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<td>Attended by</td>
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Follow up action points:
- Follow up with Julia Sachenko from A21 on an intervention during the next CT WG meeting

Summary of Relevant information:

**Intervention by PB on insights received during BG training (Podkarpackie)**
- Only 1 case of VoT was officially identified
- BG observed individuals lurking around, trying to approach women travelling with children
- Police presence has been reduced at BCPs and in reception points
- Despite the control of the police at BCPs, there were reports that unsolicited drivers are travelling to UA to bring persons to PL (back and forth)
- Seeing as there is no system to check whether refugees have arrived at the destination – refugees might vanish or become VoTs
- Language barrier at BCP – BG might lack the capacity to do the appropriate screening of the drivers
- Proposal to coordinate efforts to communicate between the Polish and European databases
- Major concern: UMCs – identified at the border, but sometimes not transferred to the appropriate foster care facility – patchy registration system with children disappearing – youth especially concerned (12-18 years old)
- A need to create national SOPs to fill the gaps identified above

**Intervention by Katerine Overland (joined by Daniel Redondo) from RO Brussels**
- Provided protection and assistance to victims of trafficking, since the mid-1990s
- IOM also works with the humanitarian community to ensure that the risk of trafficking is mitigated and addressed from the earliest stages of humanitarian responses
- 4 P’s approach to combat trafficking (prevent, protect, prosecute and partnership)
- Probable increase in human trafficking and exploitation as a result of the conflict in Ukraine
- Operational presence in all surrounding countries
- Our teams in the neighboring countries are supporting with skills and resources to contribute to protection and assistance efforts:
  - First line responders
  - Local authorities
  - Private sector
  - Host and transit communities with
- IOM offers to establish or strengthen protection services, systems and tools, to assess procedures and provide on-site mentoring to improve the processing and identification of vulnerable cases
- CT activities provided through:
- Communication and public information (10 neighbouring countries where IOM is coordinating media campaigns to raise awareness on potential risks of trafficking and where to look for potential support)
- System strengthening and support
- Provision of direct assistance (in Moldova, Hungary and Slovakia, IOM team is providing direct assistance to vulnerable refugees)
- Data, research and learning (through DTM colleagues in Romania have conducted more than 2k of interviews and proceed with data analysis to raise protection concerns)

**La Strada intervention by Agnieszka Zobolewicz-Wiśniewska:**
- Emphasis on possible increase of victims of forced labour
- Indication that there is a space for dishonesty and exploitation by employees of Ukrainian nationals who might lack the knowledge about Polish labour law
- The UA population that has arrived shows appreciation towards Polish persons which might prevent them from reporting incidents of mistreatment
- TCN women of African origin face discrimination in the process of legal recruitment due to more complicated procedures of employment in comparison to Ukrainian nationals

**AOB:**
- New participants were introduced to the group
- Rescheduling of WG next week due to holidays – the next meeting to take place in 2 weeks
- Enquiry about possible topics for future WG meetings

**Important contacts and resources:**
- Police dedicated helpline: +48 47 72 565 02 (consultants speak Polish, English, Russian and Ukrainian)
- KCIK (National Consultation and Intervention Center for Victims of Trafficking): +48 22 628 01 20
- La Strada (Foundation Against Trafficking in Persons and Slavery): +48 22 628 99 99, +48 605 687 750
- General Emergency Number: 112
- Ukraine - Training - European Freedom Network
- E-campus: English (iom.int)
- Trafficking in Persons: Victim Identification and Assistance (Training Guide – Region specific)
- Community Engagement in Preventing and Responding to Gender-based Violence and Trafficking in Persons (Training Guide – Region specific)
- Investigating Human Trafficking Cases Using a Victim-Centred Approach (Trainer’s Manual – Region specific)
- Caring for Trafficked Persons: Guidance for Health Providers (Trainer facilitator’s Guide)
- IOM Handbook on Protection and Assistance for Migrants Vulnerable to Violence, Exploitation and Abuse
- IOM Guidance on Referral Mechanisms
- IOM Guidance on response planning for migrants vulnerable to violence, exploitation and abuse
- Migrants and their Vulnerability to Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery and Forced Labor
- IOM Handbook on Direct Assistance for Victims of Trafficking
- Caring for Trafficked Persons: Guidance for Health Providers
- Counter-Trafficking in emergencies: Information management guide