right guaranteed, they will not access the protection they need.

It is essential that the victim's voice can be heard and understood. Indeed, it is often on the basis of victims' testimonies that legal proceedings are opened and progressed. It is therefore necessary that the victim throughout these proceedings can complete these statements and be informed of the progress of the case in order to assert its rights. Therefore, for foreign victims, the assistance of an interpreter is essential for the implementation of protection. While it should be noted that not all victims of trafficking in human beings are foreign nationals, the data available in participating countries show that many victims do not speak the language of the country in which they are exploited. There is yet a need for professional interpreters to be trained on the specificities of (child) trafficking.

## OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The general objective of the project is **to strengthen the application of the EU criminal law in the area of the rights of child victims of trafficking.**



## EXPECTED RESULTS

### Result 1

To enhance status, expertise and mission of interpreters regarding the protection of child victims of trafficking

### Result 2

To enhance protection of victims of trafficking, more specifically children during criminal investigation and proceedings

## KEY ACTIVITIES



**Creation of one training module for interpreters in Europe with a focus on child victims and situation of trafficking**

**Training sessions for interpreters to better understand the context of trafficking especially for minors, and the role they can play in their protection**



**Elaboration of a terminology guide for professionals working with victims of trafficking from Nigerian criminal networks**

**Sensitization of multidisciplinary professionals on the role, needs and guarantees of interpreters to protect victims of trafficking, including minors**



**National researches and comparative research regarding the protection of victims of trafficking, including minors, during criminal investigations and proceedings**

**Organisation of a European workshop to gather findings of the comparative research and to exchange good practices**



**Dissemination at national and European level of the comparative research in order to improve the systems**

## PARTNERS

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