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## **EU Anti-Trafficking Panel: “Don’t be indifferent to Human Trafficking!”**

The European Commission will mark EU Anti-Trafficking Day 2015 with a panel organised by the EU Infopoint. The panel will take place on the Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce, from 10:45 to 13:00. The topics will include human trafficking, trafficking victims and factors that lead to human trafficking, the EU Policy on human trafficking and measures in the Turkish Cypriot community.

The aim 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 with participation of stakeholders and an EU expert. The panel will focus on sex exploitation and forced labour in Europe and the Turkish Cypriot community.

In parallel, the EU Infopoint will organise a campaign to increase knowledge and awareness on human trafficking, where information regarding human trafficking and the situation in the EU will be highlighted.

### **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 Anti-Trafficking panel is free however registration is necessary.

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

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