Norway’s National Strategy Against Human Trafficking (2025–2030), developed by five ministries and coordinated by the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, introduces 18 measures across four priority areas: coordinated action, prevention, assistance and protection, and criminal prosecution. The strategy aims to strengthen inter-agency cooperation, targeted prevention, coordinated support for victims and the investigation and prosecution of traffickers.

Key developments include the establishment of an independent national rapporteur mechanism, with the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution (NIM) mandated to assess and report on the authorities’ efforts and compliance with international obligations. The Secretariat of the National Mediation Service (Sfk) will also coordinate cooperation between government directorates and assistance measures involving civil society organisations. A dedicated cooperation platform will bring together public authorities, municipalities, expert centres, civil society, social partners and businesses.

The 18 measures include:

- Coordinated action: formalising inter-agency cooperation, establishing a multi-stakeholder cooperation platform and strengthening international cooperation.
- Prevention: improving the knowledge base, developing training and awareness-raising initiatives, and integrating anti-trafficking measures into existing prevention efforts.
- Assistance and protection: safeguarding the rights of presumed victims, reviewing funding for civil society initiatives and establishing a coordination mechanism for assistance and protection.
- Criminal prosecution: reviewing legislation and strengthening police intelligence, prevention and investigations, prosecutorial expertise, and cooperation between the Labour Inspection Authority, police and Directorate of Immigration (UDI).

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