

# Prevention and detection of trafficking in human beings (THB) along the rail routes

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# Outline

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- ✓ OSCE anti-trafficking framework: key principles and approaches
- ✓ Addressing THB by engaging with travel industry
- ✓ The role of rail companies in combating THB

# OSCE Action Plan to Combat THB: 4 Ps

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The **Action Plan** follows a multidimensional approach and seeks to address the problem comprehensively, covering:

- the **P**rotection of victims;
- the **P**revention of THB;
- the **P**rosecution of those who facilitate or commit the crime.

(PC.DEC/557, 2003)

## ★2 Addendums to complement the 2003 Action Plan

**2005** – *Special Needs of Child Victims of Trafficking*

**2013** – *A Decade Later*

- **P**artnerships

# Victim/survivor-centred approach

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**Human-rights, needs based, trauma-informed and gender-sensitive, participation and non-discrimination**

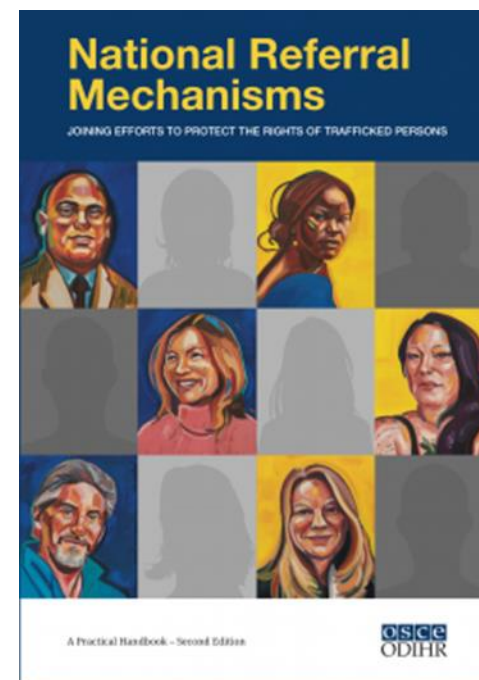
**Identification**: as soon as there are reasonable grounds to believe that they have been trafficked

**Co-operation**: law enforcement bodies, migration and border services, social protection units, medical institutions, NGOs and other civil society institutions, private sector

**Comprehensive support**: shelter, advice and counselling in a language known by the victim, medical and psychological assistance, reflection, residence and work permits, right to apply for asylum

# National Referral Mechanisms

- ✓ A National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is a co-operative framework through which state actors fulfil their obligations to protect and promote the human rights of trafficked persons, co-ordinating their efforts in a strategic partnership with civil society.
- ✓ NRMs should be designed to formalize co-operation among government agencies and non-governmental groups dealing with trafficked persons.



**Identification, referral and assistance for VoTs**

<https://www.osce.org/odihr/13967>

<https://www.osce.org/odihr/NRM-handbook>

# Non-punishment principle

Member States shall, in accordance with the basic principles of their legal systems, take the necessary measures to ensure that competent national authorities are entitled **not to prosecute** or **impose penalties** on **victims of trafficking in human beings** for their **involvement in criminal activities** which they have been compelled to commit as a direct consequence of being subjected to any of the acts [i.e., offences concerning trafficking in human beings]

*EU Directive on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims  
(Directive 2011/36/EU)*



<https://www.osce.org/secretariat/101002>

# OSCE documents: travel industry

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- Development and introduction of **training programmes** on THB-related issues for **personnel employed by various commercial carriers**, in particular airline attendants and staff working on other means of transportation by land and sea, aimed at the **identification of trafficked persons**, as well as the introduction of **measures designed to prevent THB**, including **co-ordination between commercial carriers and the State law enforcement agencies** or through other appropriate mechanisms

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- Working with the **travel and tourism industry**, including **airlines and other modes of transportation**, as well as hotels, the broader hospitality industry, civil society, and relevant international organizations to **prevent all forms of child trafficking**, including for sexual exploitation, as well as other forms of sexual exploitation of children, and to establish and **implement procedures for identifying, reporting and addressing suspected child trafficking**



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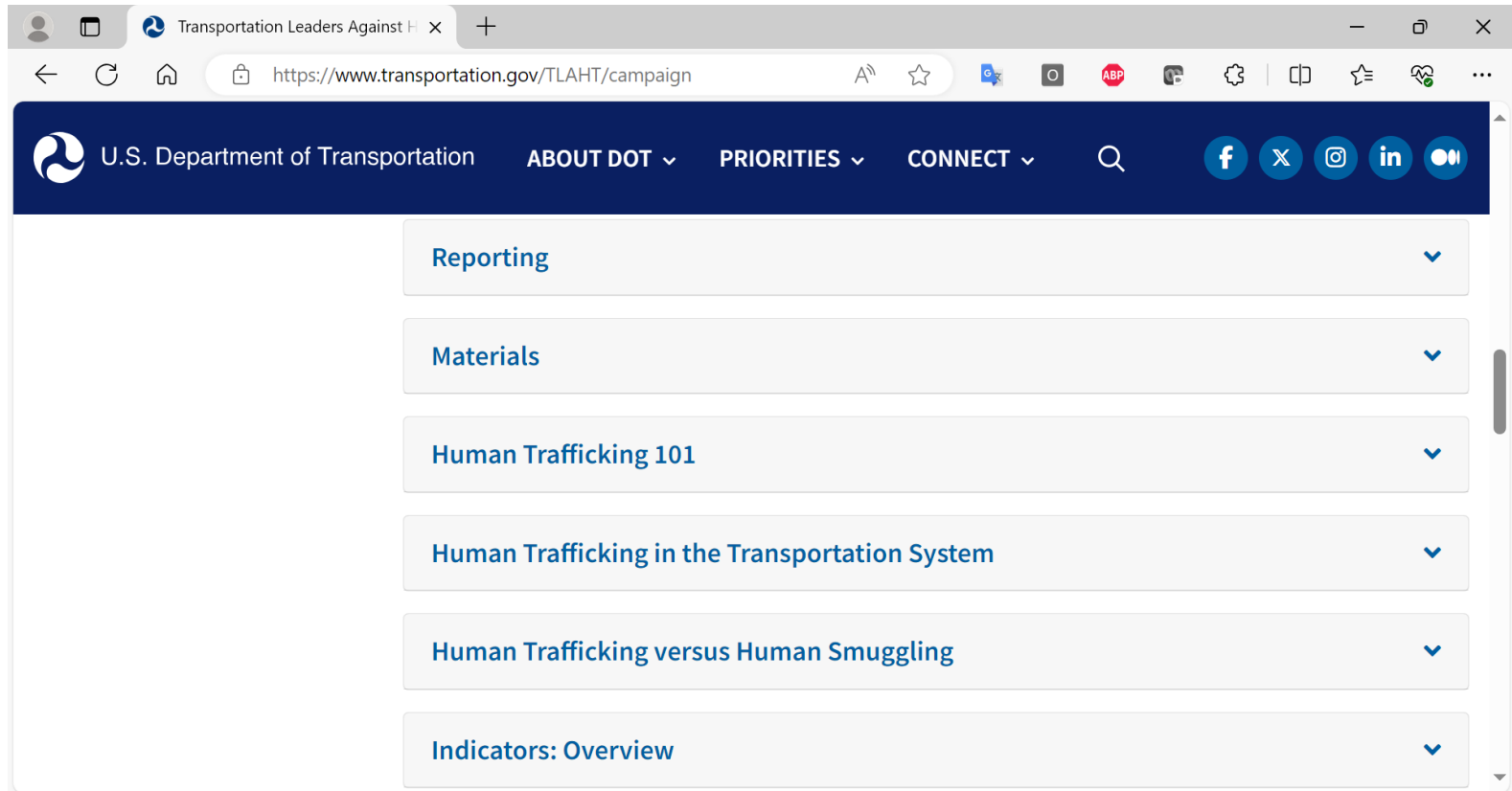
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- Calling on any OSCE participating State which has not already done so to sign the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, which requires “states to adopt legislative or other appropriate measures to **prevent means of transport operated by commercial carriers from being used in the commission of offences...**”
- Establish **national trafficking hotlines** and to consider **regional trafficking hotlines** for reporting **potential trafficking victims travelling on regional commercial carriers**

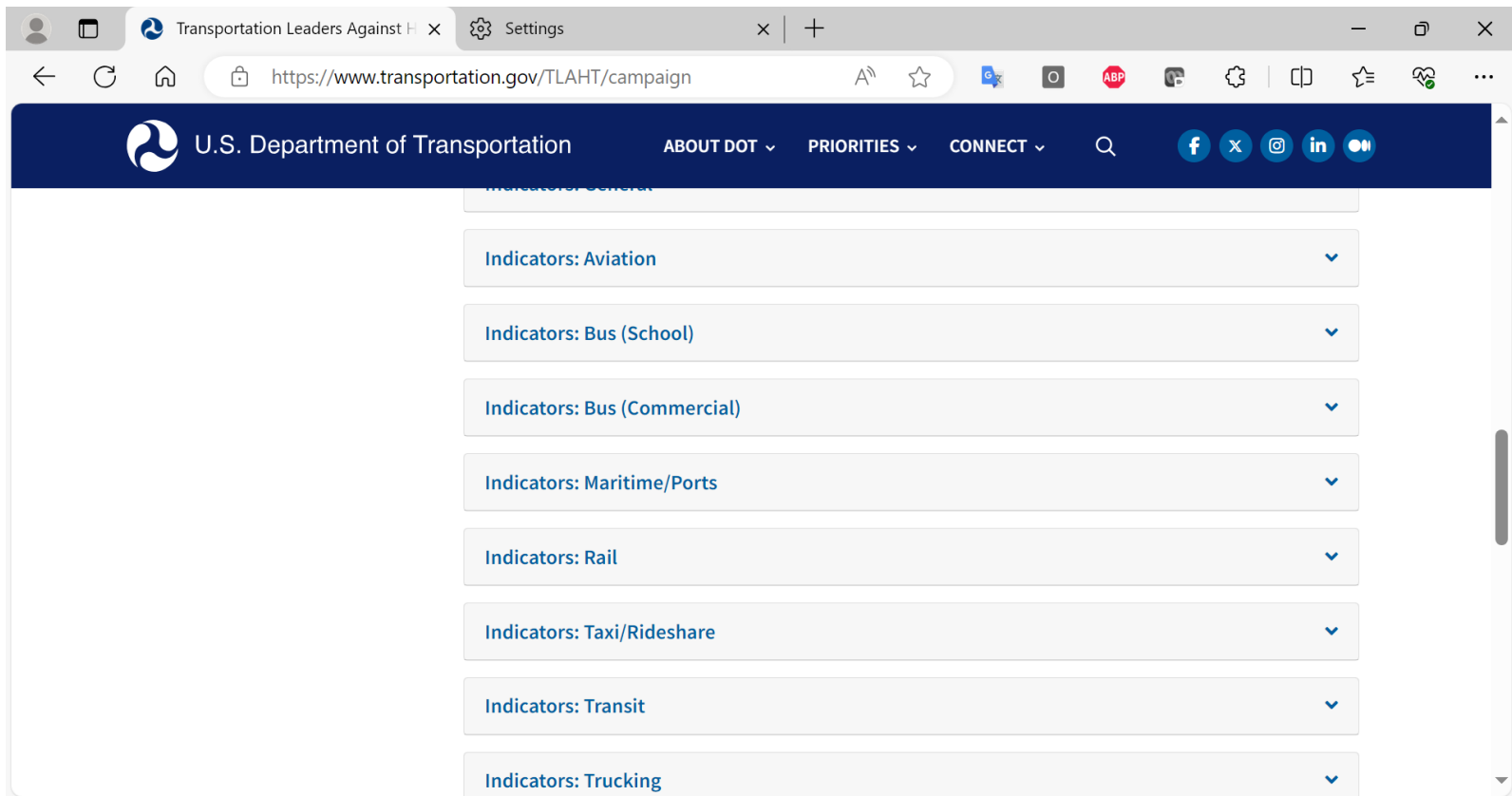
# The role of rail companies



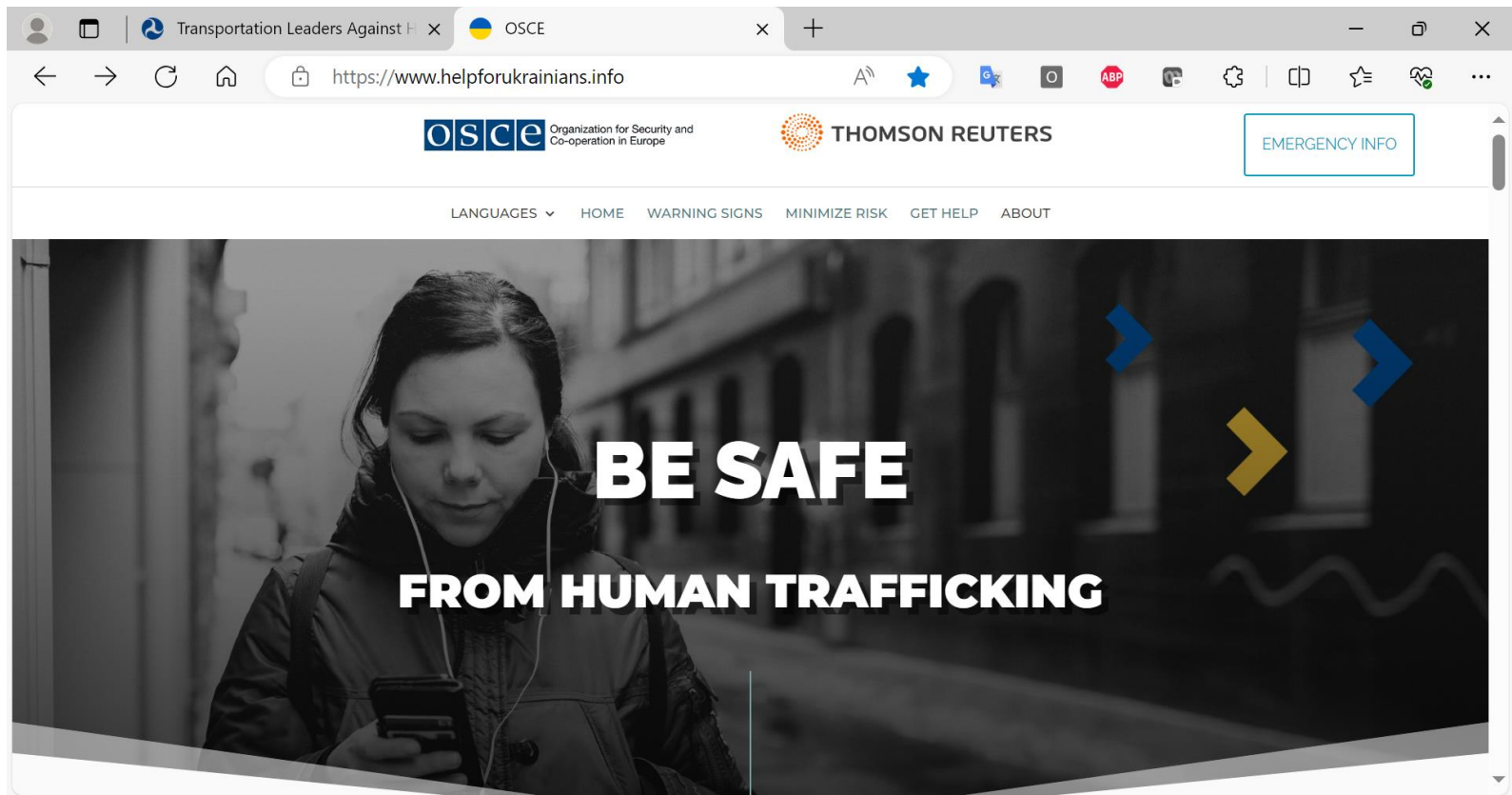
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# #BeSafe campaign



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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.helpforukrainians.info/contact-info/>. The page features the OSCE logo (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe) and the Thomson Reuters logo. A navigation menu includes links for LANGUAGES, HOME, WARNING SIGNS, MINIMIZE RISK, GET HELP, and ABOUT. A prominent heading reads: "Numbers to contact to receive official information and assistance in case of suspicion or when in a trafficking situation". Below this heading is a "Jump to country:" section with a grid of buttons for various countries.

Jump to country:				
Ukraine	Poland	Austria	Czech Republic	France
Germany	Hungary	Italy	Moldova	Romania
Slovakia	Spain	Canada	United States	United Kingdom
Ireland	Latvia	Lithuania	Estonia	Finland
Sweden	Norway	Denmark	Iceland	Switzerland
Netherlands	Belgium	Bulgaria	Portugal	Türkiye
Croatia	Georgia	Greece	Montenegro	North Macedonia

# Example of co-operation

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**Memorandum of Understanding** between the **International Civil Aviation Organization** and the **OSCE** on providing a framework for cooperation on **air transport facilitation** and **border security** (2019)

# Thank you!



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