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Short Film Screening & Debate on European Union Anti – Trafficking Day

The European Commission will mark EU Anti-Trafficking Day 2016 with a short film screening followed by a discussion on human anti-trafficking in Nicosia on the 18th of October, from 15:45 – 18:00 at the Cyprus Turkish Medical Association and on the 21st October, from 15:45 – 18:00 at Famagusta Bandabulya in partnership with MAGEM, Refugee Rights Association and Cyprus Turkish Medical Association. The topics will include EU's policy on human anti-trafficking, factors that lead to trafficking in human beings, the work of NGOs in this area as well as the local situation, measures and recommendations.

The aim of the events is to raise awareness on trafficking in human beings and increase the exchange of information, knowledge and best practices amongst the different actors working in this field.

The European Union's policy for addressing trafficking in human beings is comprehensive focusing on prevention, protection of victims, prosecution of criminals, and the developing partnerships with the various actors involved. This approach is human rights based, victims centred, gender specific and child sensitive.

As part of their EU-funded project, Youthopia – human rights project, MAGEM recently carried out a research component on human trafficking in the northern part of Cyprus. The Refugee Rights Association (RRA), as part of their EU-funded project "Human Rights for All," promotes the rights of the refugees with another NGO partner, KISA. The Cyprus Turkish Medical Association is concerned with the health aspects of human trafficking victims including access to services.

Background:

The annual EU Anti-Trafficking Day on 18 October makes both policymakers and the general public reflect upon the response to trafficking in human beings in Europe. Countries still face challenges in properly identifying trafficked persons, providing them with adequate assistance, prosecuting perpetrators and measuring the overall impact of such actions. Observations show that this is particularly difficult in cases of trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation.

Trafficking in human beings is a serious crime and a gross violation of human rights, which can be classified as a modern form of slavery. It occurs all over the world and affects almost every country as an origin, transit or destination country or sometimes a combination of all.

Participation in the event is free. Interested participants are kindly invited to register.

Interested individuals can get more information on these events on the EU Infopoint Facebook page [f/abbilgi](https://www.facebook.com/abbilgi) or by contacting the EU Infopoint: info@abbilgi.eu, 228 2577 and 11A Hasene Ilgaz Sokak, Köşklüçiftlik Nicosia.

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