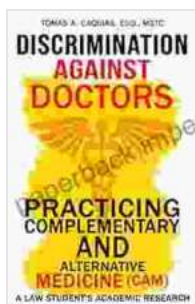


# The External Dimension of the EU Policy Against Trafficking in Human Beings

Human trafficking, a heinous crime that exploits individuals for profit, continues to plague our global society. In response to this pressing issue, the European Union (EU) has developed a comprehensive policy framework that encompasses both internal and external dimensions. This article delves into the external dimension of the EU's anti-trafficking policy, shedding light on its complexities and the multifaceted strategies employed to tackle this transnational scourge.



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## Partnerships for Cooperation

Recognizing the global nature of human trafficking, the EU prioritizes collaboration with non-member states and international organizations. Through bilateral agreements and multilateral platforms, the EU fosters partnerships to enhance information sharing, strengthen law enforcement, and provide support to victims. Key partnerships include:

- **United States:** The EU and the U.S. collaborate closely on anti-trafficking efforts, sharing best practices and coordinating joint initiatives.
- **UN agencies:** Partnerships with UN agencies, such as the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), enable the EU to address trafficking from a global perspective.
- **Third countries:** The EU engages with countries of origin, transit, and destination to support their anti-trafficking measures, including capacity building and technical assistance.

## **Victim Protection Abroad**

Beyond border control and law enforcement, the EU recognizes the importance of protecting victims of trafficking overseas. This involves ensuring access to essential services, such as shelter, medical care, and legal assistance, in non-EU countries. Through partnerships and financial support, the EU assists local organizations in providing these vital services.

## **Global Governance and Advocacy**

The EU actively participates in international forums, advocating for the strengthening of global governance mechanisms against trafficking. As an active member of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action

against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), the EU contributes to the development of international standards and best practices.

Furthermore, the EU supports the work of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT), a UN task force that coordinates efforts among international organizations involved in combating trafficking.

### **Addressing Root Causes**

Recognizing that human trafficking often stems from poverty, inequality, and lack of opportunity, the EU's external policy also addresses the root causes of trafficking. By promoting sustainable development, supporting education and job creation, and strengthening human rights, the EU seeks to create conditions that reduce vulnerability to exploitation.

### **Measuring Impact and Future Directions**

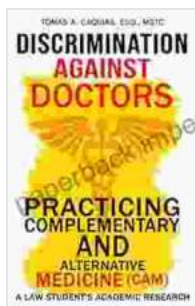
Evaluating the effectiveness of the EU's external anti-trafficking policy is crucial. The EU utilizes various monitoring mechanisms, such as progress reports and stakeholder consultations, to assess the impact of its initiatives.

As the landscape of human trafficking evolves, the EU continues to adapt its policy. Emerging areas of focus include addressing the use of technology for trafficking purposes, enhancing victim identification and referral, and promoting ethical recruitment practices in global supply chains.

The EU's external dimension of the policy against trafficking in human beings represents a multifaceted approach that combines partnerships, victim protection, global governance, and root cause analysis. By fostering

cooperation with non-member states, providing support to victims overseas, advocating for stronger global governance, and addressing the root causes of trafficking, the EU plays a vital role in combating this heinous crime and protecting vulnerable individuals worldwide.

As the fight against human trafficking continues, the EU's commitment to the external dimension of its policy remains unwavering. By working in solidarity with international partners and implementing innovative strategies, the EU strives to create a world where human dignity is respected and exploitation is eradicated.



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