

ONE HOUR ONLINE WEBINAR

# Assisting the Victims of Trafficking in Times of Crisis



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The Centre for Trafficking, Exploitation and Modern Slavery Studies invites you to join us on the 12th May 2022, at 5pm BST (6pm CEST) to listen to Ágnes De Coll speak about the current challenges of combating trafficking in human beings and supporting human trafficking victims in Hungary.

Over the past months, the war in Ukraine has been resulting in extremely high numbers of vulnerable people crossing the borders into neighbouring countries, especially Hungary and Poland - Many already in traumatised states, without support, assistance, money or long-term plans. These circumstances are ideal for criminal organisations to target vulnerable people for the purpose of exploitation. Although many volunteers are working day and night along the borders to try to help, it is difficult to be able to differentiate between people who are genuinely trying to help and criminals who are targeting potential victims.

In light of these horrendous circumstances, knowledge and education are crucial in order to ensure the correct information is communicated to the widest audiences possible.

For the past decade, Ágnes De Coll has dedicated her life to the fight against human trafficking and has become a leading voice on the issue in Hungary. Ágnes De Coll is currently serving as senior expert and the head of the trafficking in persons unit at Hungarian Baptist Aid (HBA). Under her leadership, HBA has opened shelters and crisis intervention centers, which provide victim support and vital recovery programs. She also serves as Hungary's main victim witness advocate, providing survivors with support and guidance throughout their cases.

Ágnes De Coll has been instrumental in the implementation of numerous changes to anti-trafficking practices and laws in Hungary. As such, she regularly provides recommendations, consultations, and training to Hungarian policymakers, law enforcement officials, and immigration and asylum officers, as well as the U.S. Embassy, on matters concerning human trafficking.

Ágnes De Coll has been named a Trafficking in Persons Hero of 2019, awarded by the U.S. Department of State in Washington DC, USA. She has also been honoured by the Hungarian Minister of Interior for the Mission of Fighting against Human Trafficking.

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