



Please insert here at least one **PHOTO** of your traineeship stay abroad! Preferred motives are photos of your accommodation, of your work place, of being at work. Attention! Due to legal considerations we kindly ask you to send us only photos that have been taken by yourself!

STUDENT DETAILS

University department / faculty: **Faculty of Humanities**
Field of study: **MA Peace and Conflict Studies**
Home university: **Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg**
Nationality: **Bulgarian**
Duration of traineeship (from ...to...): **18.07-19.09.2022**

TRAINEESHIP INSTITUTION

Country: **Bulgaria**
Name of traineeship institution: **National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings**
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EXPERIENCE REPORT (approx. 3 pages + more photos if applicable)

1) Traineeship institution

Please give a brief description of your host traineeship institution.

The Bulgarian National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (NCCTHB) was set up in accordance with the Combating Trafficking in Human Beings Act (CTHBA) (published in the State Gazette, issue 46 of 20 May 2003, amended issue 86 of 28 October 2005, amended issue 33 of 28 March 2008). It organises and co-ordinates co-operation between relevant agencies and organisations with regard to the implementation of the Act on Countering Trafficking in Human Beings. It determines and administers the implementation of the National Policy and Strategy in the area of Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

The National Commission develops annually a National Programme for Prevention and Counteraction of Trafficking in Human Beings and Protection of the Victims, which is approved by the Council of Ministers. It researches, analyses and reports statistical data on human trafficking. It carries out information, awareness and education campaigns aimed at potential victims of trafficking. It manages and supervises the activities of the Local Commissions for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and the centres for protection and support of victims of trafficking. It also contributes to international cooperation for prevention and counteraction of human trafficking.

2) Searching for a traineeship

How did you find your traineeship? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

I used to be a volunteer in one of the local commissions for combating trafficking in human beings in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria. I volunteered there for two years during my highschool education. Eversince then, I have had interest in the issue of human trafficking and more specifically sexual exploitation. Since I am doing an MA in Peace and Conflict Studies, these matters are in the scope of what I am studying. When it was time to search for an internship, I contacted the organizations that are familiar to me and it so happened that the National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in Bulgaria had an opening and offered me the internship.

3) Preparation

How did you prepare for your traineeship in terms of language, intercultural, professional and organisational aspects? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

As mentioned above, the topic was already familiar to me. My home country is Bulgaria, hence, I had no issues with the language and intercultural aspects. Before the start of my internship I checked out the website to see what initiatives have been realized in the past few years, who are the experts currently working there, who is the chair of the commission, etc. Regarding the organisational aspects, my supervisor there was very helpful and on the very first day of the internship explained to me what is where in the office and what my tasks will be.

4) Accommodation

How did you find your accommodation? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

Before I moved to Germany, I had lived in Sofia for 6 years, so I have contacts there. I lived with at a friend's place.

5) Traineeship

Please describe the tasks and / or the projects carried out during your traineeship. In which way were you mentored and integrated? How were the working conditions? Did you have especially positive or negative experiences?

My first task was to translate the News on the website of the commission from Bulgarian into English. I translated the news. This task enriched my knowledge about the activity of the NCFTHB. I was granted an admin access to the website, so that I can upload the translated articles.

My second task was to go through the reports of the local commissions for combating trafficking in human beings for the first half of 2022 and summarize them. This task gave me insight into the activity of the local commissions and how they realize the strategies for the prevention of Human Trafficking.

My third task was to listen to a recording of a workshop called Combatting Forced Labour, Labour Exploitation and Trafficking in Human Beings - Cooperation between Bulgaria and Germany transcribe it and translate the main points from Bulgarian into English. After the points were translated and summarized, they were sent to the participants of the workshop.

In the meantime, throughout my internship, I have translated emails into German to assist the experts here in their communication with German authorities.

6) Acquired qualifications

Which qualifications and skills could you acquire or improve during your traineeship?

Skills:

- managing a website
- official written correspondence with government authorities

- summary of important reports
- gained knowledge on organizations in Bulgaria and Germany that work on the prevention of human trafficking and reintegration of the victims

7) Country-specific features

Are there any specific traineeship regulations in the target country that affected you as an Erasmus trainee (e.g. France: housing allowance, convention de stage? If yes, which ones? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

No.

8) Visa, residence and work permit (only for international students)

Which prearrangements had to be made in terms of visa, residence and work permit? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

Since I am a Bulgarian citizen, I did not have to do any prearrangements.

9) Other

Is there anything else you want to let other students know?

No.

10) Conclusion

What is the conclusion drawn after your traineeship experience abroad?

During the process of searching for an internship I was wondering whether to choose an organization in Bulgaria or in Germany. After my internship in Bulgaria I am glad I chose to do it there, since it gave me an insight into how the administration there works, what the issues are and what has to be improved. I believe that this has been a valuable experience.

Declaration of consent

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