

**PANEL: “PROTECTION OF HUMAN PERSONALITY BY PENAL MEANS. CURRENT REGULATIONS REGARDING THE TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE PERSONS, AS WELL AS CRIMINAL OFFENCES AGAINST SEXUAL FREEDOM AND INTEGRITY”.**

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The fight against human trafficking and the exploitation of vulnerable persons is a priority for the Romanian authorities as a result of the negative impact on the trafficked persons, of the complex and crossborder phenomenon, the mobility and flexibility of organized groups, in parallel with the professionalization of criminals specializing in the area of victimization of beings. In addition to the European instruments for preventing and combating the threat of organized crime, there was also an imposition that in Romanian criminal law some measures regarding the combating of human trafficking and exploitation of human beings.

In recent years, Romanian society has faced an extremely serious and dangerous antisocial phenomenon, recording an increasingly worrying dynamic in terms of the physical integrity and mental health of minors. There is an alarming increase in the number of sexual acts whose victims are minors, some of them very young, of cases of rape and sexual assault involving them, as well as of cases of sexual corruption of minors, this being a phenomenon that goes against the rules of public morality and tends to endanger the rule of law, state authority, requiring new regulations aimed at criminalizing such crimes, including by increasing the penalties provided for.