Protection of Private Life

Art. 11 Council of Europe Convention on Action against THB

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Further specific aspect: Protecting privacy in context of judicial proceedings (Art. 30, non-public hearings eg)



- Protection of personal data
 - Using and storage of personal data according to
 - Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data



CoE Convention for Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data

- Personal data have to be obtained and processed fairly and lawfully.
 - Fair treatment towards the individual, reliable information on the processing
- Stored for specified and legitimate purposes and
- Not used (collection, storage and disclosure) in a way incompatible with those purposes;
- Adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to the purposes for which they are stored;
 - Only those data that are necessary for the purpose
- Accurate and kept up to date:
 - Delete or update when inaccurate or incomplete
- Delete as soon as no longer needed for the specific purpose



Protection of children

- Obligatory protection of identity/details allowing identification of children
- Exception: family tracing or for well-being and protection of the child

Five Romanians rescued on Sylt...

- Encouraging the media
 - Protection of private life and identity by media
 - Self-regulation, regulatory or co-regulatory measures

Monitoring/GRETA: few States Parties general reference to awareness raising of media (Austria, Georgia), problematic eg in Armenia



Implementation of Art. 11 – Evaluation by GRETA

- ► Human Rights Based Approach → monitoring/evaluation → comprehensive statistical information
- Which data should be collected?
 - Comprehensive and coherent statistical system on trafficking in human beings
 - Compiling reliable statistical information from all main actors
 - Disaggregated: sex, age, type of exploitation, country of origin and/or destination;
- .. respect the right of the data subjects to personal data protection
- Compare: CoE Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Art. 11)



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How should the data be collected?

- Statistical data:
 - Governmental authorities should use also statistical data of NGOs (trafficked persons cooperating/non-cooperating, Latvia)
- Personal data:
 - consent form necessary (Romania)
 - Limiting accessibility to correspondence containing personal data to specific focal points (Armenia)
- Improved information exchanges among the agencies of migration, employment and combating THB (Moldova)



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- Data collection and cooperation between government and NGOs:
 - NGOs obliged to give data for national data base: State Party has to protect rights of data subject (Montenegro, Poland, Portugal)



.. Questions

- Which data are necessary for which purpose?
- What can be learned from other instruments/discussions on personal data (Data Retention)?



Thank you for your attention!

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