



The Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe CCME (Brussels) and Accem (Madrid, project coordinator) have the pleasure of inviting you to a

PRESS CONFERENCE Brussels 15th March 2012, 11.00-12.00

Labour trafficking: European NGO campaign asks EU citizens to “open your eyes !”

Presentation of video spot in four European countries to highlight need for better identification

Tens of thousands persons every year find themselves trafficked into forced labour in Europe, according to estimates in the EU Member States, with exploitation happening mainly in the areas of construction, agriculture or domestic services. Against this background a group of civil society organisations in four European countries will on 15th March launch a series of video spots, asking EU citizens to “open your eyes” and help in identifying trafficked persons. The video spot is part of the MIRROR project.

The video spots will on 15th March 2012 be presented in Brussels, with similar events happening simultaneously in Bucharest, Madrid and Naples.

Labour expert Irene Wintermayer of the International Labour Organisation will comment on the video spots.

PROGRAMME OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE

- 11.00 Welcome and introduction of the MIRROR project – Torsten Moritz, CCME
- 11.15 Screening and background information 3-4 spots “labour trafficking – open your eyes !” (thematic areas: Recruitment, trafficking into domestic services, trafficking in construction industry)
- 11.40 Reaction on spot – Irene Wintermayer, International Labour Organisation Office for the EU and Benelux
- 11.50 Questions and answers
- 12.00 End of press conference

Refreshments and sandwiches will be provided. CDs with the video spots will be distributed at the event

Background:

In the context of the so-called “MIRROR” project (“developing agreed methodology of identification and referral for trafficking for labour exploitation”) led by the Spanish NGO Accem, a coalition of NGOs has, over the last year, developed standard methods to identify victims of trafficking and give them access to protection. The project, which is co-funded by the European Commission's Directorate General on Home affairs, focused on trafficked labour in Italy, Romania and Spain.

Practical information:

The event takes place on the 15th of March 2012 from 11.00 - 12.00 h in Brussels at the EKD 166 rue Joseph II 1000 Brussels (meeting room 1st floor)

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