



# SafeBorders

## *Strengthening Responses to Child Trafficking: Training for Judges from the Western Balkan Region*

Online via ZOOM

September 8-10, 2026



In the frame of the EU co-funded project **SafeBorders - Strengthening Judicial expertise and Frontline support to combat Child Trafficking** (ISF / 101188335), the [Centre for European Constitutional Law – Tsatsos Foundation \(CECL\)](#) organises an online training for judges from the Western Balkan region, aiming to strengthen their knowledge and practical skills in the identification and handling of child trafficking cases.

SafeBorders project aims to address the issue of child trafficking by enhancing the capacities of judicial authorities and frontline professionals. It focuses on identifying risk patterns and vulnerabilities, analysing legal and procedural frameworks, and strengthening transnational cooperation to detect criminal networks. The initiative combines targeted training with the development of an AI-based tool designed to identify cross-border trafficking patterns.

The initiative is implemented in close collaboration with the [Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative – MARRI Regional Centre](#), which supports the activity through dissemination and regional networking.

We kindly ask interested parties to register in advance in the ZOOM links provided under each training session.

### **Agenda**

*[Time in Central European Summer Time]*

## **1<sup>st</sup> training session | September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Os9M4-JsRuiMQRrJPUrNNg>

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| 15.30 – 16.00 CEST | <p>Welcoming - Introduction to the training</p> <p>The role of judges in the practical application of the institutional framework</p> <p><i><b>Arete Skafida</b>, Deputy Public Prosecutor of Piraeus, Greece</i></p> <p>Key findings of the SafeBorders project research</p> <p><i><b>Angeliki Serafeim</b>, Lawyer and Legal Expert on Human Trafficking Cases</i></p>                                                                                                       |
| 16.00 – 17.00 CEST | <p>International legal instruments on human trafficking and child exploitation (CoE Warsaw Convention, 2005; Lanzarote Convention, 2007)</p> <p><i><b>Angeliki Serafeim</b>, Lawyer and Legal Expert on Human Trafficking Cases</i></p> <p>Positive obligations of States   ECtHR Case Law on Article 4</p> <p><i><b>Arete Skafida</b>, Deputy Public Prosecutor of Piraeus, Greece &amp; <b>Angeliki Serafeim</b>, Lawyer and Legal Expert on Human Trafficking Cases</i></p> |

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| 17.00– 17.30 CEST  | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 17.30 – 18.30 CEST | <p>Indicators  Criminal offences that may conceal situations of exploitation</p> <p>Distinguishing Human Trafficking from other crimes (e.g. smuggling, illegal employment, organised crime)</p> <p><b><i>Areti Skafida</i></b>, Deputy Public Prosecutor of Piraeus, Greece &amp; <b><i>Angeliki Serafeim</i></b>, Lawyer and Legal Expert on Human Trafficking Cases</p> |
| 18.30 CEST         | End of the first training day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## 2<sup>nd</sup> training session | September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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| 15.30 – 16.00 CEST | <p>Tech-facilitated Human trafficking (CoE Budapest Convention 2001)</p> <p><b><i>Angeliki Serafeim</i></b>, Lawyer and Legal Expert on Human Trafficking Cases</p>                                                                                                                            |
| 16.00 – 17.00      | <p>Cross-Sectoral Collaboration and Referral Mechanisms   National Referral Mechanisms (NRMs) and OSCE Standards</p> <p><b><i>Areti Skafida</i></b>, Deputy Public Prosecutor of Piraeus, Greece &amp; <b><i>Angeliki Serafeim</i></b>, Lawyer and Legal Expert on Human Trafficking Cases</p> |
| 17.00 – 17.30      | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 17.30 – 18.30      | <p>Good Practice: The Greek National Emergency Response Mechanism (NERM) for the protection of unaccompanied children</p> <p><b><i>Angeliki Serafeim</i></b>, Lawyer and Legal Expert on Human Trafficking Cases</p>                                                                           |
| 18.30 CEST         | End of the second training day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## 3<sup>rd</sup> training session | September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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| 15.30 – 16.30 CEST | <p>Identification, prosecution and protection best practices</p> <p><b><i>Areti Skafida</i></b>, Deputy Public Prosecutor of Piraeus, Greece &amp; <b><i>Angeliki Serafeim</i></b>, Lawyer and Legal Expert on Human Trafficking Cases</p> |
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| 16.30 – 17.00 CEST | Cross-Border Cooperation in Criminal Matters   e-Evidence<br><i>Areti Skafida, Deputy Public Prosecutor of Piraeus, Greece</i> |
| 17.00 - 17:15 CEST | Break                                                                                                                          |
| 17.15 - 18.30 CEST | Interviewing Child Victims of Trafficking<br><i>Christine Maerkl, Clinical Psychologist, MSc - Psychotherapist</i>             |
| 18.30 CEST         | End of the training                                                                                                            |

Digital certificates of attendance will be issued upon completion of the training.

For more information, please contact us:

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