



The European Network of Women Religious Against Trafficking and Exploitation – known as RENATE, achieves its goals in the light of Gospel values. The members work in the field of direct action, training, advocacy and campaigning, research and cross cultural cooperation. The work of RENATE has an ethic of inclusivity with members equally from East and West Europe. RENATE was founded in 2009, it is under the umbrella of Talitha Kum, the International Body of Religious Networks under the aegis of UISG in Rome.

RENA TE has developed a methodology of work which includes a high level of networking processes amongst the members using modern technology and clear communication. This enables resources to be shared and an implementation of the plan of action to be successfully accomplished at every stage. The work itself includes awareness raising right across Europe through the collaboration of the many members of RENATE. This action is directed to eliminating, to the best of their ability, the crime of human trafficking taking place in our world today. This particular work undertaken by the members, involves many creative initiatives right across Europe in the field of prevention, using film, UNGift box, drama, twitter and other social media platforms, in the most vulnerable and isolated regions, sustaining many innovative projects.

The members are also engaged in direct action with the victims of trafficking. They work in shelters, refugee services, undercover work, reintegration centres and on the streets where the victims are being used by pimps and need to be rescued.

Finally our methodology includes advocacy and research. We have conducted the Mapping Exercise of Human Trafficking right across Europe where RENATE members are working in the field. We are also aware, through the use of our website that we can be key actors in the field of advocacy worldwide. Through the individual members, advocacy is taking place each day at the grass roots.

We, in RENATE, are aware of the intensity of our work and so a key element is also 'care of the workers'. We have included this as an integral part of our plan of action and therefore our methodology. Trainings related to Human Trafficking and workshops take place each year for the members.

We are also aware of the need for assessment and for ensuring our future until this crime has disappeared, therefore fund raising is constant and we raise awareness of our needs to all congregations in Europe and funding bodies who are sensitive to this work. We are constituted as a non profit NGO under the Dutch law and have a Board, and a core group consisting of hard working voluntary members. We also employ four part time staff: A secretary, a website development officer, a communications officer and a finance officer.

The focus of the work is the rescue, protection and rehabilitation of the victims and survivors of human trafficking.

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