

# Trafficking in and through the Balkans

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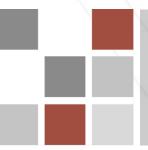
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#### PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Overview of human trafficking research
- Research methodology
- Research questions
- Initial findings from a research trip to BiH





#### Illegal markets in the Balkans

- Favourable conditions
  - Political and economic transition
  - War
  - Weak states
  - New allocation of state wealth
  - Corrupt justice systems





# **Human Trafficking Research**

- Increased attention by governments, NGOs and media
- A considerable growth in the number of scholarly books and articles
- Significant lack of reliable data on trafficking
- Challenges in interpreting and comparing the statistics





### Research methodology

- It seems that neither qualitative nor quantitative methods can suffice by themselves.
- Combining various methods can give best results
- Different quantitative measures of human trafficking





#### **Quantitative research - limitations**

- Small sample size of most of the statistics
- Considerable differences in reporting, counting and processing methodologies
- The existing data is often created on the basis of unclear methodologies
- Quantitative methods cannot comprehensively depict the problem solely

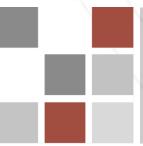




#### Research Challanges

- Sampling
- Access
- Operational definition of THB
- Risk of revictimisation
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## Research Trip to BiH

- Conducted interviews
- Analysis of gathered information
- Additional study trip September
- Tentative conclusions



# Thank you for your attention!



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