



BALKAN CRIMINOLOGY

Trafficking in and through the Balkans

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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 Challenges

- Sampling
- Access
- Operational definition of THB
- Risk of revictimisation
- ...





Research Trip to BiH

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



Thank you for
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