



EUROPE & AUSTRALIA RESEARCH GUIDE

Terms

Sex tourism: travel for the purpose of purchasing sex

The Swedish Model: criminalizes the buying, rather than the selling, of sexual services¹
Adopted by Sweden, France, Norway, Iceland, and Northern Ireland

Methods of Trafficking

Deception and Debt Bondage: Victims hear of promising job opportunities abroad and are told someone will help them with travel arrangements, but once in the destination country, their passport and legal documents are taken from them and they are told they must work to pay back their travel debt.

'Love Boy' Method: Mostly young girls are pursued by older boys or men and develop a relationship. The man suggests moving in together or traveling abroad for job opportunities, which the woman agrees to. Over time, the man becomes increasingly controlling and eventually pressures, forces, or sells the woman into prostitution.

Common Types of Trafficking

Sex Trafficking

Trafficking of persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation, which can include prostitution, pornography, or other sexual services

Estimated 69% of reported cases in Europe²

Labor Trafficking

Trafficking of persons for the purpose of labor exploitation

Estimated 19% of reported cases in Europe³

Child Trafficking

Trafficking of children for labor or sexual exploitation

Estimated that 14% of registered trafficking victims in Europe are minors⁴

Trafficking Routes

Popular Destination Countries⁵:

Legalized Prostitution

Austria
Belgium
Germany
Greece
the Netherlands

Banned Brothels & Pimping

Spain⁶
Italy⁷
United Kingdom⁸

Swedish Model

France

Origin States

- Estimated 70% of those trafficked in Europe are EU nationals⁹
- Eastern European countries, especially those from the former Soviet Union, are particularly vulnerable to trafficking because of their history of political unrest and high rates of poverty.

Australia

- Human trafficking is illegal under Australia's criminal code¹⁰
- Ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children in 2005¹¹
- Prostitution laws vary by territory—some states regulate sex work and brothel operations while others are more restrictive¹²
- The Support for Trafficked People Program¹³
 - Administered by the Department of Social Services
 - Delivered nationally by the Australian Red Cross.

Organizations and NGO's

- La Strada International
- ENPATES
- EPCAT
- Stop the Traffik
- The European Women's Lobby (EWL)

International and Governmental Organizations

- **The Council of Europe**
The Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)
- **The United Nations (UN)**
International Labour Organization (ILO)
- **The European Union (EU)**
- **The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)**
- **Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)**
- **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**
- **The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)**

Relevant Laws and Policies

- **European Union:** Article 5 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; Directive 2011/36/EU on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Protecting its Victims
- **The Council of Europe:** Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
- Laws relating to prostitution and sex work vary by country
- **Countries that have banned the purchase but not the selling of sex:** Sweden, France, Norway, Northern Ireland, Iceland

Endnotes

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