

Building a prostitution-free Europe means daring to...

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Respect for human rights and the dignity
of the person.

The right of men to dispose of women's body
and exploit it for money.

Prostitution and human trafficking are not compatible with the dignity and the value of the person.
UN Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, 1949

The European Union is based upon the respect of human rights. The Community's mission is to promote
equality between men and women.

Article 6 of the European Union Treaty and Article 2 of the Treaty Establishing the European Community

A modern society aiming at equality
between men and women.

The prostitutorial market is the origin of
and the outlet for human trafficking.

« A certain number of countries have legalized prostitution (...), which increases the demand for paid sexual
intercourse and feeds the procuring market. »

Report from the special United Nations reporter on human trafficking, 2006

A vision of sexuality based upon
mutual desire and respect.

The violence, visible or invisible, inherent
in any form of prostitution.

« We empty our mind. We cannot cry. If we have feelings, it is unbearable. We don't feel anything anymore.
Guys are kings, they paid and they are touching you. »

A young woman in a hostess bar (Belgium). Excerpt from the testimony of Monika, www.prostitutionetsociete.fr

The inalienability of the human body
and sexuality.

Reducing the human body and sexuality
to the status of merchandise.

« Preserving a minimum of dignity in our societies would mean establishing sanctuaries where the market
would be absolutely prohibited. »

Dany-Robert Dufour (French philosopher)

Towards prostituted persons :

What we observe :

- 👎 Women and girls make up the great majority of prostituted persons, whether or not they are victims of trafficking. Then main purpose of that trafficking is to feed the prostitution market.
- 👎 Numerous States maintain repressive policies towards prostitutes - criminalisation of soliciting (France), prohibition of street prostitution (Italy).
- 👎 Member States do not devote enough resources for preventing prostitution risk and for real alternatives to prostitution.

What we want :

- The end of repressive actions against prostituted persons.
- The recognition of victims of human trafficking independently of denunciation and residency and work permits for the ones who undertake an integration process.
- Financial support extended to programs for the fight against prostitution and not only against human trafficking - specialized services offering listening and alternatives to prostitution, support for the emergence of groups of prostitution « survivors » etc.
- The withdrawal of the distinction between « forced prostitution » and « free prostitution » in EU texts, since the consent of individuals is irrelevant to the violence they suffer from.

Against clients of prostitution :

What we observe :

- 👍 NGOs from several Member States (Sweden, Bulgaria, Hungary, Denmark, etc) have launched dissuasion campaigns for clients, as required by international law on human trafficking: the Palermo Protocol (Art 9.5, 2000), the Warsaw Convention (Art. 6, 2005).
- 👍 Penalizing clients of prostitution is working. Sweden, for instance, is not an attractive market any more for traffickers (Annual Report on Human Trafficking, Sweden, 2007).
- 👎 Invisibility and impunity for clients of prostitution is the rule almost everywhere.

What we want :

- Dissuasion campaigns aimed at clients of prostitution, who are the first aggressors of prostituted persons and directly responsible for trafficking in women.
- Social, educational and cultural actions to discourage « demand ».
- Legislation prohibiting any purchase of sexual intercourse.

Against procurers :

What we observe :

- 👍 Some States fiercely fight procuring. They prohibit any form of it. France could be an example from that angle if the laws were really applied.
- 👍 Police-judicial cooperation, and especially use of the European arrest warrant, are proving effective in the dismantling of international procuring networks.
- 👎 Some Member States (Netherlands, Germany, Austria, etc.) see procurers as « sex businessmen. They themselves recognize that organized crime and trafficking in women are going increasingly out of control. Instead of improving the situation of prostituted persons, these policies trivialize the prostitutional system and its violence.

What we want :

- A fierce fight against all forms of procuring, including invisible ones (massage parlours, the Internet, classified advertisements, etc.) and against the industrialization of prostitution.
- The repeal of decriminalisation policies for procuring.
- Real application of penalties against procurers.
- Europe-wide cooperation for dismantling procuring financial networks.

Towards society :

What we observe :

- 👎 The deterioration of relationships between girls and boys goes along with continuing violence against women. European texts underline this alarming situation.
- 👎 The trivialization of prostitution and pornography encourages more and more young people into an activity considered « glamorous » in the media and the leisure industry..
- 👎 The new sexual order, coupled with the mercantile order, results in sending women back into the « sexual services » perimeter instead of promoting their emancipation and political representation.

What we want :

- The inclusion of prostitution in campaigns against violence.
- Strategies for a change in attitudes regarding cultural and sexist stereotypes.
- Ethical rules in the media when they deal with prostitution and human trafficking.
- Policies for the prevention of prostitution risk in the EU countries and the countries at the origin of human trafficking.
- Sexual education based upon shared desire and respect of the other.

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