

# Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation: An Explorative Study into the use of Predictive Policing.

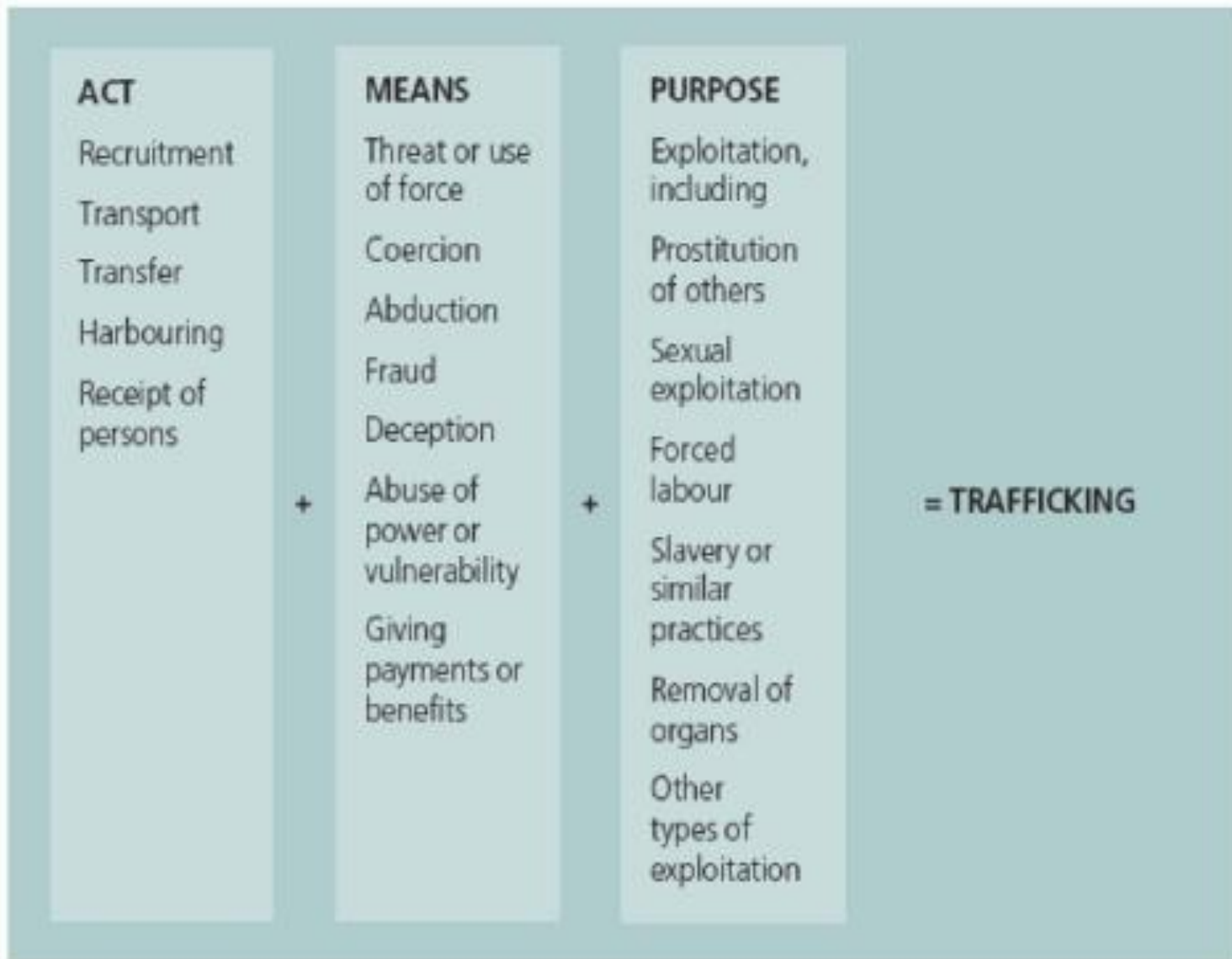
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# Human Trafficking Defined

Trafficking in Persons is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.

Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.



# Sexual Exploitation Defined

A practise by which person(s) achieve sexual gratification or financial gain or advancement through the abuse of a person's sexuality by abrogating that person's human right to dignity, equality, autonomy and physical and mental well-being. (Edwards, 1991)

Key element: *Vulnerability*

Vulnerability is a situation in which the person concerned has no real or acceptable alternative but to submit to the abuse involved.

# Forced Prostitution

## Problems:

- Issues regarding the question if sex work could ever be voluntary. Meaning because a person wants to out of free choice (scientific)
- Prostitution policy models i.e.
  - Nordic Model vs. Dutch Model
- Practical issues regarding the concept of victimization

# Three options

Start of exploitation:

- Voluntarily (position and experience)
- Voluntary start but passing on into force (when and how?)
- Forced start and continuation (possibility and willingness)

# Organized Crime (Local)

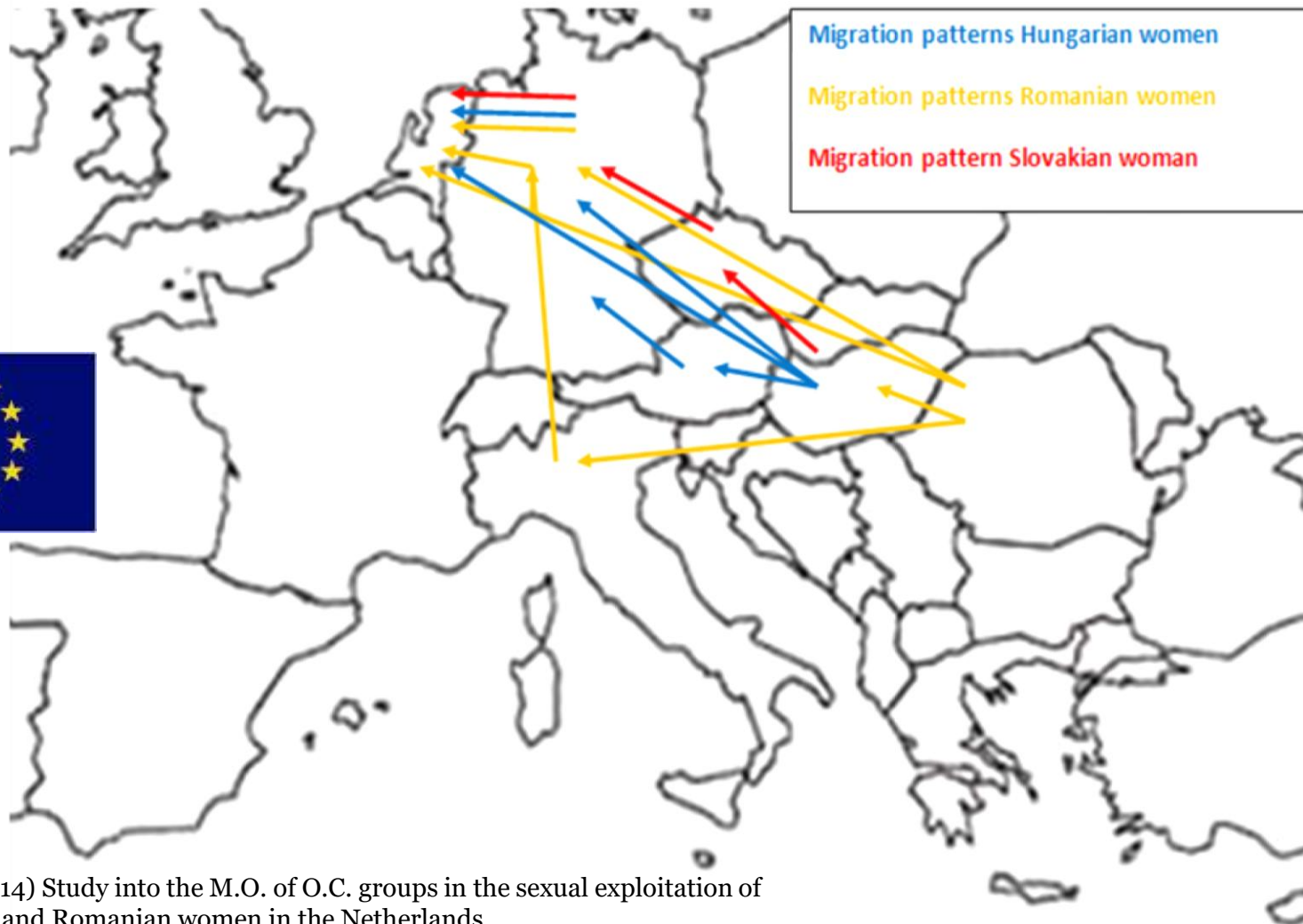
- **Facilitation / Supportive Services:**

- Rent Windows/Rooms/Workspaces
- Licensing
- Ads
- Money matters
- Driver
- Condoms and general matters

- **Protection:**

- Safe working environment (clients – other pimps)
- Police

# Organized Crime (Transnational\*)



- Van Rij (2014) Study into the M.O. of O.C. groups in the sexual exploitation of Hungarian and Romanian women in the Netherlands





Arrival Hungarian women  
Arrival Romanian women  
Arrival Slovakian women  
Internal migration  
(Prostitution Carrousel)



## From intelligence-led policing to predictive policing

The prostitution carousel routes used to facilitate sexual exploitation, lead to interesting questions on the nature and extend of the crimes and the persons involved as well as consequences for its victims.

At the same time it also provides us with useful information and insight on trafficking routes and existing crime connections and involvement of others.

# Research design

- Step 1: Identification of victims in destination countries (information from victims and police on background, experiences and travels).
- Step 2: Hot spot detection in source countries (i.e. Huszártelep /Nyiregyháza, Hungary and Madesja/Sliven, Bulgaria).

- Step 3: Profiling and identification of possible victims by cyber-ethnographic observations in hot-spot region via the internet.
- Step 4: Monitor and provide insight in movement (transit type and countries) and other changes.
- Step 5: Geo- visualization of recognizable patterns and start with start (European) crime mapping.
- Step 6: Assess the possibility of the use of predictive policing.

# Research sample

Source countries: Top three of recognised Eastern-European victims of Sexual Exploitation

- Hungary (pilot)
- Bulgaria
- Romania (pilot)

Transit countries:

- Germany (pilot)
- Austria
- Switzerland
- Italy

Destination countries:

- The United Kingdom
- Belgium
- The Netherlands (pilot)

# Goals

- Web crawler (incl. instruction manual)
- Training programme for police etc.
- International cooperation



# The End

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