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ABSTRACT

This study is focused on Trafficking in Human Beings which is a crime that may be classified as complex, multifaceted and transnational because of its various angles. The started point of this study was UN alarming statistics presented in March 2007 when formally launching the “Global Initiative to fight Human Trafficking” (GIFT.UN) – an integrated plan divided into three separate stages to analyse and contextualise the crime globally, regionally and locally: 2,5 millions of trafficked people (1 million being victims of sexual exploitation) from 127 countries with a profit of circa 32 millions dollars yearly.

We analyzed the situation in Portugal, with more emphasis on sexual exploitation. After studying its courses (Brazil, Eastern Europe and Africa) we focused on the possible (and desirable) impact which the recent and profound legal reform will have in the fight against this crime.

During this study, we observed that the level of underdevelopment of a country is directly proportional to the number of trafficked nationals who search, often in situations of despair and extreme vulnerability, a better life and full of hope in countries that are economically, socially and politically stable. These migratory movements yield the world of crime - whether at a highly organized level whether by seizing an opportunity - not to resist the huge proceeds of an activity (that also involves the Smuggling) and which risk is, for the moment, compensating. To world asymmetries and to immigration we added the victims' race, gender and ethnic group and we concluded that Trafficking in Human Beings makes the victim's fundamental rights to be repeatedly forgotten.

We concluded that, internationally and nationally, much work is yet to be done. It is necessary to agree in a conceptual definition and to find the real phenomena perception, in which we include Trafficking in Human Beings' constant mutations. It is necessary to continuously analyze this crime using globalization instruments to achieve more efficient results.

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