



Religious in Europe Networking  
Against Trafficking and Exploitation

# Renate Network

Created in the Image of God, treated as slaves

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# RENATE Network

- RENATE started in 2009
  - UISG-meeting in Rome
  - Religious Worldwide (UISG 2001) and in Europe
    - Netherlands SRTV started in 1991, Germany, UK, Ireland, France (International Congregations)
  - Expanding Network to Middle- & Eastern Europe in Poland 2011



**TALITHA  
KUM**  
END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Networking in Europe and Worldwide
  - All under the umbrella of Talitha Kum

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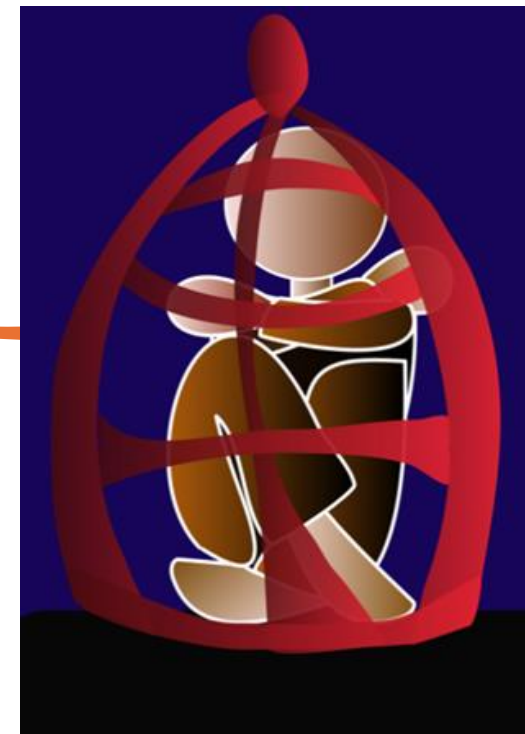
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# RENA TE Network



- RENATE is a Faith-based organisation
- consisting of Religious women and men,
- consecrated as well as lay,
- who are fighting Human Trafficking and Exploitation in Europe
- RENATE endeavours to abolish all forms of human trafficking and exploitation
- that violates the human dignity and rights of persons.
- RENATE European Network, adopts a Victim-Centred, Human Rights, Trauma-informed approach in relation to the Law  
(Law=different in every European country)





Friends of RENATE are welcome from all faith-traditions and none

All prayer, skills, professional expertise and financial help are greatly valued

Renate fights Human Trafficking by:

- prevention,
- protection,
- prosecution,
- advocacy & campaigns

In support of trafficked and exploited people.

- RENATE Network
- an organisation of 300+ persons,
- in 31 countries
- works alongside Church, State and Civil Society,
- with a platform at the Council of Europe,
- working on human rights, democracy and the rule of Law
- working to realise a world without HT;
  - UN Sustainable Development Goals
  - Awareness of Supply Chains.





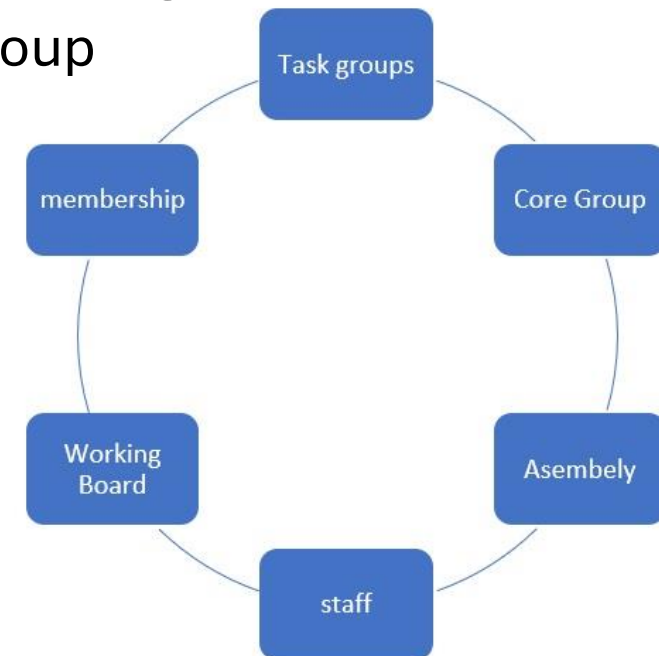
This Trailer of the "RENATE film called 'Giving Voice to the Voiceless'. The film expresses, in a dynamic way, the RENATE mission against human trafficking, in many European countries.



- RENAME
- 31 countries in Europe
- Several local anti-trafficking networks.
- Shared Presidency:
  - Sr. Marie Power, HFB (UK)
  - Ivonne van de Kar (Netherlands)
- 7 Core Group 7 members
  - (UK, Albania, Greece, Bulgaria, Hungary, Netherlands, Kosovo)
- working board
  - 1 representative per country, meet annually
- General Assembly: all members
  - Meet every 5-6 years

## Task Groups

- Advocacy
- Awareness Raising
- Communication & (Social) Media
- Council of Europe
- Development & Finances
- House of Prayer
- Law
- Retreats, Trainings & Webinars
- Shelter Group



# Advocacy

- At CSW (UN-Committee Status of Women)
- CoE Council of Europe
  - Committee on Migration
  - Committee on Trafficking & Exploitation
- EU
  - Meeting with MEPs, EU-organisations etc.

- Law Task Group

## Research by

- St. Marry's University, Twickenham London
- The Bakhita Centre for research on Slavery, Exploitation and Abuse.

## On

- Legal Assistance for Victims of Trafficking Across Europe
- legal practitioners, in six countries
  - Research will be published in 2024



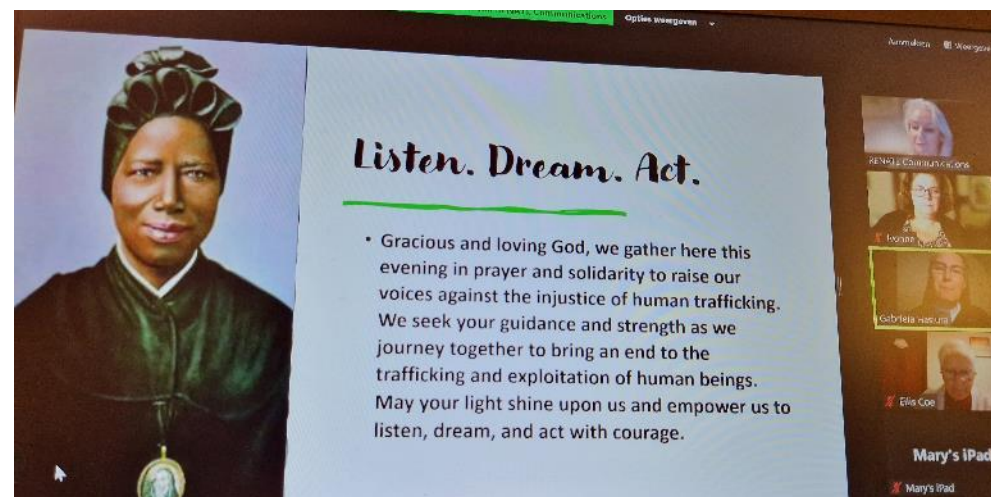


# Advocacy



- Conflict areas and disasters
- High risk Trafficking refugees
  - Cross border refugees
  - Internal refugees
- After settling need of income
  - Renate webinars:
    - CoE
    - CSW
    - EU
    - Talitha Kum

- Bakhita – Day of Prayer and awareness on HT, 8 Febr
  - St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan
  - kept as a slave, freed
  - became a Sister in Italy.
  - 2000 a Saint
  - 2014 Patron of Trafficking Survivors





# Awareness Raising

- **Talks:** churches, congregations, organisations, companies etc
- **Renate Film festival 2021**
  - Young film makers invited to make short film on HT

- **Schoolproject**
  - Renate members in 21 countries visit schools to educate young people about Human Trafficking



- Communication & (Social) Media




**Communication:**

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 @renate\_europe



- Development & Finances

- strategy development
- ideas for fundraising
- ideas for awareness raising
- involving corporates



Strategy Review - next steps (Sept 2023)



- Trainings, webinars
  - Awareness Raising 2018
  - Laws in Europe on HT 2019
  - Advocacy 2020 (online)
  - OSEC Online Sexual Expl Child (2021online)
  - SDG's Sustainable Development Goals (2022)
  - Supply Chains (2023)
  - 2024 **April** Ukraine:  
War & HT Exploitation | Persons at Risk



- Retreats, yearly for members
- RENATE House of Prayer :
  - be involved in the elimination of human trafficking by
  - PRAYING,
    - once a day,
    - once a week
    - special occasion,
    - write a prayer
  - praying together,
  - whatever your religious beliefs and wherever you live!







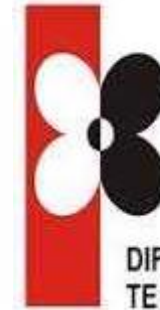
# Shelter Task Group



- Worldwide Religious have shelters for victims/survivors of HT
  - Many International Congregations: MMM, IBVM, CJ, HFB, Good Shepherd, SSpS, MSOLA, Adoratrices, Carmelites, Franciscans, Dominicans etc, etc.

## Renate Members

- Community House Damaris (Athens) is a healing community that provides safe housing and long-term therapeutic recovery programs.
- Different and Equal and Vatra Reintegration services for Albanian victims of trafficking and their children including residential and community services
- Solwodi Romania
- And more



DIFFERENT & EQUAL  
TE NDYRSHEM & TE BARAË



PROYECTO  
ESPERANZA  
ADORATRICES







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*Thank You...*

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