

Trafficking in human beings:

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Trafficking in human beings is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring and receipt of a person in order to exploit him/her, to employ him/her in conditions contrary to human dignity, to have his/her organs or tissues removed or to commit a crime against his/her will. The law explicitly mentions exploitation in the context of begging, prostitution and other forms of sexual exploitation as motives for trafficking in human beings. Even if the persons being exploited give their consent, it is still trafficking and therefore punishable.

The offence is very broadly defined, so that in practice any person who has cooperated in any way with the exploitation of other people falls within the scope of the criminalisation.

Increased penalties are provided for if minors and/or vulnerable persons are involved, if violence or threats are used, if the victim is put in serious danger or suffers serious injury, if it causes the death of the victim and if the trafficking is part of a criminal organisation.

For more information about this crime, a concrete punishment and/or tailor-made advice, contact our criminal lawyers at info@studio-penale.be.