Amsterdam’s ’Nyíregyháza street’

Results of a research carried out by a Dutch social worker among Hungarian prostitutes
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- Social Work
- Prevention
- Streetwork
- Departments; Haarlem, Deventer, Utrecht
Reason for research

- Increase of Hungarian prostitutes in Amsterdam (Comensha 2009)
- Victims of trafficking
- Poor condition of window prostitutes
- Submissive, low standards
Goal of the research

- Awareness among Hungarian women that they are going to be in prostitution in the Netherlands
- Circumstances of the Hungarian women in prostitution in Amsterdam.
- Expectations compared to the reality in the Netherlands.
- Possibilities of the Hungarian women to get out of prostitution.
Scheme of the research

- Survey with 84 Hungarian prostitutes in Amsterdam by means of questionnaire during a period of 11 days over 8 weeks.
- Working visit to Hungary, interviews with key persons and visiting the prostitution scene.
Research results

### Origin

- **Nyiregyhaza** (45 respondents, 54%)
- **Budapest** (20 respondents, 23%)
- **Debrecen** (7 respondents, 8%)
- **Szabolcs-Szatmar-Bereg** (4 respondents, 5%)
- **Pecs** (3 respondents, 4%)
- **Szeged** (3 respondents, 4%)
- **Gyor** (1 respondent, 1%)
- **Miskolc** (1 respondent, 1%)
Motives to come to Holland

- Money (60 respondents, 71.5%)
- Forced (10 respondents, 12%)
- Nice job (2 respondents, 2.5%)
- No reply (12 respondents, 14%)
Who organized the travel documents

- Boyfriend or pimp (30 respondents, 35.7%)
- Woman herself (24 respondents, 28.6%)
- Female friend (16 respondents, 19%)
- Partner (9 respondents, 10.7%)
Living costs per month (EUR)
Hours in prostitution per week

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Arrest 9 pimps

- One pimp ‘earned’ 94,361 euros in approximately 7 months by exploiting 4 women, average 13,480 euros per month
- Other pimp ‘earned’ 219,770.7 euros in 14 months by exploiting 3 women
Expectations compared to reality

Did the expectations you had when you left Hungary match the reality of your life in the Netherlands?

- No, but I knew I was going to be in prostitution (69 respondents, 82.1%)
- No, and I didn’t know I was going to be in prostitution (7 respondents, 8.3%)
- Yes, my expectations match the reality (7 respondents, 8.3%)
- No answer (1 respondent, 1.3%)
Conclusions

- The majority of the Hungarian women are aware that they are going to be in prostitution in the Netherlands
- They are not informed about the actual circumstances
- The reality is completely different than their expectations
- Within one year the majority wants to return to Hungary for different work