

# TRAFFICKING & PROSTITUTION

Conference, March 23, 2012

Room Blixen,  
The Royal Library,  
Copenhagen

GLOBAL  
PROBLEMS

LOCAL AND  
REGIONAL  
SOLUTIONS



Womans Council in Denmark

# INVITATION

In relation to the Danish presidency of the EU, Women's Council in Denmark wants to underline the importance of keeping the fight against trafficking to prostitution as a top priority on the international agenda.

Therefore we invite you to an international conference on trafficking to prostitution with national and regional perspectives on how to deal with the problem of trafficking.

We will present a broad variety of politicians, experts on trafficking and NGO representatives who will present diverse perspectives on trafficking and prostitution and introduce different solutions to the problem. This provides the conference with both a local, a regional and an international outlook.

As we are having a lot of international guest the conference will be in English.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

*Randi Iversen,*

President of Women's Council in Denmark

**March 23, 2012  
13-17 (1 pm-5 pm)**

**The Royal Library  
Room Blixen  
Søren Kirkegårds Plads 1, 1221 København K.**

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# PROGRAM

**13.00-14.00**

## **Reception**

The Atrium, The Royal Library

**14.00-14.15**

## **Welcome**

Mikkel Warming – Mayor of Social Service Committee, Copenhagen

**14.15-14.40**

## **The European action on trafficking**

Myria Vassiliadou – European Anti-trafficking Coordinator

**14.40-15.15**

## **The NGO perspectives on trafficking and prostitution**

Hanne Helth – March 8-initiative, Denmark

Pierrette Pape – European Women's Lobby

**15.15-15.30**

**Break.** Coffee in the Atrium

**15.30-16.30**

## **Political act on trafficking and prostitution**

Nicolai Wammen – Minister of European Affairs, Denmark

Guy Geoffroy – Member of the National Assembly, France

Kajsa Wahlberg – National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings, Sweden

Moderator: Britta Thomsen – Member of European Parliament, Danish Social Democrats

**16.30-17.00**

## **Summary and closure**

Randi Iversen, President of Women's Council in Denmark

**Moderator of the day: Journalist Vicki Therkildsen**

**Mikkel Warming** is Mayor of the Social Service Committee in Copenhagen. He is elected for the Red-Green Alliance and has been a member of the City Council since 1994 and mayor since 2005.

**Myria Vassiliadou** is appointed European anti-trafficking Coordinator by the European Commission. Her job is to improve the coordination and cohesion between EU institutions, member states and other international actors.

**March 8 initiative** is a collaboration between 29 volunteer organisations, social institutions and political movements. The goal is to get a new law on prostitution; a Danish Model that provides support for the people wishing to leave prostitution in supplement to a legislation that criminalises buying sex in Denmark. Hanne Helth is the spokesperson.

**European Women's Lobby** (EWL) is the largest umbrella organisation of women's associations in the EU, working to promote women's rights and equality between women and men. EWL membership extends to organisations in all 27 EU member states and three of the candidate countries, as well as to 20 European-wide bodies, representing a total of more than 2000 organisations. Pierrette Pape is policy officer and project coordinator at the secretariat in Brussels.

**Nicolai Wammen** is the Danish Minister for European Affairs. He is elected to the Parliament representing the Social Democrats. He has been Mayor in Aarhus.

**Guy Geoffroy** is a member of the National Assembly in France, elected for the Union for a Popular Movement (UMP). Together with Danielle Bousquet from the Socialist Party he presented the legislation proposal on prohibiting buying of bodies in the French parliament on December 6th 2011.

**Kajsa Wahlberg** is a detective inspector at the Department for Police Affairs of the National Police Board in Sweden. In 1998, she was appointed to the position as National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings, She has been part of the Commission evaluating the Swedish law that prohibits the purchase of a sexual service.

**Britta Thomsen** from the Danish Social Democrats has been a member of the European Parliament since 2004. She is the coordinator of the S&D group in the FEMM-Committee, that works for women's right and gender equality. Stop trafficking is one of her political priorities.



**Women's Council in Denmark** is an umbrella organisation for 45 organisations with a total of more than one million members. The member organisations are women's organisations, the equal status committees of the political parties, trade unions, and professional women's groups, migrant- and refugee women, women's studies researchers, youth organisations, religious and humanitarian women's organisations. Women's Council in Denmark was founded in 1899 and has since then worked for women's rights as well as social, professional, economic and cultural interests.