The workshop focused on the need to strengthen legislation, more effective action by the competent services and the timely identification and protection of victims of trafficking in human beings. During the conference, new forms of human trafficking were discussed, including sexual exploitation, forced labor and child exploitation, highlighting the additional challenges created by Internet use by criminal networks.

Participants emphasised the need for operational measures by the police, targeted controls in high-risk areas, staff training and cooperation with European and international authorities.

The minister indicated that, although Cyprus has significantly progressed to address trafficking in human beings, challenges remained, mainly in the timely identification of victims and their access to essential protection and support.

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