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# EMN FRANCE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## Combatting trafficking in human beings at EU and national levels

2 October 2025, 10:00-18:00 (CET)

Venue : Cercle d'Aumale, 22 rue d'Aumale, 75009 Paris

### RATIONALE AND AIMS

Trafficking in human beings (THB) is a global growing phenomenon that is taking on multiple forms of exploitation all over Europe, with an increasing number of victims. Addressing this complex issue requires coordinated efforts among various stakeholders, both at the national and international levels, to dismantle trafficking networks and establish effective systems for the detection and identification of victims. This conference on the fight against THB is taking place within a European context marked by evolving and strengthening policy efforts. These include the announcement of a dedicated strategy in the EU's recent Internal Security Strategy and the adoption of Directive (EU) 2024/1712 of 13 June 2024 which amends Directive 2011/36/EU of 5 April 2011 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims. The revised Directive reinforces the legal framework, particularly concerning the use of new information and communication technologies and the protection of exiled persons.

In France, the third National Plan to Combat Exploitation and THB (2024-2027) aims to strengthen the protection of all individuals, minors or adults, whether French nationals or of migrant origin, against violations of human dignity resulting from these forms of exploitation. The plan also seeks to enhance the effectiveness of criminal policy in dismantling and prosecuting criminal networks, particularly transnational ones, along with those who profit from exploitation. A draft law was proposed on 13 May 2025 to strengthen the fight against THB by increasing penalties for offenders.

The EMN published two studies on THB: one in 2021 on "the detection, identification and protection of victims of THB" and one in 2025 on "the international dimension of the EU policy to prevent and combat THB and protect the victims of this crime".

EMN France’s national conference 2025 aims to highlight the key findings of the later EMN study, and to provide a platform for discussing the situation in France and selected EMN Member and Observer Countries. Three dedicated panels will focus respectively on: (1) national policies to combat THB across different EMN Member Countries and protect victims, (2) efforts to address new forms of THB and dismantle networks and (3) perspectives regarding international cooperation tools related to security. In addition, a presentation of the EU Strategy on combating THB will offer participants a broader European perspective on the issue.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- In-person conference
- Venue: Paris
- Target group: EMN NCP members, EU and national senior officials/experts, stakeholders and civil society.
- Language: Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in both French and English.

## DRAFT AGENDA

02 October 2025	
9:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration</b>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Presentation of the EU strategy on THB</b> (policy officer, European Commission)
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Key findings of the EMN study</b> (EMN France)
11:15 – 12:30	<p><b>Panel 1: The fight against THB: national policies and protection of victims in the EU</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: tbc</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ France</li> <li>▪ 3 EU MS (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 14:45	<p><b>Intervention of the General Directorate for Foreign Nationals in France</b></p> <p><b>Presentation of the French interministerial policy to combat THB</b> (representative of the Inter-ministerial Mission for the Protection of Women against Violence and the Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings - Miprof, tbc)</p>

<b>14:45 – 16:00</b>	<b>Panel 2: The fight against new forms of THB and the criminal networks behind them</b> <i>Moderator: tbc</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ France</li><li>▪ 3 EU MS (tbc)</li></ul> Q&A
	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16:15 – 17:30</b>	<b>Panel 3: Overview and perspectives of international cooperation tools regarding security</b> <i>Moderator: tbc</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ France</li><li>▪ 3 EU MS (tbc)</li></ul> Q&A
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Concluding remarks</b>

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