

Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally.

*Abraham Lincoln*



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### EDITORIAL

#### UKRAINIANS ARE NOT FOR SALE!

For almost 10 years Caritas Ukraine has been working to prevent the contemporary slavery – trafficking in human beings. Thousands of Ukrainians were prevented from being trafficked; hundreds of victims were successfully reintegrated into their families and communities. But still our citizens go abroad illegally and suffer from abuse, violence, exploitation and trafficking. More than 6000 people were questioned by Caritas Ukraine on the issue of going abroad. 75% of the responders answered that they would like to go abroad for work. Only 18.7% of responders have enough information about the rights of Ukrainian citizens abroad, and 67.4% know practically nothing about their rights.

Caritas helps Ukrainians to understand the possibilities of work here in Ukraine, but also to prevent young people from being victims. The lack of information, corruption and social-economic crises in Ukraine leads to the increasing number of people who have suffered from human trafficking and forced labor.

After many years of work in the field of human trafficking prevention and reintegration of victims I realized that it is impossible to combat trafficking only by the efforts of one country or one organization.

It is very important to be in a coalition. The Euro-Mediterranean anti-trafficking project gives to 11 countries-participants the unique possibility to unite their forces, experiences and best practices with the only final aim – to fight the shame of the IIIrd millennium, and to say proudly “Human beings are not for sale!”

**Natalia Holynska**

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“Human beings are not for sale”

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### THE ACTIVITY OF THE PROJECT:

#### “INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES VISIT UKRAINE TO PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING”

From 27th of May to 1st of June, the representatives of Caritas France, Turkey, Armenia, Bulgaria and Albania participated in a study visit in Ukraine. The main focus was on the assistance to victims of trafficking and support of minor victims. From October 2011, Caritas’ partners in Eastern Europe and Mediterranean countries started working together to develop and strengthen the cooperation, to optimize and speed up the efforts to fight human trafficking.

The foreign guests met in Caritas Ukraine office with national coordinators of programs which focus on combating human trafficking, helping children of labor migrants, as well as families and children in crisis, solving the consequences of labor migration. They also visited some partner organizations like Women’s Perspectives, Salus, Caritas of Sambir-Drohobych Diocese and had the opportunity to listen to Ukrainians who shared their experience of migration during their conversations with a psychologist, an activity carried out on regular basis in Caritas Drohobych.

During the Round table in Truskavets on May, 30 they met and had discussions with officials from Ukraine’s Ministry of Social Policy, OSCE in Ukraine, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, and representatives from other Ukrainian non-governmental and community organizations engaged in hu-



man trafficking prevention, reintegration of victims and support for minors who suffered from human trafficking. The following topics were examined at the Round table discussion:

- Current situation of human trafficking in Ukraine;
- Social, psychological, medical, financial, informational assistance given to victims (including minors) by non-governmental organizations in Ukraine, specifically by the network of Caritas Ukraine, Salus, Women's Perspectives, Suchasnyk and IOM organizations. They also discussed the role of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church in reintegrating victims of human trafficking;
- The role of the State in the identification of the victim, reintegration of citizens and assistance during the court proceedings;
- Implementation of the national identification mechanism for victims of trafficking and the establishment of the status of a victim;
- Implementation of the National Referral Mechanism for victims of trafficking throughout Ukraine;
- Development of a mechanism for state budget funds for the NGOs working with victims;
- Implementation of more systematic approach in assisting victims of trafficking;
- Joint efforts of various public, private and church institutions for effective assistance to victims;
- Paying more attention to cases of trafficking in Ukraine, development of a complex assistance to victims of internal trafficking;
- Strengthening measures of state, government and NGOs to protect children and help minors who are victims of trafficking;
- Consolidation of various structures for helping each individual who has suffered from human trafficking.

"The events held in the Lviv region at the end of May," say the initiators, "were aimed to optimize work in the sphere of assistance to victims of trafficking with the help of foreign experience, building a network of various organizations that defend human rights, and to find new ways to protect minor victims, to ensure their legal protection, so on".

**Natalia Holynska**  
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# COUNTRY PRESENTATION: ALBANIA

**Country name:** The Republic of Albania

**Location:** Albania is situated on the eastern shore of the Adriatic Sea, with Montenegro and Serbia to the north, Macedonia to the east, and Greece to the south

**Capital:** Tirana

**Population:** 3,170,048 (January 2008 estimate). Apart from Albanians living in Albania, there are an estimated two million emigrants in the United States, Switzerland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Canada and other countries.

**Area:** 28.748 km<sup>2</sup> (land: 27,398 sq km and water: 1,350 sq km)

**Languages:** Albanian (official - derived from Tosk dialect), linguistically a distinct branch of the Indo-European family.

**Religions:** The traditional breakdown is 70% Muslim, 20% Orthodox (the autocephalous Albanian church) and 10% Catholic, but at best these figures indicate nothing more than nominal attachment to each faith. Albania is an extremely secular society.

All mosques and churches were closed in 1967 and religious observances prohibited; in November 1990, Albania began allowing private religious practice.

**Currency (code):** Lek (ALL);

**Flag description:** red with a black two-headed eagle in the center

**Land boundaries:** total: 717 km

**Border countries:** Greece 282 km, Macedonia 151 km, Montenegro 172 km, Kosovo 112 km

**Ethnic groups:** Albanian 95%, Greek 3%, other 2% (Vlach, Roma (Gypsy), Serb, Macedonian, Bulgarian) (1989 est.)

**Time Zone:** Albania is in the Central European Time Zone (GMT+1).

## Trafficking in Albania

Trafficking in human beings is one of the phenomena that has flourished in Albania upon changes that happened after the dictatorial regime. It has developed as an international phenomenon but also as an internal one immediately after the 90's.

The factors that have caused it directly are: poverty, high levels of unemployment, a weakening of State, low level of social protection, inequality in the distribution of income, dissolution of the existing social networks within family and community and also, racial discrimination. All these have incited the trafficking in human beings abroad.

According to the US trafficking in persons report Albania is mainly a source country where men, women and children are used for trafficking for sexual purposes and forced labor, including exploitation of children for begging.

Women are trafficked more for commercial sex purposes while men for begging or petty crimes. Some of the most vulnerable children are the Balkan-Egyptians and Roma children in particular who are targeted for sexual purposes and forced begging. This community is marginalized due to discrimination and racism against them, lack of opportunities to get rid of poverty and lack of social support.

Nowadays Albania is facing a rapidly growing internal trafficking as well which is very difficult to analyze and control. Apparently there are less cases of human trafficking beyond Albanian



borders such as in Greece, Italy, France, Belgium, etc. due to the increase of border control and lack of opportunities for traffickers to manage to cross the borders for their victims of trafficking.

The new "trafficking within the Albanian borders" consumes all the features of a criminal act of trafficking starting from recruitment, transportation and exploitation of minors for sexual services or begging.

## Caritas Albania

Caritas Albania has operated in Albania since 1992 and has worked in close collaboration with different groups in the Albanian Civil Society and also with the international Caritas Network, with focus on social work, especially with most marginalized groups.

The purpose of the Anti-trafficking project is to enhance the capacity of Caritas Albania to raise awareness of trafficking amongst the targeted communities, as well as to provide targeted responses to prevent trafficking of the at-risk women and children by offering opportunities that would support professional development and employment. Successful initiatives from different parishes and congregations via mini-project schemes are being developed through the project.

The anti-trafficking project has been operating since 2005 and on. Caritas Albania has been engaged, for several years, in reducing the human beings trafficking by working in two parallel directions:

in community with diocesan Caritas, with different target groups, through awareness campaigns for the children, women, girls and the community in entirety; and secondly, in the area of advocacy and lobby through the participation in coalitions putting pressure on the government to change or improve the laws and to support the started work.

**Aurora Koqeku**

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## NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS WITH CARITAS ALBANIA

Caritas Albania, together with Diocesan Caritas of Shkodra and Rreshen organized two sensitizing activities on Roma International Day on the 8th of April 2012.

These activities aim at the development and integration of Roma children into social life, the increase of awareness of this community and on their social rights, the promotion of the culture and traditions of this community, the sensitization of hosting community to welcome Roma people and not to act towards their exclusion from social life.

The first activity was developed by the diocesan Caritas of Shkodra in Peace village under the topic **“I love the books as much as you”** where 60 children, Roma or non-Roma, parents of children and other people invited from the city participated. The second activity was organized by the Diocesan Caritas of Rreshen on the 21st of April under the motto **“We are all equal and we live together in a common society”**. The activity started with the numerous works of children on their rights as children. About 80 Roma and non Roma children participated and were sensitized on the risks presented in street life and, in particular, the work in the streets.

Non-Roma children were sensitized on the fact that their peers fall often prey of trafficking and are exploited for begging and other labor and also what is important is that this community and their friends in particular needs to be welcome and accepted.

Caritas Albania, in collaboration with the coalition All Together Against Child Trafficking (BKTF) organized the activity **“I play the game I want to”**. The activity, organized in the form of a party on the 1st of June, actually aimed to raise awareness on combating exploitation of children for labor purposes.

The activity brought together over 200 children from the member organizations. During the activity, there were organized different entertaining games with psycho-social character, animation games conducted by animators meant to develop their creative and interactive abilities.

On the International day against child labor the **“Childhood is NOT Exploitation for Labor”** a national conference was organized in the framework of the International Day against exploitation for labor by the coalition and Caritas Albania.

The Panel of the National Conference included seven children who presented the problems their peers faced due to the serious economic-social conditions, raised questions and offered recommendations for the improvement of the situation.

During this conference the children raised their voice and claimed that the worst situation is when children are forced to stay in the streets and exposed to physical or psychological abuses of people passing by, abuses which can easily degenerate into sexual exploitation.



# THE EXPERIENCE OF CARITAS BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



## CAMPAIGN: "RESTORING DIGNITY"

Inter-Religious Council (IRC) of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Council of Religious Leaders organized the "Restoring Dignity" campaign to overcome violence against women in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The European Women of Faith Network invited Ivana Kozina to hold a speech on the topic of the event, with emphasis on Bosnia and Herzegovina. The European Women of Faith Network is part of the Religions for Peace family in Europe. This campaign was launched at the closing of the annual meeting of the European Council of Religious Leaders – Religions for Peace (ECRL) that was held in Sarajevo between 8 – 10 May. ECRL brings together senior religious leaders from Europe's historical religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam together with Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs and Zoroastrians.

From 17th till 18th of April in hotel Bristol in Sarajevo the Multi country workshop on combating human trafficking was held. This event was organized by the European Commission in co-operation with Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina was one of three NGOs invited in this very significant event, definitely one of the most important events for combating trafficking in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Also, it was a great opportunity that professionals from many European countries had to exchange experience in combating trafficking. Mr. Marius Wanders - EU Representative & Executive Director World Vision Brussels & European Union delivered a speech on the role of the NGOs in combating human trafficking in the world. He also presented the anti-trafficking work of Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina and of Caritas network in general.

On the 19th of April, Mr. Marius Wanders visited Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina. Among other things, the possibilities of cooperation between World Vision and Caritas were discussed. Mr. Marius Wanders is the former Secretary General of Caritas Europa and founder of COATNET. He believes that Caritas in B&H and World Vision can do many good things together, especially working with Roma population.

Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina and World Vision are to organize a meeting to discuss about this topic soon.

Other activities in the past two months are regular project activities: workshops with young Roma people, workshops in youth centers, workshops at faculties, apprenticeship program, economic empowerment, vocational courses (sewing, handicrafts etc.) and networking.

**Ivana Kozina**  
Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina





## INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEX TOURISM

**296 students, coordinated by 38 teachers from 10 high schools in Bucharest – directly involved in designing and producing campaign materials**

On the 21st of June, 2012 Caritas Bucharest Association published the campaign materials designed and produced by the students from the 10 high schools in Bucharest under the 'Contest of Ideas' prevention campaign activity – one of the main pillars of the transcontinental project **"COMBATING TRAFFIC OF HUMAN BEINGS AND SEX TOURISM - ETTS"** "implemented with 17 partners from 3 European countries (Romania, Spain and Italy) and two countries in Latin America (Argentina and Brazil).

The double aim of the Contest of Ideas was, on the one hand, to raise awareness of the directly involved youth on human rights, particularly on the violation of the rights of the victims of sexual exploitation and sex tourism – a rather new form of trafficking - and, on the other hand, to design a media product to be used in a prevention campaign focused on these two forms of exploitation. A similar contest took place in 10 high schools in Genova, Torino, Collegno (Italy) and Sevilla (Spain).

In order to ensure a proper understanding of trafficking, for a 3 month period each of the 10 classes has been exposed to 3 information and training meetings, dealing with three main topics:

1. **What is human trafficking?**
2. **What are the consequences of human trafficking?**
3. **What can we do to prevent it?**

Each meeting was used to introduce students with a wide diversity of existing prevention materials such as videos, movies, printed materials, dances, songs, created in time by other students, professionals and journalists, as a starting point and 'warm-up' exercise for participative discussions, debates and brainstorming.

Participating High Schools in Bucharest

- 'Ioan N. Socolescu' Architecture and Public Works Technical College;
- 'A.D. Xenopol' Economic High School;
- 'Media' Technical College;
- 'Sf. Iosif' Roman-Catholic High School;
- 'Costin C. Kiritescu' Economic High School;
- 'Hristo Botev' Bulgarian High School;
- 'Ion Neculce' High School;
- 'Miguel de Cervantes' Spanish High School;
- 'Nichita Stanescu' High School;
- 'Timotei Cipariu' Greek-Catholic High School.

### The best campaign products – national level

In order to have a balanced, fair and proper selection, the 26 products have been evaluated by two separate commissions: the commission of professionals, including representatives of televisions, advertising and media companies, as well as experts from the National Agency against Trafficking in Human Beings, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and NGOs; and a commission of 5 students from other high schools in Bucharest, members of the Bucharest City Student Council.

Prize I: The winner of the contest is the short movie 'WHY?' created by the 'Media' Technical College team, written, acted and directed by the students.

Prize II: The second winning product is a crossword inspired by human trafficking, which can be easily used in any school at all levels.

Prize III: The 'Stay Informed! Stay Free!' poster, created by the students from 'Miguel de Cervantes' Spanish High School was placed the third.

### Other Special Rewards were given for:

**Creation – text and message: the song 'Hurt'** - 'Miguel de Cervantes' Spanish High School;

**Well defined and conveyed message: short movie 'Fight against human trafficking'** 'Ion Neculce' High School;

**Family values: short video 'The Mask'** - 'Sf. Iosif' Roman-Catholic High School;

**Originality: 'The Hand'** – water color painting - 'Costin C. Kiritescu' Economic High School;

**Courage and school responsibility: short video "Simulation exercise: the Trap of Recruitment"** - 'A.D. Xenopol' Economic High School.

All the works designed and produced for this Contest of Ideas can be seen [HERE!](#)

In order to value the work of all students, all the 26 products have been converted into campaign materials (posters, postcards, compact long and short videos) and disseminated in other school communities, uploaded on the sites of other NGOs, institutions and organizations, partners of Caritas Bucharest Association, as well as posted on dedicated pages on Facebook and other social sites. Some of these products have been taken and presented by the Romanian group during the summer camp in Albania. Here are the links to view the short and long video subtitled packages, including all the 26 materials created by the students.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owFFnxZOoZU> – short video package

<http://youtu.be/LTVgltiMxqw> - long video package

These products, along with the products created by the Italian and Spanish students, will be packed into materials for a transnational campaign to be implemented in 2013 and 2014 in the five countries in Europe and Latin America.

We hope that all these activities and materials achieved with the direct contribution of the young generation will have a significant impact on the public opinion in general and will bring the cultural and attitudinal change strengthening the human rights approach, so that to reduce all forms of exploitation women, children and men are likely to be exposed in their wish of having a better life.

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Caritas Bucharest**





## REGIONAL AND NATIONAL TRAINING

Caritas Kosovo, as part of the regional project, to combat trafficking in human beings, has participated in a two-day training that was organized by Caritas Albania and was held in Tirana on 24-25 May 2012, with the theme **“Children in street situation, prevention methods and their integration in society”**.

Caritas Kosovo during this training has participated with 10 members, representatives of all shelters in Kosovo who work with victims of trafficking and domestic violence, as well as representatives of Caritas Kosovo.

The situation of street children and the violation of their minimum rights is a common problematic issue that links the state of Kosovo and the Albanian state.

Caritas Kosovo considers this training to be of a particular importance and a very good chance of creating an overview of the current situation in both countries, identifying the chains of this issue, identifying categories at risk and review the methods and possibilities of both countries on the proper interventions toward preventing and combating of this phenomenon.

During 11 - 15 June, 2012, Caritas Kosovo, in the framework of the project against trafficking with human beings, has organized a **five day training on psycho-social issues**.

The aim of the training was to strengthen the capacity building of the staff working in shelters. Given the specific nature of the work in such a shelter, the training was divided into two modules. One of the module specifically dealt with “the psycho-trauma and the psychological techniques of therapeutic intervention on the work with victims of trafficking”, in order that the staff of the shelters be able to provide qualitative services and assistance on the best way possible, to the sheltered victims.

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## TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PREVENTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND NEW PROJECT

### School prevention:

In March 2012 Caritas Ruse started running a new **3 modules training** program for pupils for preventing human trafficking. The training program aims to increase young people's understanding about civil society and its deviations from the perspective of human relations, and thus to affect their commitment to the society. The training consists of 3 modules – Human rights, Human relations and Exploitation.

Each module includes theoretical presentation, as well as role play. The training is to continue for 3 months, with 2 classes / month. A group of 6 volunteers were trained as a pilot group. At the beginning of the 2012 - 2013 school year, the trained volunteers will start preparations to carry out the activities in their school, starting with a school campaign on the 18th of October – The European Anti-Trafficking Day.

Another group of young volunteers took part in a **“peer to peer” training on human trafficking prevention** conducted by the Bulgarian Anti-trafficking Commission, as a part of National project. These students are already implementing informative campaigns in their schools.

### New focus of Caritas Ruse's programs for combating Human Trafficking:

Despite a general awareness that trafficking in human beings is a significant problem both in source and destination countries and a severe human rights violation, the protection

of the rights of trafficked person is not viewed as a priority by authorities. When human rights are discussed among legal professionals, emphasis tends to be put on the human rights of the defendants, while neglecting the human rights of the victims. Often victims are purely seen as instrumental for the prosecution by the judicial system.

The core problems are: no effective referral for trafficked persons to legal aid/ legal counsel; no qualified lawyers, who can provide these services; the relevant legal provisions for victims are not used effectively; lack of knowledge within the judicial system about trafficking, its consequences for the victims and the rights of trafficked persons.

In this regard Caritas Ruse, together with Netherlands Helsinki Committee, Animus Association (La Strada in Bulgaria), Caritas Slovakia plus and human rights protection NGOs from Slovenia, Romania, created a 3 years project **“Promotion of the Right of Trafficked Persons in Bulgaria, Slovakia and Romania with Emphasis on Legal Support - A Human Rights based approach”**.

The project is submitted to the European Commission and hopefully will be funded till the end of 2012.

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## EUROPEAN ADVOCACY: “CHILDREN VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING”

« Confronted to the crisis, what well-being for the children and their families and what solidarity between generations?»

In a process of European advocacy on the issue of child poverty in Europe, Secours Catholique-Caritas France and Caritas Europa organize in November a seminar entitled “ Confronted to the crisis, what well-being for the children and their families and what solidarity between generations?”. One of the main topics is the question of the trafficking of minors. Representatives from thirty countries (European Caritas, NGOs, ...) will participate in the discussions and debates organized in the framework of this seminar which will be held on 19th, 20th and 21st November 2012 in Paris.

On the topic of the trafficking of minors, several questions will be raised during workshops:

- How to raise awareness of the general public and the authorities on the issue of child trafficking? And how to be successful for these children at risk not to be considered merely under the spectrum of juvenile crime, illegal immigration, stigma or youth in distress?
- What is an effective prevention to face new forms of recruitment and exploitation of children through trafficking? Preventing trafficking of minors is acting on its causes. These causes are numerous and often the result of an accumulation of factors: poverty, the existence of a demand, family or “micro social” fragilities, lack of information or yet the emigration of unaccompanied minors and / or at risk of being exploited. How to act on these causes?
- Detection and identification of minors victim of trafficking: a European obligation for the end of 2012, or how to move from theory to practice? European States have committed themselves to develop effective methods and practices of identification and protection of the children victim of trafficking. What are the most appropriate methods and procedures? How to implement them?
- How to provide support to children victim of human trafficking until their reintegration into the society, including after their majority? For these youth, family ties are complex and the society must provide an appropriate answer to each situation for the reintegration to be successful and permanent. Also, in most States, the transition to majority is synonymous to a reduced protection. It is therefore crucial to prepare it with the youth.
- How to develop networking at international, regional and local levels among the actors involved in the fight against the trafficking of minors? The European Commission has identified as a priority the need to improve the coordination and the cooperation between the key stakeholders and the coherence of the anti-trafficking policies. What tools are needed to achieve this? Who should be involved?

Plenum time will enable the participants (from both the civil society and the national and European institutions) to discuss ideas, suggestions and recommendations to improve the situation and be more efficient against the trafficking of minors.

This meeting is the result of the work carried out by different partners on these issues throughout the year and is a step in the advocacy process led by our organizations at national level, at European level, within the Caritas network and other NGOs and at international level through Coatnet (Christian Organisations Against Trafficking Network).

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## CONCERT "WORLD REFUGEE DAY, CELEBRATING WITH MUSIC AND SONG"

During the months of May and June 2012, Caritas Turkey took different initiatives in the framework of its activities against trafficking in human beings.

On May 17, a meeting with IOM Istanbul Head Office and the Counter Trafficking Department representatives was held, with the aim of exchanging updated information on current projects and discussing what they consider as being the existing gaps in an identification-assistance system.

The difficulty in obtaining the permission of the authorities for prevention actions within the Turkish school system, a lack of attention in the media and the lack of a specific legislation for men and minor victims were mentioned. As a result of the meeting and given the already existing cooperation between IOM and Caritas Refugee and Migrant Service for referrals and following up of individual cases, it is possible to consider common initiatives for the near future.

Some NGOs and some intergovernmental organizations attended a meeting held in Istanbul on the 5th of June, all parties agreed about the importance of taking action for prevention, specifically targeting unaccompanied migrant and asylum seeker minors and very young single people. UNHCR confirmed a relevant increase in the numbers of unaccompanied minors - particularly from Afghanistan, but also from Somalia, Congo, Guinea and different African countries - who were apprehended and/or applied for asylum in Turkey in

2012. Not all of them will be recognized as refugees, and even the quota of refugees that is yearly accepted for resettlement to third countries remains low. As a consequence, such youth will be forced to remain in Turkey for years without proper education, integration and assistance programs, therefore easily attracted by criminal networks in the hope of reaching Europe or believing the fake promise of easy, well paid jobs. Particularly worth of attention is placed now on the condition of the young boys and girls who must leave the state shelters after becoming 18, having to cope suddenly with urgent material needs – housing above all – and suffering from a lack of orientation programs to increase their autonomy.

It was decided to organize a two-day seminar, providing information on existing initiatives, giving a realistic picture of the asylum situation and life conditions in bordering countries, and raising awareness within this group about potential risks of being captured by illegal organizations and traffickers.

Caritas Turkey is already in contact with some of these youth for assistance and counseling, and will be partly responsible part of the organization of the workshops, that will take place in the autumn.

On the occasion of the World Refugee Day, on the 20th of June, Caritas Turkey organized a free concert in partnership with several Church communities and some NGOs, and with the precious support of the Turkish and foreign volunteers who helped with its organization in all aspects. Refugees and migrants performed their music and dances together with local artists, to raise awareness and enjoy together a night of music and songs. The central church of St. Antoine opened its doors to welcome more than 50 musicians from many different countries, religions and cultures, and thanks to informative material prepared in 5 languages – Turkish, English, Armenian, French and Arabic - the issues of migration, refugee, and trafficking were presented to the public coming from different communities.

Radio Vaticana's new about the event (in French): <http://www.oecumene.radiovaticana.org/fr1/articolo.asp?c=600596>

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